

# SMACC Service

5 February 2023 | 11.00 am, 5.00 pm



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## Welcome & Prayer

### Song: Jesus Shall Take The Highest Honour

Jesus shall take the highest honour  
Jesus shall take the highest praise  
Let all earth join heav'n in exalting  
The Name which is above all other names  
Let's bow the knee in humble adoration  
For at His Name ev'ry knee must bow  
Let every tongue confess  
He is Christ God's only Son  
Sov'reign Lord we give You glory now

*For all honour  
And blessing and power  
Belongs to You belongs to You  
All honour and blessing and power  
Belongs to You belongs to You  
Lord Jesus Christ  
Son of the living God*

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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: Ezekiel 27:1-5; 32-36

<sup>1</sup> The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>2</sup> “Now you, son of man, raise a lamentation over Tyre, <sup>3</sup> and say to Tyre, who dwells at the entrances to the sea, merchant of the peoples to many coastlands, thus says the Lord GOD:

“O Tyre, you have said,  
‘I am perfect in beauty.’

<sup>4</sup> Your borders are in the heart of the seas;  
your builders made perfect your beauty.

<sup>5</sup> They made all your planks  
of fir trees from Senir;  
they took a cedar from Lebanon  
to make a mast for you.

<sup>32</sup> In their wailing they raise a lamentation for you  
and lament over you:

‘Who is like Tyre,  
like one destroyed in the midst of the sea?’

<sup>33</sup> When your wares came from the seas,  
you satisfied many peoples;  
with your abundant wealth and merchandise  
you enriched the kings of the earth.

<sup>34</sup> Now you are wrecked by the seas,  
in the depths of the waters;  
your merchandise and all your crew in your midst  
have sunk with you.

<sup>35</sup> All the inhabitants of the coastlands  
are appalled at you,  
and the hair of their kings bristles with horror;  
their faces are convulsed.

<sup>36</sup> The merchants among the peoples hiss at you;  
you have come to a dreadful end  
and shall be no more forever.’”

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

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

# Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man

who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

**<sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

<sup>3</sup> He is like a tree

planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

**<sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**<sup>6</sup> for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

*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: Matthew 11:16-24

<sup>16</sup> “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

<sup>17</sup> “‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup> For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ <sup>19</sup> The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

<sup>20</sup> Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. <sup>21</sup> “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>22</sup> But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. <sup>23</sup> And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the

mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. <sup>24</sup> But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you.”

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

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

## **Greeting Time**

## **Song: A Debtor To Mercy Alone**

A debtor to mercy alone  
Of covenant mercy I sing  
I come with Your righteousness on  
My humble off'ring to bring  
The judgments of Your holy law  
With me can have nothing to do  
My Saviour's obedience and blood  
Hide all my transgressions from view

The work which Your goodness began  
The arm of Your strength will complete  
Your promise is yes and amen  
And never was forfeited yet  
The future or things that are now  
No power below or above  
Can make You Your purpose forego  
Or sever my soul from Your love

My name from the palms of Your hands  
Eternity will not erase  
Impressed on Your heart it remains  
In marks of indelible grace  
Yes I to the end will endure  
Until I bow down at Your throne  
Forever and always secure  
A debtor to mercy alone

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# **Sermon: Rejection & Judgement**

*Matthew 11:16-24*

**1. Introduction & Background**

**2. Rejection (v16-19)**

**3. Judgment (v20-24)**

**4. 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: Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus**

What can wash away my sin  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
For pardon this I see  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
For cleansing this my plea  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*How deep the store of Jesus' love  
How rich the flow that cleanses us  
How great the debt I owed  
Now it's nothing, by the blood of Jesus*

What can break the pow'r of death  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Life and hope unto the earth  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What satisfies the law  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What opens heaven's door  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Nothing can for sin atone  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Nothing good that I have done  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
This is my hope and peace  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
This is my righteousness  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

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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.

# Prayer of Response

## Announcements

## Song: On That Day

I believe in Christ risen from the dead  
He now reigns victorious His kingdom knows no end  
Through His resurrection death has lost its hold  
I know on that final day I'll rise as Jesus rose

*On that day*

*We will see you shining brighter than the sun*

*On that day*

*We will know you as we lift our voice as one*

*Till that day*

*We will praise you for your never ending grace*

*And we will keep on singing on that glorious day*

What a blessed hope though now tired and worn  
We will spend eternity around our Saviour's throne  
Though we grieve our losses we grieve not in vain  
For we know our crown of glory  
Waits beyond the grave

Hallelujah what a day it will be

For at home with you my joy is complete

As I run into your arms open wide I will see

My father who is waiting for me

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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](http://stmarys.my/services)

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## **Carpark Booking**

Please visit [stmarys.my/booking](http://stmarys.my/booking) to book a carpark on Sundays 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 3 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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## 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](http://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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## Just For Starters

Just for Starters is a course that helps you to establish a deeper relationship with God through exploring truths found in the Bible and what it teaches about living for Christ in our world today.

This course is also part 1 of our Adult Confirmation Programme.

When you sign up for this course, you will be paired up with someone who will work through the 7 studies with you. The default time is 2.00 pm on Sunday afternoons, beginning 12 February 2023 - but you can always change it to a time that is convenient for you, once you are paired up with your mentor.

Click on this link to register: [stmarys.my/jfs](https://stmarys.my/jfs)

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## **Belonging**

Belonging is our orientation programme for people who have recently started coming to our services. If you are new with us, please do come along to find out more about our church, what it means to belong to God's kingdom, and how that is expressed in our local church.

Date: Saturday, 4 March 2023

Time: 10.00 am – 3.00 pm (Lunch provided)

Location: St Mary's Cathedral KL

Register: [stmarys.my/belonging](https://stmarys.my/belonging)

(please register by Wednesday, 1 March 2023)

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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.

## **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.

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## **Anglican Care Workshop: Reading With Basic Phonics**

Teachers, volunteers, parents and anyone interested are welcome to attend the Anglican Care Workshop on Reading with Basic Phonics.

Date: Saturday, 11 February 2023

Time: 9.30 am – 4.30 pm

Venue: St Barnabas Church Hall, Klang

Facilitator: Mrs Nirmala Ruth Augustine

Register by 31 January 2023. Please WhatsApp details to: Rebeka (012 324 7578), Esther (016 626 1206) or Annam (017 636 1514).

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## **Diocesan English Youth Camp**

The theme for this year's camp is 'Speak Up, Grow Up, Build Up!' – we will be exploring what this looks like as we serve each other in church.

Date: 24-27 February 2023

Venue: Port Dickson Methodist Centre (PDMC)

Camp Fees: RM 230

Speaker: Thavasilan Tony

Register [here](#)

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## **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 2.00 pm. 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.

## 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.