

# Solemn Mass

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ *Corpus Christi* 

> 11 June 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**

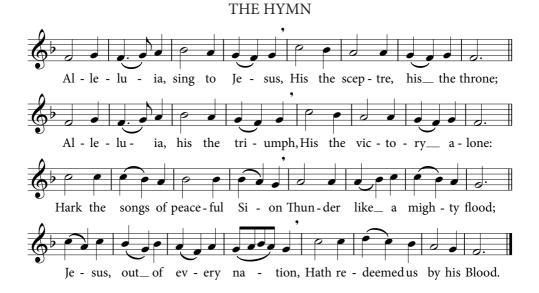
Sunday	1030	Solemn Mass Full Choir
	1700	Solemn Vespers and Benediction Men's voices
Monday	1700	Vespers Men's voices
	1730	Mass Full Choir
Tuesday	1700	Vespers Cantor
	1730	Mass Boys' voices
Wednesday	1700	Vespers Cathedral Scholars
	1730	Mass Cathedral Scholars
Thursday	1700	Vespers Men's voices
	1730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



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Alleluia, not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia, he is near us, Faith believes, nor questions how; Though the cloud from sight received him When the forty days were o'er, Shall our hearts forget his promise, 'I am with you evermore'? 3

Alleluia, Bread of Angels, Thou on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia, here the sinful Flee to thee from day to day; Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me, Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

4

Alleluia, King eternal, Thee the Lord of lords we own; Alleluia, born of Mary, Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne: Thou within the veil hast entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest; Thou on earth both Priest and Victim In the Eucharistic Feast.

*Hyfrydol Melody by Richard Huw Pritchard (1811–1887)*  William Chatterton Dix (1837–1898)

# THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The Choir sings the INTROIT

Psalm 80: 17, 2-3

CIBAVIT eos ex adipe frumenti, alleluia: et de petra, melle saturavit eos, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. V. Exsultate Deo adiutori nostro: iubilate Deo Iacob.

*He fed them with the finest wheat, alleluia: and satisfied them with honey from the rock, alleluia, alleluia. V. Ring out your joy to God our strength, shout in triumph to the God of Jacob.* 

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.

R. Amen.

Peace 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 Archbishop 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 O Sacrum Convivium

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

R. Amen.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16



#### R. O praise the Lord, Je- ru-sa-lem!

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates he has blessed the children within you.

He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. R?

He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. R

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Alleluia.

ℜ Caro mea vere est cibus, et sanguis meus vere est potus: qui manducat meam carnem, et bibit meum sanguinem, in me manet, et ego in eo.

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.* 

Alleluia.

Gospel

John 6:51-58

The Lord be with you.

## R? And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

### 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

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Sacrum convivium in quo Christus sumitur: recolitur memoria passionis eius: mens impletur gratia: et futuræ gloriæ nobis pignus datur.

O sacred feast, in which we partake of Christ: his sufferings are remembered, our minds are filled with his grace and we receive a pledge of the glory that is to be ours.

The Celebrant says

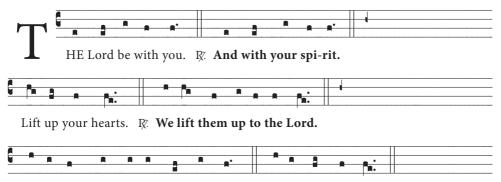
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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

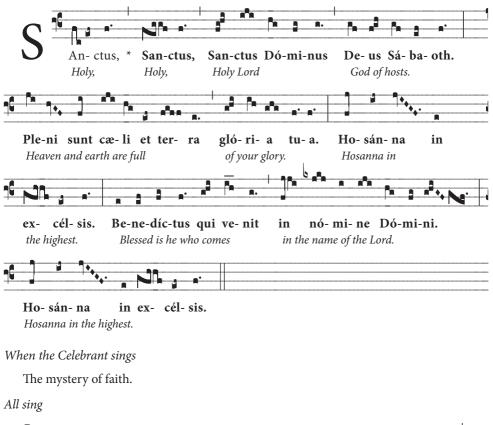
R. Amen.

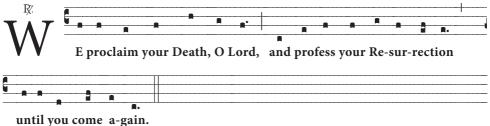
The Preface



## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

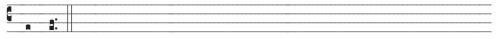




When the Celebrant sings

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.

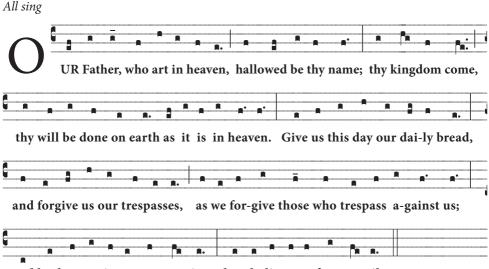
#### All respond



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 the AGNUS DEI I

from Missa O Sacrum Convivium

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 Communion the Choir sings the Agnus Dei II

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

John 6:57

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.

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The Choir sings the COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Qui manducat carnem meam, et bibit sanquinem meum, in me manet, et ego in eo, dicit Dominus.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

#### THE HYMN



O Food of life, thou who dost give The pledge of immortality; I live; no 'tis not I that live; God gives me life, God lives in me:

He feeds my soul, he guides my ways, And every grief with joy repays.

O Bond of love, that dost unite The servant to his living Lord; Could I dare live, and not requite Such love-then death were meet reward: I cannot live unless to prove Some love for such unmeasured love.

Belovèd Lord in heav'n above, There, Jesus, thou awaitest me; To gaze on thee with changeless love; Yes, thus, I hope thus shall it be: For how can he deny me heav'n Who here on earth himself hath giv'n?

Tynemouth Henri Friedrich Hémy (1818–1888) St Alphonsus Liguori (1696–1787) tr. Edmund Vaughan (1827–1908) The Archbishop says the PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

RX Amen.

# THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

#### R? And with your spirit.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

#### $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ Now and for ever.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**IX**: 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.

#### Procession of the Blessed Sacrament...

Please gather at Martin Place from 1pm for the Annual **Walk with Christ Festival**. Procession of the Blessed Sacrament departs from Martin Place at 2.30pm and concludes with Benediction at St Mary's Cathedral forecourt. All are welcome.

Organ Voluntary

Marche épiscopale (Trois Improvisations)

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

## LATER TODAY IN THE CATHEDRAL

Solemn Vespers and Benediction

sung by the Lay Clerks of St Mary's Cathedral Choir 5.00pm

# DO YOU KNOW A BOY WHO LOVES TO SING?

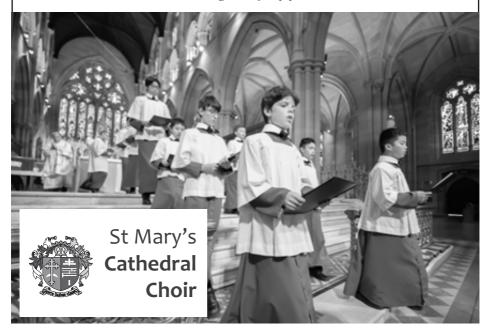
A unique opportunity for boys with musical potential to join one of Australia's finest Choirs.

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