

Morning Prayer

Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

Online Service | Sunday, 19 Sep 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: The Chorus Of The Saved

See the radiance of God
Risen Son
All the angels rejoice at His name
All creation's sustained
By the power of His Word
And His throne will endure
For now and ever

Perfect Son
Sacrificed once for all
Power of sin fear of death now destroyed
Raised to life raised on high
Jesus name above all names
His acclaim will resound
Beyond the ages

*Come join the song
In earth and heaven voices raised
In the chorus of the saved
Come shout His name
Come lift a sacrifice of praise
With the chorus of the saved*

Through His blood
Our forgiveness is sure
By His Spirit within
We'll endure
Holding on to this hope
As an anchor for our soul
And our eyes fixed on Jesus
The One who saves us

Now let us draw near the holiest place
Our hearts full of faith
Our lips full of praise
So let us draw near the holiest place
Now pure through His blood
Our sins washed away

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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

This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

(1 Timothy 1:15)

But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

(Psalm 103:4)

Minister: 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: **Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have gone our own way
and broken your laws.
We are sorry for our sins
and turn away from them.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.
By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you,
and to please you more and more
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Minister: Almighty God, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who truly repent and turn to him: Have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Hymn: Of Gladness And Of Joyfulness

Of gladness and of joyfulness
make me to hear the voice;
That so these very bones which thou
hast broken may rejoice.

All mine iniquities blot out,
thy face hide from my sin.
Create a clean heart, Lord, renew
a right sp'rit me within.

Cast me not from thy sight, nor take
thy Holy Sp'rit away.
Restore me thy salvation's joy;
with thy free Sp'rit me stay.

Then will I teach thy ways unto
those that transgressors be;
And those that sinners are shall then
be turned unto thee.

1650 Psalter

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Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 17

¹ Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle. And they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammim. ² And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered, and encamped in the Valley of Elah, and drew up in line of battle against the Philistines. ³ And the Philistines stood on the mountain on one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. ⁴ And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. ⁵ He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. ⁶ And he had bronze armour on his legs, and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. ⁷ The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron. And his shield bearer went before him. ⁸ He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. ⁹ If he is able to fight with me and kill me,

then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us.”¹⁰ And the Philistine said, “I defy the ranks of Israel this day. Give me a man, that we may fight together.”¹¹ When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.¹² Now David was the son of an Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah, named Jesse, who had eight sons. In the days of Saul the man was already old and advanced in years.¹³ The three oldest sons of Jesse had followed Saul to the battle. And the names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah.¹⁴ David was the youngest. The three eldest followed Saul,¹⁵ but David went back and forth from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.¹⁶ For forty days the Philistine came forward and took his stand, morning and evening.¹⁷ And Jesse said to David his son, “Take for your brothers an ephah of this parched grain, and these ten loaves, and carry them quickly to the camp to your brothers.¹⁸ Also take these ten cheeses to the commander of their thousand. See if your brothers are well, and bring some token from them.”

¹⁹ Now Saul and they and all the men of Israel were in the Valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. ²⁰ And David rose early in the morning and left the sheep with a keeper and took the provisions and went, as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the encampment as the host was going out to the battle line, shouting the war cry. ²¹ And Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. ²² And David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage and ran to the ranks and went and greeted his brothers. ²³ As he talked with them, behold, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him. ²⁴ All the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were much afraid. ²⁵ And the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel. And the king will enrich the man who kills him with great riches and will give him his daughter and make his father's house free in Israel." ²⁶ And David said to the men who stood by him, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the

armies of the living God?” ²⁷ And the people answered him in the same way, “So shall it be done to the man who kills him.”

²⁸ Now Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spoke to the men. And Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, “Why have you come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your presumption and the evil of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle.” ²⁹ And David said, “What have I done now? Was it not but a word?” ³⁰ And he turned away from him towards another, and spoke in the same way, and the people answered him again as before.

³¹ When the words that David spoke were heard, they repeated them before Saul, and he sent for him. ³² And David said to Saul, “Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.” ³³ And Saul said to David, “You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth.” ³⁴ But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he

arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. ³⁶ Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God.” ³⁷ And David said, “The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” And Saul said to David, “Go, and the LORD be with you!”

³⁸ Then Saul clothed David with his armour. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail, ³⁹ and David strapped his sword over his armour. And he tried in vain to go, for he had not tested them. Then David said to Saul, “I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them.” So David put them off. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd's pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine.

⁴¹ And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield bearer in front of him. ⁴² And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. ⁴³ And the Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine

cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field.” ⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷ and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hand.”

⁴⁸ When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly towards the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground.

⁵⁰ So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him.

There was no sword in the hand of David. ⁵¹ Then David

ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. ⁵² And the men of Israel and Judah rose with a shout and pursued the Philistines as far as Gath and the gates of Ekron, so that the wounded Philistines fell on the way from Shaaraim as far as Gath and Ekron. ⁵³ And the people of Israel came back from chasing the Philistines, and they plundered their camp. ⁵⁴ And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armour in his tent. ⁵⁵ As soon as Saul saw David go out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the commander of the army, “Abner, whose son is this youth?” And Abner said, “As your soul lives, O king, I do not know.” ⁵⁶ And the king said, “Enquire whose son the boy is.” ⁵⁷ And as soon as David returned from the striking down of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. ⁵⁸ And Saul said to him, “Whose son are you, young man?” And David answered, “I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 18:1-3, 37-40

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, the servant of the LORD, who addressed the words of this song to the LORD on the day when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. He said:

¹ I love you, O LORD, my strength.

² The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

³ I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.

³⁷ I pursued my enemies and overtook them,
and did not turn back till they were consumed.

³⁸ I thrust them through, so that they were not able to
rise;
they fell under my feet.

³⁹ For you equipped me with strength for the battle;
you made those who rise against me sink under me.

⁴⁰ You made my enemies turn their backs to me,
and those who hated me I destroyed.

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: Revelation 19:17-21

¹⁷ Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, “Come, gather for the great supper of God, ¹⁸ to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great.” ¹⁹ And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. ²⁰ And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshipped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulphur. ²¹ And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: God Saves His People

1 Samuel 17

1. David's Victory

- a. God's People under Threat (v1-11)
- b. Introducing David (v12-18)
- c. David in the Israelite Camp (v19-40)
- d. The Battle Speeches (v41-47)
- e. The Battle (v48-54)
- f. Whose Son? (v55-58)

2. Implications for Us

3. Summary

God s_____ his p_____ through the w_____ of his
S____, the A_____ K_____ – that the w_____ might know
his g_____, and that his p_____ might g_____ him for
his s_____.

Song: Beautiful Saviour

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
Give my praise to the Fountain of delights;
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,
I will sing of the blood that never fails;
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
Of death defeated and life without end.

*Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor,
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion
And You reign, You reign over all.*

I long to be where the praise is never-ending,
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;
Where countless worshippers will share one song,
And cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb!

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Prayers of Intercession

Collects

¶ *Collect for the sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*

All: O Lord, we beseech you mercifully
to hear the prayers of your people
who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully
to fulfil them;
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 second collect at Evening Prayer*

All: O God,
from whom all holy desires, all good counsels,
and all just works do proceed:
Give to your servants that peace which the world

cannot give;
that both our hearts may be set to obey your
commandments,
and also that by you,
we, being defended from the fear of our enemies,
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
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 forever.
Amen.

Announcements

Hymn: Rejoice, The Lord Is King!

Rejoice! the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
Rejoice; again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
The God of Truth and love;
When He had purged our stains,
He took His seat above:

His kingdom cannot fail:
He rules o'er earth and Heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:

He sits at God's right hand,
Till all His foes submit,
And bow to His command,
And fall before His feet:

Rejoice in glorious hope:
Jesus, the Judge, shall come,
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:

Words: Charles Wesley

Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH

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Closing and Grace

¶ *Parting words from the 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 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**

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

Virtual Tea Terrace & Prayer Meeting

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. We will also be praying about the things that have happened since the recording of the prayers of intercession in our online service today. Please do join us on this link that will take you straight into the Zoom meeting: stmarys.my/vtt

This Sunday (19 September) at 11.30 am, there will be a prayer meeting at the Virtual Tea Terrace. Please do join us as we bring our concerns to the Lord in prayer as a community. Please use the same link above to join this prayer meeting.

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 third term for 2021 begins on 21 September.

Theological courses on offer are Bible Overview, Reformation Church History and New Testament 3. There is also a Ministry Skills course entitled 'Six Steps To Talking About Jesus' which will begin on 26 October.

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

Cathedral Anglicanism Programme

The Cathedral Anglicanism Programme is an opportunity for those who want to better understand and serve in our denomination.

You are invited to sign up for Part 1 – The 39 Articles Course. This is a 10-week Doctrine Overview based on the 39 Articles. (Part 2 looks at Anglican Liturgy, History and Structure and will be next run in 2022.)

Sessions will be from 3.00 – 5.00 pm on Saturdays and there will be an assessment at the end of the course. The assessment is compulsory for those who want to count this towards an Anglicanism Certificate. Most sessions will be taught by Dean Andrew. The course itself is free and the recommended further reading can be purchased from online bookstores.

If you would like to sign up for Part 1, you can do so here: stmarys.my/anglicanism

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 over this segment of the lockdown, please join us by simply going to 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 well before 8.00 am.

If you can't use Zoom for any reason, but you are keen to be involved, then give our office a call during office hours on 01157603484 and we will be happy to discuss special arrangements with you.

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

Kids' Church

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

- 3-4 year olds on Sunday at 10.20 am
- 5-6 year olds on Sunday at 9.00 am
- 7-9's on Saturday at 2.00 pm
- 10-12's on Sunday at 2.00 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.

Zoom Prayer Meeting

We will be having our Zoom prayer meeting on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. The link to this prayer meeting will be sent to you in our Friday emails (if

you are not on our mailing list, please subscribe to it here: stmarys.my/subscribe).

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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, 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.

Please do reach out if you need help with food or other essentials like groceries. You can let us know by filling in a Connection Card at stmarys.my/connect.