

Morning Prayer

Online Service | Sunday, 24 January 2021



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.*

Song: We Declare

We are his kingdom we are his bride
For us he paid the price
For us he bled and died
We are his people his treasured prize
For us he conquered sin
For he is risen

With thankfulness we will sing
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*So we declare the praises
Of Jesus Saviour and King
He is the cornerstone Hallelujah
And now we stand as his church
Until the day when he comes in glory
Hallelujah*

We are a priesthood beloved ones
He draws the scattered near
He builds his kingdom here
A holy nation now set apart
To be his hands and feet
To speak his mercy

With thankfulness we will sing
Adopted now we are his

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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: The Gospel of Grace

The gospel of grace: from before time began
God chose to redeem me and fashioned a plan
That holy and blameless and unto His praise
I might be adopted to show forth His grace
The gospel of grace: in the fullness of time
God sent a redeemer who, doing no crime,
Would die for my sin and then conquer the grave
To purchase the ones He was given to save.

The gospel of grace came when dead in my sin,
It told me of Jesus and pointed to Him.
When faith and repentance invaded my heart
Forgiveness, full pardon, my God did impart.
The gospel of grace now reminds me each day
In sin and in failure His favor will stay
For not through self-loathing or deeds that I've done
But only in Jesus acceptance is won.

The gospel of grace when I take my last breath
Will be my one comfort to bear me through death;
And should I die peaceful or suffer great pain,
This gospel assures me that death will be gain.
The gospel of grace, for eternity long,
Will be my delight and the theme of my song;
With saints from all nations I'll join to proclaim:
All glory to Jesus, the Lamb who was slain!

The gospel of grace, O how precious indeed,
Past, present, and future meets all of my needs;
So until the day when I look on Your face—
Lord, keep me believing the gospel of grace.

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Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-9

- ¹ Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- ² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
- ³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- ⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.
- ⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
- ⁶ "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
- ⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.
- ⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them."

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 41

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

- ¹ Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;
- ² the LORD protects him and keeps him alive;
he is called blessed in the land;
you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.
- ³ The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;
in his illness you restore him to full health.
- ⁴ As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you!"
- ⁵ My enemies say of me in malice,
"When will he die, and his name perish?"
- ⁶ And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,
while his heart gathers iniquity;
when he goes out, he tells it abroad.
- ⁷ All who hate me whisper together about me;
they imagine the worst for me.
- ⁸ They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him;
he will not rise again from where he lies."
- ⁹ Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
- ¹⁰ But you, O LORD, be gracious to me,
and raise me up, that I may repay them!
- ¹¹ By this I know that you delight in me:
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
- ¹² But you have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in your presence forever.
- ¹³ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!

Amen and Amen.

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 1:9-11

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

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Sermon: You Are ... the One in Whom I Am Pleased

Mark 1:9-11

Intro

What does it mean for God to have pleasure?

What does it mean for God to have pleasure in Jesus?

What does that mean for us?

- God is pleased with us
- we are able to please God
- taking pleasure in Jesus

Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son:
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honour,
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Saviour!
Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honour,
Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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Prayers of Intercession

Collects

¶ *Collect for the third Sunday of Epiphany.*

All **Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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

Hymn: Take My Life

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee:
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love:
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing,
Always, only, for my King:
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold:
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine:
Take my heart – it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store:
Take myself, and I will be,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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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.**

Connect with us

Thank you for joining our online 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 connect.stmarys.my

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**

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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: give.stmarys.my

Virtual Tea Terrace

Our virtual tea terrace will be open after today's online service. This virtual tea terrace provides a place that people can come to chat with each other after church. Please do join us on this link that will take you straight into the Zoom meeting: stmarys.my/vtt

Small Groups

Looking to connect with a Christian community to share lives and grow spiritually? As we have not been able to attend church services and see each other physically, please do consider joining an online small group to study God's Word, as well as to support and encourage one another.

Do fill in this form and we will connect you to a small group: stmarys.my/SmallGroups

What is Your Evangelism Style?

God has gifted different people to His church, and we are all given different roles to play in the work of sharing the Gospel. Want to help others come to know Christ but not sure where to start?

Our invitational evangelism team has put together a survey to help us understand our own evangelism style. This will give the team an idea of how to encourage you to take the next step in evangelism and also explore other opportunities for you to serve the church with the gifts that God has graciously given you.

Take the 10-minute survey here: stmarys.my/EvangelismSurvey

Cathedral Women's Fellowship

The Cathedral Women's Fellowship is inviting all women to join in for a sharing session on "Real Hope", based on Hebrews 10:23. Come and find out what the Bible says about where our real hope lies. Join other women to share, reflect and pray together via Zoom on Saturday, 30 January, 10.00-11.30 am.

Do invite a friend, and register here: stmarys.my/cwf

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Pastoral Emergencies

If you or someone you know is finding this MCO a particularly challenging time, 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**.

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.