

SMACC Service

29 May 2022 | 11.00 am, 5.00 pm



Welcome & Prayer

Song: In Jesus' Name We Trust

Lift your hearts and sing together
To our Lord Emmanuel
God has come to us forever
To our hearts to dwell
He has come in flesh to save us
Living Word Incarnate Son
Come to bring us to the Father
Come to make us one

*So in Jesus' name we trust
As today we put our faith in Him
And we sing the praise of Him who died
To save us from our sins*

You who were before the ages
Full of glory truth and grace
You alone have known the Father
And beheld His face
Yet in You we meet His fullness
Through the open heaven above
In Your cross we see His suffering
Know the Father's love

Give us ears to hear You clearly
Give us minds to understand
That You are the world's Messiah
Suffering Son of Man
Risen Lord come now and feed us
With the bread of Your true voice
Give us grace to seize Your Word
Believe You and rejoice

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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: 2 Chronicles 7:11-18

¹¹ Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD and the king's house. All that Solomon had planned to do in the house of the LORD and in his own house he successfully accomplished. ¹² Then the LORD appeared to Solomon in the night and said to him: "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice. ¹³ When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, ¹⁴ if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. ¹⁵ Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place. ¹⁶ For now I have chosen and consecrated this house that my name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will be there for all time. ¹⁷ And as for you, if you will walk before me as David your father walked, doing according to all that I have commanded you and keeping my statutes and my rules, ¹⁸ then I will establish your royal throne, as I covenanted with David your father, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to rule Israel.'

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 5:1-8

To the choirmaster: for the flutes. A Psalm of David.

**¹ Give ear to my words, O LORD;
consider my groaning.**

**² Give attention to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God,
for to you do I pray.**

**³ O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;
in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.**

**⁴ For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil may not dwell with you.**

**⁵ The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
you hate all evildoers.**

**⁶ You destroy those who speak lies;
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.**

**⁷ But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will enter your house.**

I will bow down toward your holy temple
in the fear of you.

**⁸ Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness
because of my enemies;
make your way straight before me.**

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: Philippians 4:5b-9

⁵ ... The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Gospel-Centred Ministry: Relying On God In Prayer

1. Our Problems With Prayer

- a. Not praying
- b. Not praying enough
- c. Not praying in the right way
- d. Not praying for the right things

2. The Gospel's Influence on How We See Prayer

- a. Forgiveness of sins - Our adoption
- b. God's grace - Understanding His heart for us
- c. The victory of Christ - Praying in response

3. How to Pray in the Right Way

- a. Head - Knowing the Scriptures
- b. Heart - Being Aligned with God
- c. Hands - Responding in Prayer

4. Conclusion

Song: I Will Trust You In The Darkness

I will trust You in the darkness
I will serve You in my pain
I will worship in the wilderness
And will follow to the end
For You are the suffering shepherd
And You know Your sheep by name
So I will trust You in the darkness once again

*O Lord Jesus
Saviour Brother Friend
Come release us
Lord come back again*

I'll believe Your word of comfort
When the light of life grows dim
I will heed Your voice at midnight
When the tempests rage within
I will cling to Christ my Saviour
Who has borne my sorrow's sting
And I will trust You in the darkness once again

I will praise Your name in winter
When the skies are cold and grey
I will feed upon Your promises
And will cry to You each day
I will lean upon Your Spirit
And Your word will I obey
Yes I will trust You in the darkness come what may

I will trust You in the darkness
On Your faithfulness depend
As I long for Your appearing
And the day that never ends
I will glory in the gospel
And Your word of truth defend
Yes I will trust You in the darkness once again
Yes I will trust You in the darkness O my friend

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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.

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: When I Survey

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

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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.

Announcements

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

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**

Boost e-wallet

Scan the following QR code using the Boost App. 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

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

You no longer need to book to come for services at the Cathedral. However, you can still use the booking page to book a carpark at the Cathedral, if you need to. You can book at: stmarys.my/booking. 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.

Onsite Service Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help out at our onsite 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

Tuesday Night Training

Tuesday Night Training (TNT) is a good and systematic way for all of us to keep studying God's Word and to be trained for ministry. The second term for 2022 begins on 7 June.

Theological courses on offer are Bible Overview, Christian Worship and Doctrine 2. There is also a Ministry Skills course entitled 'So Many Questions - Part 1' which will begin at the same time.

If you are new to TNT, we encourage you to consider taking our Bible Overview course. This is a great way to learn how the whole Bible fits together and points to Jesus.

All our courses for this term will be online (Zoom). Find out more about the courses and register here:

stmarys.my/tnt

Job Opportunity at the Cathedral: Finance & Administration Assistant

To assist with the outsourced accounting service in the preparation of documentation, filing and proper storage. Collection of bank statements; preparation and documentation of petty cash, banking-in of offertory collections. Other administrative functions as required. The candidate should ideally have some experience of the above as well as a good working knowledge of MS Office (Word, Excel).

If you are interested, please send an email to

treasurer@stmaryscathedral.org.my

St Mary's Agape Mission School

St Mary's Agape Mission School is now in its 9th 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.

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.

Diocesan Women's Conference

The 51st Diocesan Women's Conference 2022 will be held as follows:

Date : 17 – 19 June 2022

Venue : City Bayview Hotel, Penang

Fees : Registration by 30 April 2022

RM 480 (Single)

RM 350 (Twin)

(Surcharge RM 20 after 30 April 2022)

Please contact Joyce Cheah (012 225 5277) for registration and further details.

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**](http://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.

Cathedral Zoom Prayer Meeting

We will be having our Zoom prayer meeting at 8.00 pm on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. Please join us as we pray for our church and one another. You can join this prayer meeting at [**stmarys.my/prayermeeting**](http://stmarys.my/prayermeeting)

Pastoral ‘Clinics’

In addition to whatever ways of contacting the pastoral team that are already available, Rev Gordon Kong is also available on Thursdays between 9.00 am – 12.00 pm, if you would like to talk to a pastor. If you are a regular at St Mary’s Cathedral and would like to book a half hour appointment slot with Rev Gordon, please call the Cathedral Office on 011 5760 3484 by the previous day.

If you are a woman and there are pastoral matters you need 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 fill in a Connection Card at stmarys.my/connect or call the Cathedral Office to arrange an appointment.

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 and we'd be happy to help find you one.

Kids' Church

Kids' Church meets online every week at the following times:

- 3-4 year olds on Sunday at 9.45 am
- 5-6 year olds on Sunday at 9.00 am
- 7-9 year olds on Saturday at 2.00 pm
- 10-12 year olds on Sunday at 2.30 pm

If you would like to enrol your child or find out more about Kids' Church, please visit stmarys.my/kids

Youth Fellowship

Our Youth Fellowship (ages 13-18) meets on Sundays at 2.00 pm. If you would like to join us, please sign up at stmarys.my/youth

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 and we will inform you when the next one starts.

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

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.

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, indicating that you would like someone from the Work Care Panel to contact you.

Pastoral Emergencies

If you or someone you know is finding this time a particularly challenging one, or would like someone to pray with you, please do call one of your leaders or congregational pastors. Please also remember that you can use our Emergency Pastoral Care Hotline on 011 5762 8524.