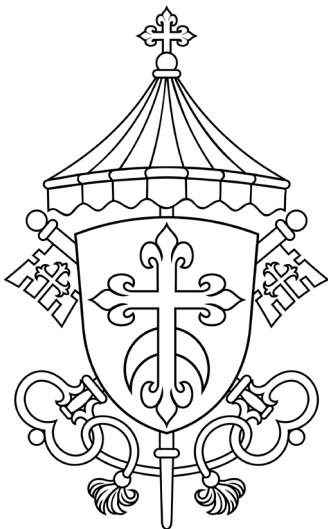


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Solemn Mass

The Transfiguration
of the Lord

6 August 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

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| 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.**

ORDER OF MASS

At the sound of the Sacristy bell all stand and sing

THE HYMN

How shall I sing that ma - jes - ty Which an - gels do__ ad - mire?
Let dust in dust and si - lence lie; Sing, sing, ye heav'n - ly choir.
Thou - sands of thou - sands stand a - round Thy throne, O God most high;__
Ten thou - sand times ten thou - sand sound Thy praise; but who am I?

**Thy brightness unto them appears,
Whilst I thy footsteps trace;
A sound of God comes to my ears,
But they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
For where heaven is but once begun
There alleluias be.**

**How great a being, Lord, is thine,
Which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
To sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
A sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore,
Thy place is everywhere.**

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The Choir sings the INTROIT

cf. Psalm 26:8-9; 1

TIBI dixit cor meum, quæsi vultum tuum, vultum tuum Domine requiram: ne avertas faciem tuam a me. *℣.* Dominus illuminatio mea, et salus mea: quem timebo?

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me. ℣. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

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.**

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.

℟: **Amen.**

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.**

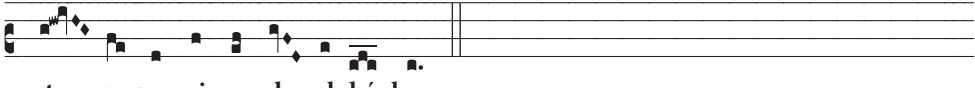
WE humbly ask you, almighty God: be pleased in your faithful love to bless this salt you have created, for it was you who commanded the prophet Elisha to cast salt into water, that impure water might be purified. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, wherever this mixture of salt and water is sprinkled, every 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.**

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.



The Choir sings the verse

Psalm 50:1

Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam. ℟

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

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 Choir sings the GLORIA

from Missa Princeps Pacis

William Lloyd Webber (1914–1982)

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 Celebrant says the COLLECT

℟: **Amen.**

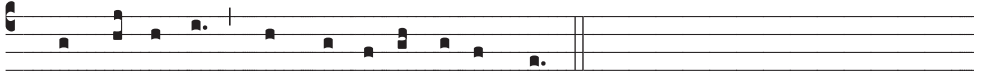
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 96:1-2,5-6,9 ℣. vv. 1.9



℣. **The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.**

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;
his throne, justice and right. ℣

The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory ℣

For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth,
exalted far above all spirits ℣

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-19

The Choir sings the ALLELUIA

℣. Wisdom 7:26

Alleluia.

CANDOR est lucis aeternae, speculum sine macula, et imago bonitatis illius.

He is a reflection of the eternal light, untarnished mirror of God's active power, image of his goodness.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

The Lord be with you.

℣: **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to .

℣: **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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Choir sings the OFFERTORY MOTET

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

LET all the world in every corner sing, My God and King! The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly: the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing, My God, and King! The Church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; but above all, the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King!

The Celebrant says

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

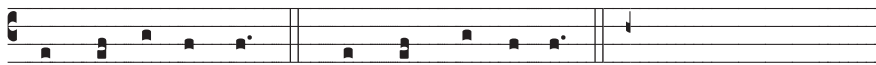
℟: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Celebrant says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS


℟: **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

T HE 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.**

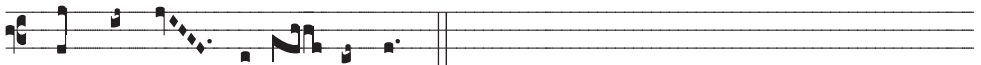


THE PREFACE

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


 Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et ter- ra gló- ri- a tu- a. Ho- sán- na in
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in

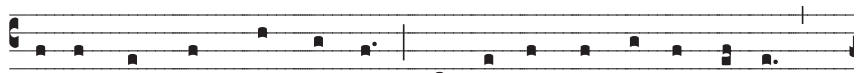


 ex- cël- sis. Be- ne- díc- tus qui ve- nit in nó- mi- ne Dó- mi- ni.
the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.


 Ho- sán- na in ex- cël- sis.
Hosanna in the highest.

When the Celebrant sings

The mystery of faith.

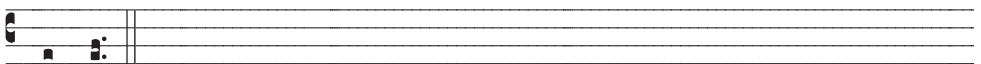
All sing

W 
 E proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Re-sur-rectio-

 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.

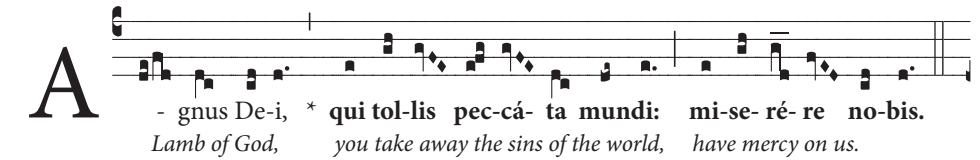
For the kingdom, the power and the glo-ry are yours now and for ev-er.

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.

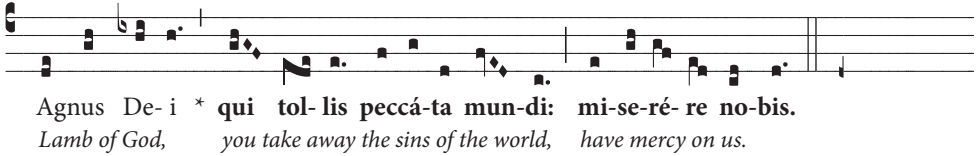
For Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

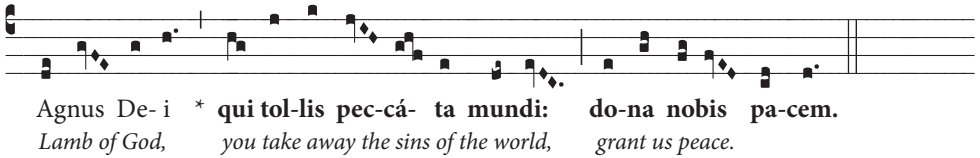
For And with your spirit.



A - gnus De-i, * qui tol-lis pec-cá- ta mundi: mi-se-ré- re no-bis.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.



Agnus De-i * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré- re no-bis.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.



Agnus De-i * qui tol-lis pec-cá- ta mundi: do-na nobis pa-cem.
 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 AGNUS DEI

from Missa Princeps Pacis

William Lloyd Webber

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

Matthew 17:9

VISIONEM quam vidistis, nemini dixeritis, donec a mortuis resurgat Filius hominis.

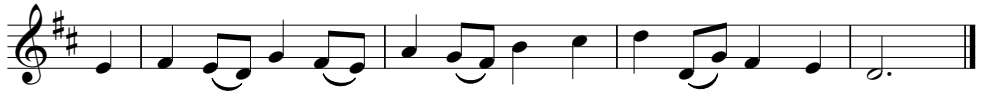
Tell no one about the vision you have seen, until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.

All sing

THE HYMN



'Tis good, Lord, to_ be_ here! Thy glo - ry_ fills the_ night;



Thy face and_ gar - ments, like the_ sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past,
Promise of things to be,
We hail thy Body glorified,
And our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,
We see thy kingdom come;
We fain would hold the vision bright,
And make this hill our home.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since thou bidst us leave the mount
Come with us to the plain.

Carlisle
Charles Lockhart (1745–1815)

J Armitage Robinson (1858–1933)

The Celebrant says the PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

℟: **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

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

℟: **Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

℟: **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Ich hatte viel Bekümmernis (BWV 21xi)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
(arr. Liszt)

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