

# SMACC Service

28 May 2023 | 11.00 am, 5.00 pm



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## Welcome & Prayer

### Song: We Belong To The Day

We belong to the day  
To the day that is to come  
When the night falls away  
And our Saviour will return  
For the glory of the King is in our hearts  
On that day we will be seen for what we are

We belong to the day  
Let us journey in the light  
Put on faith put on love  
As our armour for the fight  
And the promise of salvation in our eyes  
On that day the proud will fall the faithful rise

*Strong as a mighty rock  
Our refuge in the coming wrath  
The heart of the bride belongs  
To Jesus Jesus  
The earth in its turning stops  
To marvel at the Son of God  
And all of that day belongs  
To Jesus Jesus*

We belong to the day  
We were bought with Jesus' blood  
Soon He comes as the Judge  
In the power of His word  
We must tell of His salvation while we wait  
For the day when Jesus comes will be too late

Oh if ten thousand years go by  
We will wait  
Let us tell of His great love  
He will come  
For His patience means salvation

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# The Nicene Creed

*All:* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
one in being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered, died and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in fulfilment of the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified,  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

# Old Testament Reading: Nahum 1

<sup>1</sup> An oracle concerning Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum of Elkosh.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD is a jealous and avenging God;  
the LORD is avenging and wrathful;  
the LORD takes vengeance on his adversaries  
and keeps wrath for his enemies.

<sup>3</sup> The LORD is slow to anger and great in power,  
and the LORD will by no means clear the guilty.  
His way is in whirlwind and storm,  
and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

<sup>4</sup> He rebukes the sea and makes it dry;  
he dries up all the rivers;  
Bashan and Carmel wither;  
the bloom of Lebanon withers.

<sup>5</sup> The mountains quake before him;  
the hills melt;  
the earth heaves before him,  
the world and all who dwell in it.

<sup>6</sup> Who can stand before his indignation?

Who can endure the heat of his anger?

His wrath is poured out like fire,

and the rocks are broken into pieces by him.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD is good,

a stronghold in the day of trouble;

he knows those who take refuge in him.

<sup>8</sup> But with an overflowing flood

he will make a complete end of the adversaries,

and will pursue his enemies into darkness.

<sup>9</sup> What do you plot against the LORD?

He will make a complete end;

trouble will not rise up a second time.

<sup>10</sup> For they are like entangled thorns,

like drunkards as they drink;

they are consumed like stubble fully dried.

<sup>11</sup> From you came one

who plotted evil against the LORD,

a worthless counsellor.

<sup>12</sup> Thus says the LORD,

“Though they are at full strength and many,  
they will be cut down and pass away.

Though I have afflicted you,  
I will afflict you no more.

<sup>13</sup> And now I will break his yoke from off you  
and will burst your bonds apart.”

<sup>14</sup> The LORD has given commandment about you:

“No more shall your name be perpetuated;  
from the house of your gods I will cut off  
the carved image and the metal image.  
I will make your grave, for you are vile.”

<sup>15</sup> Behold, upon the mountains, the feet of him  
who brings good news,

who publishes peace!

Keep your feasts, O Judah;

fulfill your vows,

for never again shall the worthless pass through you;  
he is utterly cut off.

*Reader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 110

*A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD says to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD sends forth from Zion  
your mighty sceptre.**

**Rule in the midst of your enemies!**

<sup>3</sup> Your people will offer themselves freely  
on the day of your power,  
in holy garments;  
from the womb of the morning,  
the dew of your youth will be yours.

<sup>4</sup> **The LORD has sworn  
and will not change his mind,  
“You are a priest forever  
after the order of Melchizedek.”**



<sup>5</sup> The Lord is at your right hand;  
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

<sup>6</sup> **He will execute judgment among the nations,  
filling them with corpses;  
he will shatter chiefs  
over the wide earth.**

<sup>7</sup> He will drink from the brook by the way;  
therefore he will lift up his head.

*Reader:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,

*All:* **As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be forever.  
Amen.**

## New Testament Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12

<sup>3</sup> We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.

<sup>4</sup> Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.

<sup>5</sup> This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— <sup>6</sup> since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, <sup>7</sup> and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels <sup>8</sup> in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. <sup>9</sup> They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, <sup>10</sup> when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marvelled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. <sup>11</sup> To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you

worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, <sup>12</sup> so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Reader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*All:*       **Thanks be to God.**

## **Greeting Time**

## Song: Every Promise

Every promise of our God  
Finds its yes in His own Son  
Blessings to His people come  
In abundance through the One

*In Christ God's glory is revealed  
His grace His faithfulness is shown  
And so we live in certain hope  
The God of truth our fortress strong*

As foretold the Servant came  
Sacrificed to rid our shame  
Promised Saviour Lamb of God  
Full atonement by His blood

By God's Word the Christ did come  
Great King David's greatest Son  
Lion of Judah King of kings  
He whose rule will never end

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# **Sermon: The God Of Vengeance And Wrath?**

## ***Nahum 1***

**1. Introduction (v1)**

**2. The Character of God (v2-8)**

**3. The Folly of Nineveh (v9-11)**

**4. The Plan of God (v12-15)**

**5. Conclusion**

# Prayers of Intercession

## The Lord's Prayer

*All:* **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

## Q&A

# Prayer of Confession

*All:* **Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Creator of everything, Judge of everyone,  
We admit that we have sinned against you  
In thought, speech and action,  
And deserve your just punishment.  
We truly repent and are sorry  
for what we have done.  
Have mercy on us, merciful Father.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
Forgive us all that is past,  
And enable us to serve and please you  
in a fresh way,  
To the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

## **Song: Grace Awaiting Me (V1 & Chorus)**

I will see the world to come  
For one has suffered in my place  
Now there is grace awaiting me, awaiting me  
Judgement's done, atonement's made  
The ransom's paid, no guilt remains  
Now there is grace awaiting me, awaiting me!

*Grace - a welcome from the Father*  
*Grace - forgiveness full and free*  
*Grace - that's greater than our failings*  
*Oh there is grace awaiting me*



# The Lord's Supper

*The Minister prays:*

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,  
We thank you that in your love and mercy,  
you gave your only Son Jesus Christ  
to die on the cross for our redemption.

We thank you that by offering himself once for all,  
he made a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for sin  
and completely satisfied your holiness,  
justice and love.

And he instructed us to remember his death together  
until his coming again.

Hear us, merciful Father,  
and grant that by your Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink this bread and wine,  
according to our Lord's command  
may remember his death for us with faith,  
trusting in him alone for our salvation  
and so share in his body and blood.

For on the night he was betrayed, he took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them saying, “Drink from this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

*All:* **Amen.**

*The Minister says:*

Eat and drink this in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## **Song: Grace Awaiting Me (V2 to the end)**

I take comfort in the hope  
of the thief upon the cross  
For I am worthy of as little love as he  
Like this man, I won't despair  
for life's ahead, what joy we'll share  
now there is grace awaiting me, awaiting me!

*Grace - a welcome from the Father*  
*Grace - forgiveness full and free*  
*Grace - that's greater than our failings*  
*Oh there is grace awaiting me*

Jesus you have loved and bought me  
By your death my debts are paid  
I am yours, I stand beside you  
Fearless face the coming day

I will see the world to come  
Despite the sin that I have done  
For there is grace awaiting me, awaiting me  
All who call upon the Lord  
will rise to life with peace assured  
For there is grace awaiting me, awaiting me

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## **Prayer of Response**

## **Announcements**

# Song: He Will Keep You (Psalm 121)

I lift my eyes and see  
I need not be afraid  
All my help comes from the Lord  
Who the earth and sky has made

*He will keep you from all evils  
Behind you and before  
He will sustain you through this journey  
From now and evermore*

The Lord will never sleep  
My steps He has ordained  
For the One Who holds the night  
Is the Sovereign of my days

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# Closing and Grace

*All:* **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore.  
Amen.**

*Minister:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All:* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Connect with us

Thank you for joining our service. If you would like for us to get in touch with you, or have any feedback for us, please fill in our Connection Card at [stmarys.my/connect](https://stmarys.my/connect)

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## Giving

### Online transfer

Bank name: **Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Bhd**

Account name: **St Mary's Cathedral**

Account number: **312 142 334 691**

Recipient reference: If giving a pledge, enter ***your 3-digit pledge number***.  
Otherwise, enter **Online Service** or the service you normally attend.

For one-off giving, please email the bank-in slip or online transfer receipt to: **collections@stmaryscathedral.org.my**

### E-wallet

Scan the following QR code using any e-wallet app (Touch n Go / GrabPay / Boost). Be sure to confirm "St Mary's Cathedral" is listed as the payee.



## St Mary's Cathedral

Note: This method of giving is analogous to putting cash into the offertory bag/box. Your donation will go to the General Fund. You will not be given a receipt. Do not use this to give a pledge.

Details on our webpage: [stmarys.my/give](https://stmarys.my/give)

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## Onsite & Online Services

Here are the details of our English onsite services on Sundays:

- Liturgical Services – 7.00 am, 9.00 am, 11.00 am
- Contemporary (SMACC) Services – 11.00 am, 5.00 pm



If you are joining us online on Sundays, the Liturgical service will be livestreamed at 9.00 am.

More information about our services can be found here:

[stmarys.my/services](https://stmarys.my/services)

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## **Carpark Booking**

Please visit [stmarys.my/booking](https://stmarys.my/booking) to book a carpark on Sundays at the Royal Selangor Club or at the Cathedral, if you need to. There is also an option for you to indicate on the form that you would like to book a parking spot for 6 months. Your car plate number will then be given to the guards. Please note that you will only be allowed in if your car plate number is on the list given to the guards. If you are parking at the Dataran Merdeka Carpark, you do not need to book a carpark. Carparking is free.

Bookings for carparking will open at 2.00 pm on Sunday and close at noon on Friday.

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## **Community Meal**

Next Community Meal: 11 June 2023

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## Service Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help out at our services. If you are a regular at St Mary's Cathedral and would like to volunteer, please fill in the form at [stmarys.my/volunteer](https://stmarys.my/volunteer)

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## Kids' Church

The Kids' Church classes run on Sunday mornings. The different age groups meet at their respective classrooms on the ground floor of the Cathedral. Parents can pick up their children after the 11.00 am church service ends.

For more information, you could speak to the Kids' Church teachers or email [kidschurch@stmaryscathedral.org.my](mailto:kidschurch@stmaryscathedral.org.my)

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## Church Camp (SMAGLOW)

Our camp for the English Liturgical and SMACC congregations will be held from 29 September – 1 October 2023 (Friday – Sunday) in Janda Baik. The theme is "Running Well". Please register at [stmarys.my/smaglow](https://stmarys.my/smaglow)

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# 10 Commandments Forum

We are grateful for how many have shared that this recent series on the 10 Commandments have helped and benefited our congregation. And yet, we have also realized that perhaps there may yet remain unanswered questions arising from the sermons.

As such, we will be having a forum discussing issues on Christian Ethics to hopefully help us think through how we live out what we have learnt from this entire series.

There will be Q&A at the end of the Forum moderated via Menti. Please submit your questions BEFORE 26 May (Friday).

Go to [www.menti.com](https://www.menti.com) and use the code 52 36 22 2  
<https://www.menti.com/ale122tpwg35>

Date: Sunday, 28 May 2023

Time: 2.00 – 4.00 pm

Location: MPH

Note: Lunch is not provided, but you are encouraged to either have lunch nearby the cathedral, or feel free to order food delivered to the Cathedral.

## **Golden Circle: Trip to Kuala Selangor / Skinchan**

The Golden Circle is organizing a day trip to Kuala Selangor / Skinchan on Saturday, 17 June 2023. Cost per pax is RM 30, which is inclusive of transport and lunch. This day trip is subsidized by the GC.

Please register early to avoid disappointment. The closing date is Monday, 12 June or the bus is filled – whichever comes first. Please call Mrs Thilly Abraham at 012-3756165 to book a seat.

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## **Diocesan English Young Adults' Conference**

This year's Diocesan Young Adults' Conference (also known as Persidangan Belia Anglikan, PBA) will be on the theme of 'Speak Up, Grow Up, Build Up!' from Ephesians 4:15-16.

Date: 17 – 18 June 2023

Venue: St Barnabas, Klang

Contribution: RM 50

Please click this [link](#) to register.

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## Intentional Disciple-Making Conference

The Malaysia Bible Seminary is hosting and organizing the Intentional Disciple-Making Conference entitled “A Certain Kind – See the Critical Needs, Understand the Biblical Strategy, Accomplish the Mission”.

Date: 12-15 July 2023

Main Plenary Speaker: Rev Edmund Chan

Please click this [link](#) to register.

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## Diocesan Anglican Sports Carnival

St James Church Sentul will be organizing the carnival on the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church, to encourage healthy lifestyle as well as to have a meaningful fellowship together as fellow Anglican Christians.

Date: Saturday, 9 September 2023

Time: 8.00 am – 5.00 pm

Venue: Pusat Sukan University Malaya, KL

Please click this [link](#) to register by 14 August 2023.

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## **Golden Circle: Chair & Floor Exercise**

The Golden Circle has embarked on some staying fit programme for the seniors in the Cathedral.

Chair & floor exercise on Fridays at 9.30 – 10.30 am at the MPH.

Objective:

To strengthen & tone up muscles, improve balancing, improve lung function and improve circulation & cardiac output.

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## **Volunteer with the Social Concerns Team**

The Social Concerns Team of St Mary's Cathedral is the first point of referral for members and other St Mary's contacts who may require care, support and/or practical assistance, and seek to organize, facilitate and oversee these needs. This ministry is limited by the availability of more hands to assist with the various needs that arise. If you have a heart for people who are struggling and are willing and able to assist us, please consider and complete the form below to partner with us in any way you are able to show the love of Christ more practically:

[stmarys.my/socialconcerns.volunteer](http://stmarys.my/socialconcerns.volunteer)

## **Donation for Flowers**

If you would like to donate flowers to commemorate occasions (such as anniversary, memorial, baptism, birthday), you can let us know by indicating on the spreadsheet on the notice board at the Cathedral entrance. Please contact Janet Chan (017 213 3418) for the type, colour and cost of flowers. Payment for the flowers can be made to Jessica Hoh at the Book Corner.

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## **Giving via Pledge Envelopes**

In recent years, the church giving system has moved from a pledge envelope system to an online giving system. Those who wish to remain contributing via pledge envelopes are advised to write their pledge numbers on any blank envelopes and drop them in the allocated boxes at church.

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## **Music Ministry**

If you are someone who is following Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, committed to serving him in St Mary's and interested in serving either in the choir or as an organist at the Liturgical services, please fill in the Connection Card

at [stmarys.my/connect](http://stmarys.my/connect) or let the Cathedral Office know on 03 2692 8672. You will be contacted and furnished with more details by those in charge from the Cathedral.

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## **Lost And Found**

If you left something in the Cathedral, you can look for it at the 'Lost and Found' section in the Book Corner. Items will be kept for a month for people to claim before they are disposed of.

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## **St Mary's Agape Mission School**

St Mary's Agape Mission School is now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year of operation and currently has over 100 students. As such, the school is always on the lookout for volunteers who might be keen to teach the children. If you have a heart for seeing vulnerable children receive an education and would like to find out more about what is involved, please contact Mei Tan on 012 387 3408. (Retired teachers are preferred).

The school is located near Ampang, and the time for volunteering is 9.00 am – 12.00 pm and/or 1.00 – 3.00 pm from Mondays to Thursdays.



## The Daily Office

We invite you to join us for the Daily Office – a short daily service with systematic Bible readings and set prayers. This will take place every day at 7.30 am by Zoom (except Sunday).

If you think this would be a helpful part of your daily routine, please join us by simply going to [stmarys.my/dailyoffice](https://stmarys.my/dailyoffice) at about 7.25 am each day for a 7.30 am start. That will take you directly to the Zoom room where the service takes place. The service will finish before 8.00 am.

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## Pastoral Needs

If you are a regular at St Mary's Cathedral and would like to make an appointment to talk to a pastor, please let us know by filling in a Connection Card at [stmarys.my/connect](https://stmarys.my/connect) or call the Cathedral Office on 03 2692 8672.

If you are a woman and there are pastoral matters you prefer to talk about with another woman, you can contact Mrs Christine Rajaratnam or Miss Danielle Cheng. If you would like one of them to contact you, please let us know in the same way – you can fill in a Connection Card at

[stmarys.my/connect](https://stmarys.my/connect) or call the Cathedral Office on 03 2692 8672.

If there is a pastoral emergency, you can reach the pastoral team on our Emergency Pastoral Care Hotline: 011 5762 8524.

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## Small Groups

Looking to connect with a Christian community? We encourage you to consider joining one of our online or in-person small groups. This is one of the important ways we grow together as a community of God's people as we gather under His Word and seek to encourage one another to persevere in following Jesus.

If you would like to join a small group, please fill in a form at [stmarys.my/smallgroups](https://stmarys.my/smallgroups) and we'd be happy to help find you one.

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## Youth Fellowship

Our Youth Fellowship (ages 13-18) meets on Sundays at 9.00 am in the GF3 room (the room between the Pantry and the Old Office). If you would like to join us, please sign up at [stmarys.my/youth](https://stmarys.my/youth)

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## Youth Confirmation Programme

If you would like to indicate interest in our Youth Confirmation Programme for your teenager aged 13-17, please let us know at [stmarys.my/youthconfirmation](https://stmarys.my/youthconfirmation) and we will inform you when the next one starts.

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## Subscribe to our Mailing List

To receive emails about latest updates and important news about the Cathedral, fill in the form at [stmarys.my/subscribe](https://stmarys.my/subscribe)

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# Dataran Merdeka Underground Carpark

There is currently free parking at the Dataran Merdeka Underground Carpark until further notice. Please take note that this free parking is available to the public and therefore, no special pass from the Cathedral is needed to park there. If anyone requires you to pay for parking, please take a picture or video of the incident and forward it to [office@stmaryscathedral.org.my](mailto:office@stmaryscathedral.org.my).

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## Work Care Panel

We have a panel to help our Cathedral community look for work or advise about work and training opportunities. If you're looking for work and wouldn't mind a helping hand, fill in our Connection Card at [stmarys.my/connect](https://stmarys.my/connect), indicating that you would like someone from the Work Care Panel to contact you.