

Morning Prayer

Online Service | Sunday, 18 October 2020



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

St Mary's Cathedral

Making disciples of Jesus Christ

Greeting

¶ *The Minister welcomes the people to the online service.*

Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they
fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to
guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

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*Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and
harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

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of Grace Community Church
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The Apostles' Creed

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Minister If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-10)

Brothers and sisters: the Scriptures urge us to acknowledge our many sins, and not to conceal them in the presence of God our heavenly Father, but to confess them with a penitent and obedient heart, so that we may be forgiven through his boundless goodness and mercy.

Let us therefore draw near to the throne of our gracious God, through our Lord Jesus Christ who died for us, and confess our sins together:

All **Almighty God, our Heavenly Father
We have sinned against you and against our neighbours
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen**

Minister Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; He pardons and absolves all them that truly repent and believe his holy Gospel. For this reason, let us ask him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that our lives may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

Song: I Come By The Blood

You are the perfect and righteous God
Whose presence bears no sin
You bid me come to Your holy place
How can I enter in
When Your presence bears no sin
Through Him who poured out
His life for me
The atoning Lamb of God
Through Him and His work alone
I boldly come

*I come by the blood
I come by the cross
Where Your mercy flows
From hands pierced for me
For I dare not stand
On my righteousness
My ev'ry hope rests
On what Christ has done
And I come by the blood*

You are the high and exalted King
The One the angels fear
So far above me in every way
Lord how can I draw near
To the One the angels fear
Through Him who laid down
His life for me
And ascended to Your side
Through Him through Jesus alone
I boldly come

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Old Testament: Isaiah 29:9-14

⁹ Astonish yourselves and be astonished;
blind yourselves and be blind!

Be drunk, but not with wine;
stagger, but not with strong drink!

¹⁰ For the Lord has poured out upon you
a spirit of deep sleep,
and has closed your eyes (the prophets),
and covered your heads (the seers).

¹¹ And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." ¹² And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read."

¹³ And the Lord said:

"Because this people draw near with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
while their hearts are far from me,
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,

¹⁴ therefore, behold, I will again
do wonderful things with this people,
with wonder upon wonder;
and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:89-96

- ⁸⁹ Forever, O Lord, your word
is firmly fixed in the heavens.
- ⁹⁰ Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
you have established the earth, and it stands fast.
- ⁹¹ By your appointment they stand this day,
for all things are your servants.
- ⁹² If your law had not been my delight,
I would have perished in my affliction.
- ⁹³ I will never forget your precepts,
for by them you have given me life.
- ⁹⁴ I am yours; save me,
for I have sought your precepts.
- ⁹⁵ The wicked lie in wait to destroy me,
but I consider your testimonies.
- ⁹⁶ I have seen a limit to all perfection,
but your commandment is exceedingly broad.

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: Mark 7:1-13

¹ Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ² they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴ and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵ And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶ And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honours me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;
⁷ in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

⁸ You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

⁹ And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰ For Moses said, ‘Honour your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹ But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God)— ¹² then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³ thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

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All **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: How to Void the Word of God

Mark 7:1-13

1. Introduction

2. Attack from Jerusalem (v.1-5)

3. Jesus' Response (v.6-13)

4. Lessons to Learn

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Hymn: How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath
said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not! I am with thee; O be not
dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause
thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall
lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for
repose;
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to
shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake!”

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Prayers of Intercession

¶ Prayers for the nations of the world and our own nation.

Leader O God, our creator and preserver, we pray for people of every race, and in every kind of need: make your ways known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Especially we pray for ...

Leader Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

¶ Prayers for the church throughout the world and our own church.

Leader We pray for your Church throughout the world: guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

Especially we pray for ...

Leader Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

¶ *Prayers for the sick and the suffering.*

Leader We commend to your fatherly goodness all who are anxious or distressed in mind or body; comfort and relieve them in their need; give them patience in their sufferings and bring good out of their troubles.

Epecially we pray for ...

Leader Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

Collects

¶ *Collect for the nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.*

All **O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

¶ *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 for ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Song: Hymn Of The Saviour

From the chaos of darkness,
your word shaped the earth
In your image a people made
But we traded perfection, the truth for a lie
And your glory was veiled in shame
But a promise made, a blessing you gave,
To a people of your name
For this broken world, a saviour foretold
To bear all our grief and pain

When the heavenly saviour descended his
throne
All my sin on his shoulders laid
And to win our redemption,
he suffered and died
For the sake of my guilt and shame
Oh the price he paid in taking my place
So that death was overcome
When the King of love burst forth from the
grave
Proclaiming the victor's won

At the end of the ages,
the world passed away
I will gaze on my saviour's face
When my heart is perfected and free from
my sin
I will rest in your glorious grace
For the song we raise, the works of our hands
Are in service of the King
When a thousand tongues cry, 'Glory to God'
Forever his praise we'll sing

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Closing and Grace

¶ Parting words from the officiating minister, with the 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.**

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

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Newcomers' Zoom Meeting

If you have just joined us in the past few months, we invite you to join our Newcomers' Zoom Meeting, this afternoon at 2pm, which will give you the opportunity to meet other newcomers and one of our pastors. This is also a time for you to ask any questions you may have of the Christian faith and of the Cathedral. We hope that this will give you a better understanding of our mission as a church and also the various opportunities for you to be involved in it. Register before 12pm at stmarys.my/newcomers to receive a link to the Zoom meeting.

Just for Starters

This is a course that is designed to help us explore the foundations of the Christian faith and equip us to live as Christians in our world. It will run online for 7 Sundays at 2.00 pm, starting 1 November. This course is also the first of two part of our baptism and confirmation preparation. Register here: stmarys.my/jfs.

Pastoral Emergencies

Pastoral care at the Cathedral continues in an online way. If you are part of the Cathedral Community and are facing a pastoral emergency, need someone to pray with you or are in need in some other way, you can call our Emergency Pastoral Care Hotline on 011 5762 8524.

Cathedral Office

During this CMCO period, you can contact the Cathedral office at 011 57603484.

Cathedral Electoral Roll

The Cathedral Electoral Roll is open to all members of the Cathedral who regularly come for services (online or onsite) and are baptized and confirmed. Joining the Electoral Roll will enable you to vote at our Annual General Meetings (AGM). If you would like to sign up to be on the roll, please fill in the form here: stmarys.my/electoralroll, and email the completed form to office@stmaryscathedral.org.my. The electoral roll for 2021 will close on 31 December 2020.

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