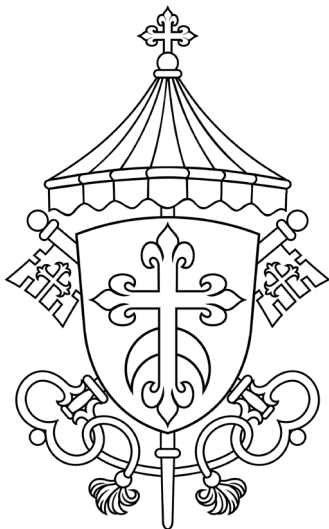


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Solemn Mass with Confirmations

Thirtieth Sunday
of the Year

29 October 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 <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>

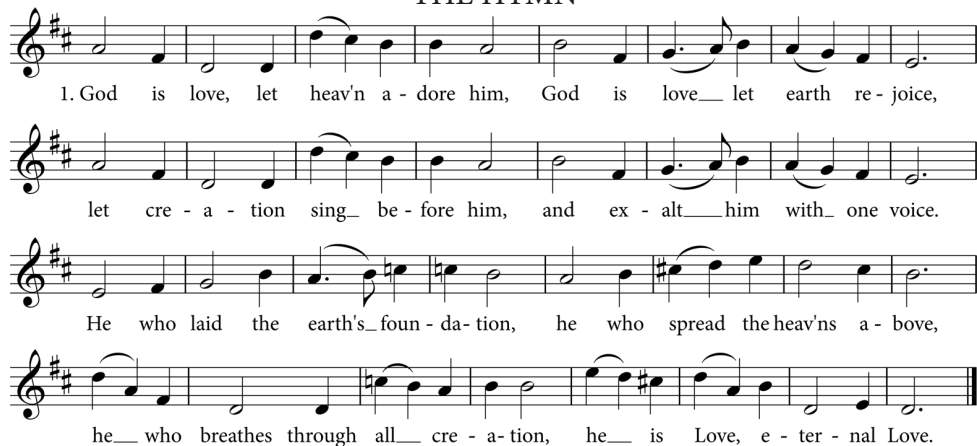
Download the weekly Music List at <http://musiclists.cathedralchoir.sydney>

**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



1. God is love, let heav'n a - dore him, God is love—let earth re - joice,
let cre - a - tion sing—be - fore him, and ex - alt—him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foun - da - tion, he who spread the heav'n's a - bove,
he—who breathes through all cre - a - tion, he—is Love, e - ter - nal Love.

**2. 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.**

**3. 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.**

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The Choir sings the INTROIT

Psalm 104:3-4; 1

LÆTETUR cor quærentium Dominum. Quærite Dominum et confirmamini, quærite faciem eius semper. ☩. Confitemini Domino, et invocate nomen eius: annuntiate inter gentes opera eius.

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. ☩. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name: make known his deeds among the peoples.

All make the Sign of the Cross as the Bishop 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 Bishop 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 Brevis

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 Bishop says the COLLECT

℟: **Amen.**

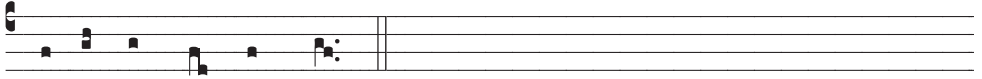
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 22:20-26

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 17:2-4,47,51 ℟: v.2



℟: **I love you, Lord, my strength.**

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes. ℟

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. ℟

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

The Choir sings the ALLELUIA

℣. Psalm 147:1

Alleluia.

℣. *Lauda, Ierusalem, Dominum: lauda Deum tuum Sion.*

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem; Sion, praise your God.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40

The Lord be with you.

℣. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

℣. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord.

℣. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

HOMILY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

After the Homily all stand and renew their Baptismal promises.

Do you renounce Satan,
and all his works and empty promises?

℟: **I do.**

Do you believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?

℟: **I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered death and was buried,
rose again from the dead
and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

℟: **I do.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation
is given to you in a special way
just as he was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost?

℟: **I do.**

Do you believe in the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting?

℟: **I do.**

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church.
We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

℟: **Amen.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS

The Bishop says

DEARLY beloved, let us pray to God the almighty Father, for these, his adopted Sons and daughters, already born again to eternal life in Baptism, that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them to confirm them with his abundant gifts, and through his anointing conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.

The Bishop extends his hands over those to be confirmed, saying

ALMIGHTY God, Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought these your servants to new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, freeing them from sin: send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety; fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord. Through Christ our Lord.

℟: **Amen.**

ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

All sit

The sponsor who presents the person to be confirmed places his/her right hand on his/her shoulder and says the Confirmation name of the one to be confirmed to the Bishop.

The Bishop anoints each candidate with Chrism and, making the Sign of the Cross on their forehead, says

N., be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The newly confirmed replies

℟: Amen.

Peace be with you.

℟: And with your spirit.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Choir sings the OFFERTORY MOTET

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

EXSULTATE Deo, adiutori nostro: iubilate Deo Jacob: sumite psalmum et date tympanum, psalterium iucundum cum cithara. Buccinate in neomenia tuba insigni die solemnitatis vestrae.

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob! Raise a song, sound the timbrel, the sweet lyre with the harp. Blow the trumpet at the new moon, on this your great feast-day.

The Bishop says

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

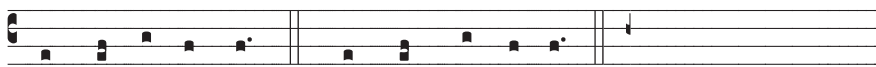
℟: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**


The Bishop says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

℟: **Amen.**


THE PREFACE


THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

T HE Lord be with you. ℟: **And with your spi-rit.**

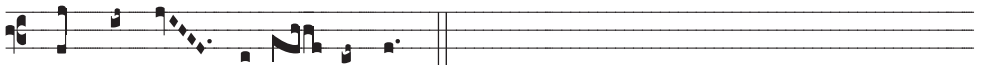
 Lift up your hearts. ℟: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ℟: **It is right and just.**

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

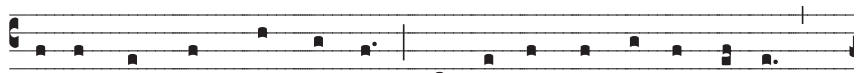

 ex-cél-sis. Be-ne-díc-tus qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni.
the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

When the Bishop sings

The mystery of faith.

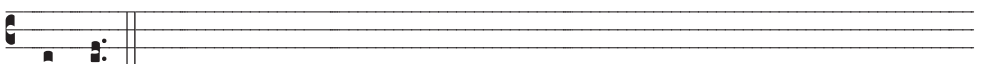
All sing

W  E proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Re-sur-recti-
 on
 until you come a-gain.

When the Bishop 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.

Ⲙ 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.

Ⲙ Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Ⲙ And with your spirit.

The Choir sings the 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.

℟: 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 II

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.

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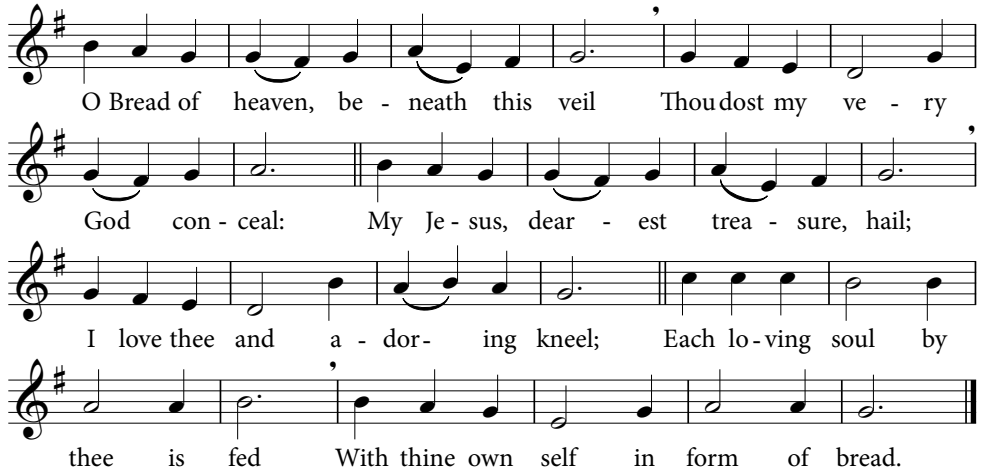
The Choir sings the COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Psalm 19:6

LÆtabimur in salutari tuo: et in nomine Domini Dei nostri magnificabimur.
We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

All sing

THE HYMN



O Bread of heaven, be - neath this veil Thou dost my ve - ry,
God con - ceal: My Je - sus, dear - est trea - sure, hail;
I love thee and a - dor - ing kneel; Each lo - ving soul by
thee is fed With thine own self in form of bread.

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 Bishop says the PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

℟: **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

Bow down for the blessing.

May God the Father almighty bless you, whom he has made his adopted sons and daughters reborn from water and the Holy Spirit, and may he keep you worthy of his fatherly love.

℟: **Amen.**

May his Only Begotten Son, who promised that the Spirit of truth would abide in his Church, bless you and confirm you by his power in the confession of the true faith.

℟: **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who kindles the fire of charity in the hearts of disciples, bless you and lead you blameless and gathered as one into the joy of the Kingdom of God.

℟: **Amen.**

And may almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

℟: **Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

℟: **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude in E Flat (BWV 552i)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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