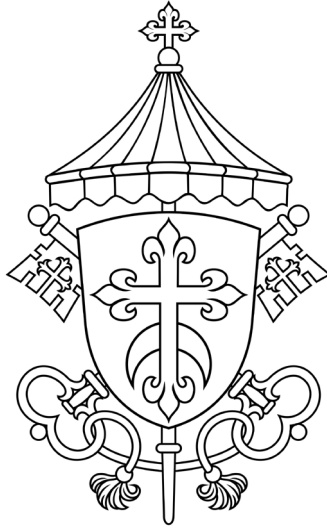


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Solemn Mass

Second Sunday
of Advent

5 December 2021
10.30am

WELCOME

to St Mary's Cathedral which stands in the centre of Sydney as a Christian statement of grace and beauty. Generations of artists have bequeathed to it their magnificent gifts in stone and glass, designing a unique space of solace and prayer within this vibrant city. This Cathedral represents the spiritual origins of the Catholic Church in Australia. It is one of Sydney's most treasured historic buildings and one of the finest examples of English-style gothic churches in the world. William Wilkinson Wardell, the 19th century architect, dreamed of a gothic structure shaped from the local yellow-block sandstone on which this city is built. The building was finally completed 100 years after the architect's death. The Cathedral is dedicated to Mary, Immaculate Mother of God, Help of Christians.

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

St Mary's Cathedral Choir is the oldest musical institution in Australia. In 1818 a group of choristers was formed to sing Vespers before the Blessed Sacrament in the Dempsey household, the centre of Catholic worship in the penal colony. After the establishment of St Mary's Cathedral in 1833 the successors of these choristers formed the permanent Cathedral Choir. In faithfulness to the Benedictine English tradition from which the Cathedral's founders came, the Choir is formed of men and boys, preserving the historical character of Catholic liturgical and musical heritage. St Mary's is the only Catholic Cathedral in Australia to have an on-site Choir School where the twenty-four boy choristers are educated. The other parts of the Choir are provided by lay clerks who are professional singers. The Choir's primary function is to sing Vespers and Mass in the Cathedral which it does almost daily, but it has also undertaken several international tours, recordings and concert projects.

REGULAR CHORAL SERVICES

Sunday	1030	Solemn Mass <i>Full Choir</i>
	1700	Solemn Vespers and Benediction <i>Men's voices</i>
Monday	1700	Vespers <i>Men's voices</i>
	1730	Mass <i>Full Choir</i>
Tuesday	1700	Vespers <i>Cantor</i>
	1730	Mass <i>Boys' voices</i>
Wednesday	1700	Vespers <i>Cathedral Scholars</i>
	1730	Mass <i>Cathedral Scholars</i>
Thursday	1700	Vespers <i>Men's voices</i>
	1730	Mass <i>Men's voices</i>

Download the weekly Music List at <http://musiclists.cathedralchoir.sydney>

**TO MAINTAIN A SPIRIT OF REVERENCE AND SOLEMNITY,
PLEASE TURN OFF AND REFRAIN FROM USING ALL MOBILE TELEPHONES
AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.**

**UNDER THE CURRENT NSW PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
UNVACCINATED ADULTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO SING
INDOORS.**

ORDER OF MASS

At the sound of the Sacristy bell all stand and sing

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The Choir sings the INTROIT

cf. Isaiah 30:19,30; Psalm 79

POPULUS Sion, ecce Dominus veniet ad salvandas gentes: et auditam faciet Dominus gloriam vocis suae, in laetitia cordis vestri. ∇ Qui regis Israel, intende: qui deducis velut ovem Ioseph.

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart. ∇ O shepherd of Israel, hear us, you who lead Joseph's flock.

All make the Sign of the Cross as the Celebrant says

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

℟: **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

BLESSING AND SPRINKLING OF WATER

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), let us humbly beseech the Lord our God to bless this water he has created, which will be sprinkled on us as a memorial of our Baptism. May he help us by his grace to remain faithful to the Spirit we have received.

ALmighty ever-living God, who willed that through water, the fountain of life and the source of purification, even souls should be cleansed and receive the gift of eternal life; be pleased, we pray, to ✠ bless this water, by which we seek protection on this your day, O Lord. Renew the living spring of your grace within us and grant that by this water we may be defended from all ills of spirit and body, and so approach you with hearts made clean and worthily receive your salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

℟: **Amen.**

WE humbly ask you, almighty God: be pleased in your faithful love to bless ✠ this salt you have created, for it was you who commanded the prophet Elisha to cast salt into water, that impure water might be purified. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, wherever this mixture of salt and water is sprinkled, every attack of the enemy may be repulsed and your Holy Spirit may be present to keep us safe at all times. Through Christ our Lord.

℟. **Amen.**

During the sprinkling all sing

A -SPERGES me, * **Dómi- ne, hyssó-po; et mundá- bor : lavá- bis me,**
Sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be cleansed; wash me

et su-per ni-vem de- al- bá- bor.
and I shall be whiter than snow.

May almighty God cleanse us of our sins, and through the celebration of this Eucharist make us worthy to share at the table of his Kingdom.

℟. **Amen.**

The Celebrant says the COLLECT

℟. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and

every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord.

℟️ **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 125 ℟️ v.3



℟️ **What marvels the Lord has worked for us! Indeed we were glad.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. ℟️

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. ℟️

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. ℟️

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. ℟️

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

℟️ **Thanks be to God.**

The Choir sings the ALLELUIA

℣. Psalm 121:1

Alleluia.

℣. Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi: in domum Domini ibimus.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go to God's house.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

The Lord be with you.

℣. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

℣. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

℣. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I BELIEVE in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

All bow during the following line:

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Choir sings the OFFERTORY MOTET

Anton Bruckner (1824–1896)

VIRGA Jesse floruit: Virgo Deum et hominem genuit: pacem Deus reddidit, in se reconcilians ima summis. Alleluia.

The rod of Jesse has blossomed: a virgin has brought forth One who was both God and man: God has given back peace to man, reconciling in himself the lowest with the highest. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

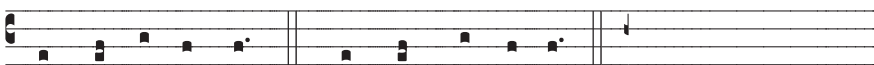
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.


✠ **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Celebrant says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

✠ **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE Lord be with you. ✠ **And with your spi-rit.**

Lift up your hearts. ✠ **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ✠ **It is right and just.**

THE PREFACE

S An- ctus, * San- ctus, San- ctus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá- ba-oth. Ple-ni
 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

sunt cæ- li et ter- ra gló-ri- a tu- a. Ho- sán-na in ex-cél-sis. Be-ne-díc-
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed

tus qui ve-nit in nó-mine Dómi-ni. Ho- sán-na in excél- sis.
 is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

When the Celebrant sings

The mystery of faith.

All sing

W E proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Re-sur-rection
 until you come a-gain.

When the Celebrant sings

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All respond

A-men.

COMMUNION RITE

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All sing

O UR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread,

and forgive us our trespasses, as we for-give those who trespass a-gainst us;

and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e- vil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

✠ For the kingdom, the power and the glo-ry are yours now and for ev-er.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

✠ Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

✠ And with your spirit.

The Choir sings the AGNUS DEI

from Missa Alma redemptoris mater

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Celebrant shows the host to the congregation, saying

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

℟. **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

***Catholics who have made the proper spiritual and sacramental preparation
may come forward in the procession to receive Holy Communion.***

The sacred host must be consumed in the presence of the communion minister.

The Choir sings the COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Baruch 5:5; 4:36

Ierusalem surge, et sta in excelso: et vide iucunditatem, quæ veniet tibi a Deo tuo.

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

THE ADVENT PROSE



℞ **Rorá-te cæli dé-super, et nubes pluant iustum.**

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One.

Ne irascaris Domine,	<i>Be not angry, O Lord,</i>
ne ultra memineris iniquitatis:	<i>and remember no longer our iniquity:</i>
ecce civitas Sancti facta est deserta:	<i>behold the city of the Holy One is become a desert:</i>
Sion deserta facta est:	<i>Sion is become a desert:</i>
Ierusalem desolata est:	<i>Jerusalem is desolate:</i>
domus sanctificationis tuæ et gloria tuæ,	<i>the house of your sanctification and of your glory,</i>
ubi laudaverunt te patres nostri.	<i>where our fathers praised you.</i>

Peccavimus,	<i>We have sinned</i>
et facti sumus tamquam immundus nos,	<i>and are become as one that is unclean:</i>
et cecidimus quasi folium universi:	<i>and we have all fallen as a leaf,</i>
et iniquitates nostræ	<i>and our iniquities</i>
quasi ventus abstulerunt nos:	<i>like the wind have carried us away:</i>
abscondisti faciem tuam a nobis,	<i>you have hidden your face from us,</i>
et allisisti nos in manu iniquitatis nostræ.	<i>and have crushed us in the hold of our iniquity.</i>

Vide Domine afflictionem populi tui,	<i>Behold, O Lord, the affliction of your people,</i>
et mitte quem missurus es:	<i>and send forth him who is to come:</i>
emitte Agnum dominatorem terræ,	<i>send forth the Lamb, the ruler of the earth,</i>
de Petra deserti	<i>from the rock of the desert,</i>
ad montem filiæ Sion:	<i>to the mount of daughter Sion:</i>
ut auferat ipse jugum captivitatis nostræ.	<i>that he may take away the yoke of our captivity.</i>

Consolamini, consolamini, popule meus:	<i>Be comforted, be comforted, my people:</i>
cito veniet salus tua:	<i>your salvation comes quickly:</i>
quare mærore consumeris,	<i>why are you consumed with grief:</i>
quia innovavit te dolor?	<i>for sorrow has estranged you:</i>
Salvabo te, noli timere,	<i>I will save you: fear not,</i>
ego enim sum Dominus Deus tuus,	<i>for I am the Lord your God,</i>
Sanctus Israel, Redemptor tuus.	<i>the Holy One of Israel, your Redeemer.</i>

The Celebrant says the PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

R. **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

R. **And with your spirit.**

Bow down for the blessing.

May the almighty and merciful God, by whose grace you have placed your faith in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son and yearn for his coming again sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent and enrich you with his blessing.

R. **Amen.**

As you run the race of this present life, may he make you firm in faith, joyful in hope and active in charity.

R. **Amen.**

So that, rejoicing now with devotion at the Redeemer's coming in the flesh, you may be endowed with the rich reward of eternal life when he comes again in majesty.

R. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. **Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

LATER TODAY IN THE CATHEDRAL

Solemn Vespers and Benediction *sung by the Lay Clerks
of St Mary's Cathedral Choir*

5.00pm

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