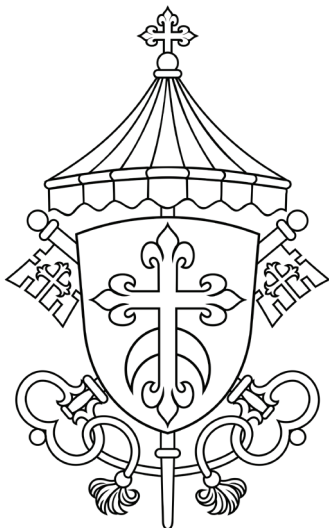


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Solemn Opening Mass for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia

Twenty seventh Sunday
of the Year

3 October 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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Spirit sent in Jesus' name, breath by whom Christ's Body lives,
beating pulse and vital flame, power of love the Father gives.

Gentle presence in the heart, mastering strength that sets us free,
we invoke you at the start of our sacred liturgy.

May we with attentive mind, eager voices, ears and eyes,
play the part to us assigned in this perfect sacrifice.

Guildford

Richard Connolly (b. 1927)

James McAuley (1917-1976)

ORDER OF MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

All stand at the sound of the Sacristy bell.

The cantors sing the INTROIT

Psalm 67:6, 7, 36, 2

DEUS in loco sancto suo: Deus, qui inhabitare facit unanimes in domo: ipse dabit virtutem et fortitudinem plebi suæ. *℣* Exsurgat Deus, et dissipentur inimici eius: et fugiant, qui oderunt eum, a facie eius.

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people. ℣ Let God arise, let his foes be scattered. Let those who hate him flee before him.

All make the Sign of the Cross as the Archbishop says

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

℟: **Amen.**

Peace be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

After a brief silence all say

I CONFESS to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

All strike their breast thrice, saying

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Archbishop gives the absolution, saying

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

℟: **Amen.**

The cantors sing the KYRIE and GLORIA

from Messa dei Pastori

Pietro Yon (1886–1943)

Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te,
benedicimus te,
adoramus te,
glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex cælestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili Unigenite, Iesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus,
Iesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu:
in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks
for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

The Archbishop says the COLLECT

℟: **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

℟. **You, O Lord, have the message of eternal life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. ℟.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. ℟.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding forever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth,
and all of them just. ℟.

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold,
and sweet are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. ℟.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-4

The cantors sing the GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

℣. *John 16:13;14:26*

Alleluia.

℣ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will teach you all truth and bring to your mind
all I have told you.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

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 cantors sing the OFFERTORY MOTET

Simon Lole (b. 1957)

AS the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Remain in my love. This is my commandment: that ye love one another as I have loved you. God is love, and those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. If you keep my commandments and ye love one another, your joy will be complete.

The Archbishop 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 Archbishop says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

℟: **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

℣: The Lord be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

℣: 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

The cantors sing the SANCTUS

from Messa dei Pastori

Pietro Yon

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

℣ The mystery of faith.

℟ **We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer:

℣ 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.

℟ **Amen.**

COMMUNION RITE

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

℟: **Our 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 daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

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 glory are yours now and for ever.**

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 cantors sing the AGNUS DEI

from Messa dei Pastori

Pietro Yon

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 Archbishop 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 cantors sing the COMMUNION MOTET

Peter Hurford (1930–2019)

IN the hour of my distress, when temptations me oppress, and when I my sins confess, sweet Spirit, comfort me! When I lie within my bed, sick in heart and sick in head, and with doubts discomfited, sweet Spirit, comfort me! When the house doth sigh and weep, and the world is drown'd in sleep, yet mine eyes the watch do keep, sweet Spirit, comfort me!

Text: Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

The Archbishop says the PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

℟: **Amen.**

The Archbishop prays

THE PRAYER OF PETITION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

WE stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness, but aware that we gather in your name. Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts. Give us light and strength to know your will, to make it our own and to live it in our lives. Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power, for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son. You desire justice for all: enable us to uphold the rights of others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favour. Unite us to yourself in the bond of love and keep us faithful to all that is true. As we gather in your name may we temper justice with love, so that all our decisions may be pleasing to you, and earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants.

℟: **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

Bow down for the blessing.

May God, the Father of lights, who was pleased to enlighten the disciples' minds by the outpouring of the Spirit, the Paraclete, grant you gladness by his blessing and make you always abound with the gifts of the same Spirit.

℟: **Amen.**

May the wondrous flame that appeared above the disciples, powerfully cleanse your hearts from every evil and pervade them with its purifying light.

℟: **Amen.**

And may God, who has been pleased to unite many tongues in the profession of one faith, give you perseverance in that same faith and, by believing, may you journey from hope to clear vision.

℟: **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.

℟: **Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

℟: **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Entrée Pontificale

Marco Enrico Bossi (1861–1925)

LATER TODAY IN THE CATHEDRAL

Solemn Vespers and Benediction *sung by cantors from
the Choir of St Mary's Cathedral*

5.00pm