

Solemn Mass

Sixth Sunday of the Year

12 February 2023 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

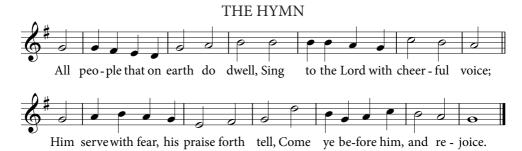
Sunday	1030	Solemn Mass Full Choir
	1700	Solemn Vespers and Benediction Men's voices
Monday	1700	Vespers Men's voices
	1730	Mass Senior Choristers & Men
Tuesday	1700	Vespers Cantor
	1730	Mass Boys' voices
Wednesday	1700	Vespers Cathedral Scholars
	1730	Mass Cathedral Scholars
Thursday	1700	Vespers Men's voices
	1730	Mass Men's voices

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.

ORDER OF MASS

At the sound of the Sacristy bell all stand and sing



The Lord, ye know, is God indeed, Without our aid he did us make; We are his folk, he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, Approach with joy his courts unto; Praise, laud, and bless his name always, For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good: His mercy is for ever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heaven and earth adore, From men and from the angel-host Be praise and glory evermore.

Old hundredth Genevan Psalter (1551) William Kethe (d. 1594)

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The Choir sings the INTROIT

Psalm 30:3, 4, 2

 $E_{Quoniam}^{STO}$ mihi in Deum protectorem, et in locum refugii, ut salvum me facias. Quoniam firmamentum meum, et refugium meum es tu: et propter nomen tuum dux mihi eris, et enutries me. \mathbb{Y} In te Domine speravi, non confundar in æternum: in iustitia tua libera me.

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name. \mathbb{Y} . In you, O Lord, I take refuge. Let me never be put to shame. In your justice, set me free.

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.

RX Amen.

The Lord be with you.

R? 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 Celebrant gives the absolution, saying

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

R. Amen.

The Choir sings the KYRIE and GLORIA

from Missa Brevis

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

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo	Glory to God in the highest,
et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.	and on earth peace to people
Laudamus te,	We praise you,
benedicimus te,	we bless you,
adoramus te,	we adore you,
glorificamus te,	we glorify you,
gratias agimus tibi	we give you thanks
propter magnam gloriam tuam,	for your great glory,
Domine Deus, Rex cælestis,	Lord God, heavenly King,
Deus Pater omnipotens.	O God, almighty Father.
Domine Fili Unigenite, Iesu Christe,	Lord Jesus Christ, Only Bego
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,	Lord God, Lamb of God, Son
qui tollis peccata mundi,	you take away the sins of the
miserere nobis;	have mercy on us;
qui tollis peccata mundi,	you take away the sins of the
suscipe deprecationem nostram.	receive our prayer;
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,	you are seated at the right ha
miserere nobis.	have mercy on us.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,	For you alone are the Holy O
tu solus Dominus,	you alone are the Lord,
tu solus Altissimus,	you alone are the Most Hi
Iesu Christe,	Jesus Christ,
cum Sancto Spiritu:	with the Holy Spirit,
in gloria Dei Patris.	in the glory of God the Fathe
Amen.	Amen.

ace to people of good will. ıks glory, enly King, Father. t, Only Begotten Son, of God, Son of the Father, he sins of the world, n us; he sins of the world, ayer; the right hand of the Father, n us. e the Holy One, e Lord, the Most High, oirit, od the Father.

The Celebrant says the COLLECT

Rǐ Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Sirach 15: 15-20

Responsorial Psalm									Psalm 118:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34 R. v.1
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R. They are happy who follow God's law.

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. R.

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. R.

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may see the wonders of your law. R/

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. R

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Alleluia.

 $\ensuremath{\mathbb{V}}$ Cantate Domino canticum novum: quia mirabilia fecit Dominus.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 5:17-37

The Lord be with you.

R? And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R? Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. 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

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

B^{EATI} quorum via integra est; qui ambulant in lege Domini.

Blessed are they whose way is pure, who walk in the law of the Lord.

The Celebrant says

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

ℜ 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

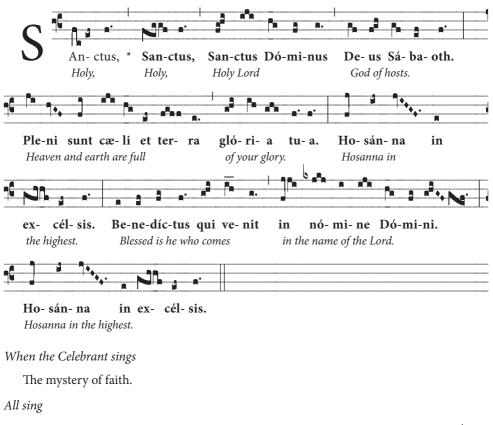
R. Amen.

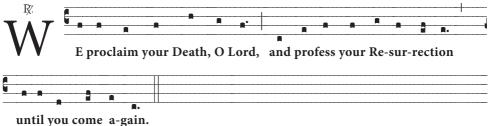
THE PREFACE



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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





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.

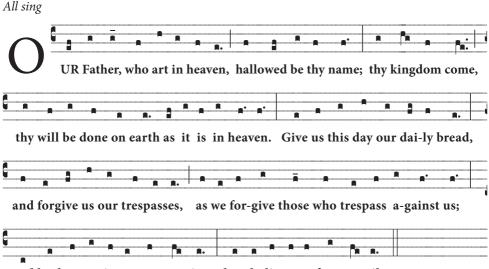
All respond



RX A-men.

COMMUNION RITE

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



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.



IV: 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.

Rž Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R? And with your spirit.

The Choir sings Agnus Dei I

from Missa Brevis

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 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.

ℜ 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.

During Holy Communion the Choir sings AGNUS DEI II

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

from Missa Brevis 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

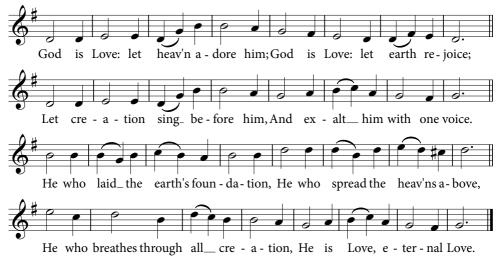
Manducaverunt, et saturati sunt nimis, et desiderium eorum attulit eis Dominus: non sunt fraudati a desiderio suo.

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Psalm 77:29-30

All sing

THE HYMN



God is Love: and he enfoldeth All the world in one embrace; With unfailing grasp he holdeth Every child of every race. And when human hearts are breaking Under sorrow's iron rod, Then they find that selfsame aching Deep within the heart of God.

God is Love: and though with blindness Sin afflicts the souls of men, God's eternal loving-kindness Holds and guides them even then. Sin and death and hell shall never O'er us final triumph gain; God is Love, so Love for ever O'er the universe must reign.

Blaenwern William Rowlands (1860–1937) Timothy Rees (1874–1939)

The Celebrant says the PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

R? And with your spirit.

Blessed be the name of the Lord

R. Now and for ever.

Our help is in the name of the Lord

 $\mathbb{R}^{\prime}_{\cdot}$ Who made heaven and earth.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit

R. Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Toccata (Sonata No. 14)

Josef Gabriel Rheinberger (1839–1901)

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sung by the Lay Clerks of St Mary's Cathedral Choir

5.00pm

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