Solemn Mass

Closing celebration of the Centenary Year of the death of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor

Opening of the Synod of Bishops on Synodality

17 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.

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.

ORDER OF MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

All stand at the sound of the Sacristy bell.

The Choir sings the Introit *Psalm 16:6, 8, 1*

EGO clamavi, quoniam exaudisti me, Deus: inclina aurem tuam, et exaudi verba mea: custodi me, Domine, ut pupillam oculi: sub umbra alarum tuarum protege me. ℣. Exaudi Domine iustitiam meam: intende deprecationem meam.

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me. ℣. Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry.

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 Choir sings the Kyrie *and* Gloria

from Missa L'homme armé à 4 *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–1594)*

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 *Isaiah 53:10-11*

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 32:4-5,18-20,22; ℟. v.22*

℟. **May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place our hope in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. ℟.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. ℟.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. ℟.

Second Reading *Hebrews 4:14-16*

The Choir sings the Alleluia *Psalm 145:2*

Alleluia.

℣. Lauda, anima mea, Dominum: laudabo Dominum in vita mea: psallam Deo meo, quamdiu ero.

My soul, give praise to the Lord; I will praise the Lord all my days, make music to my God while I live.

Alleluia.

Gospel *Mark 10:35-45*

The Lord be with you.

℟. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

℟. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

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.**

the Archbishop concludes with the Prayer for the Beatification of Eileen O'Connor

Holy and loving God, we give you thanks for your faithful servant Eileen O'Connor. By your grace she united her sufferings to Christ and her prayers to Mary. With great patience she inspired and called other women to be devoted to the care of the sick and dying poor, both in body and in spirit. We humbly ask that the Little Mother, Eileen, who by her ceaseless prayer and suffering inspired others to live the Gospel, may be lifted up and counted among your saints in heaven.

Graciously hear our prayers through Christ Our Lord.

℟ **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Choir sings the Offertory Motet *Thomas Tallis (1505–1585)*

SALVATOR mundi, salva nos: qui per crucem et sanguinem redemisti nos; auxiliare nobis, te deprecamur, Deus noster.

Saviour of the world, save us: by your Cross and Blood you have redeemed us; help us, we pray you, our God.

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 Choir sings the Sanctus

from Mass XI *Plainchant*

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 Choir sings Agnus Dei I

from Missa L'homme armé à 4 — *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*

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.**

During Holy Communion the Choir sings Agnus Dei II

from Missa L'homme armé à 4 — *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*

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 Choir sings the Communion Antiphon

Domine Dominus noster, quam admirabile est nomen tuum in universa terra!

How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

The Archbishop says the Prayer after Communion

℟ **Amen.**

The Archbishop says

THE PRAYER OF PETITION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

WE stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name. With you alone to guide us, make yourself at home in our hearts; teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in you our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of you, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, for ever and ever.

℟ **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

℟ **And with your spirit.**

Bow down for the blessing.

May almighty God bless you in his kindness and pour out saving wisdom upon you.

℟ **Amen.**

May he nourish you always with the teachings of the faith and make you persevere in holy deeds.

℟ **Amen.**

May he turn your steps towards himself and show you the path of charity and peace.

℟ **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

Marche Héroïque *Sir Alfred Herbert Brewer (1865–1928)*

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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