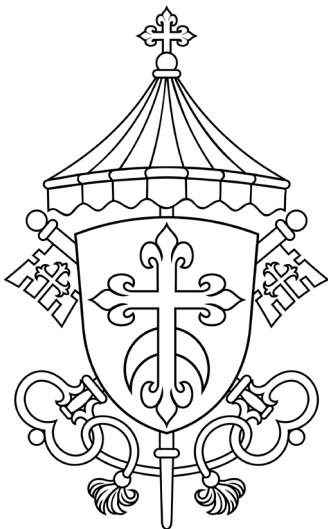


# ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



## Solemn Mass

Third Sunday  
of Lent

3 March 2024  
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 | <b>Solemn Mass</b> <i>Full Choir</i>                      |
|           | 1700 | <b>Solemn Vespers and Benediction</b> <i>Men's voices</i> |
| Monday    | 1700 | <b>Vespers</b> <i>Men's voices</i>                        |
|           | 1730 | <b>Mass</b> <i>Full Choir</i>                             |
| Tuesday   | 1700 | <b>Vespers</b> <i>Cantor</i>                              |
|           | 1730 | <b>Mass</b> <i>Boys' voices</i>                           |
| Wednesday | 1700 | <b>Vespers</b> <i>Cathedral Scholars</i>                  |
|           | 1730 | <b>Mass</b> <i>Cathedral Scholars</i>                     |
| Thursday  | 1700 | <b>Vespers</b> <i>Men's voices</i>                        |
|           | 1730 | <b>Mass</b> <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.**

## ELECTRONIC COLLECTION PLATES

The option to make an offering via credit card is available at this Mass.



*Please note you can continue to donate with cash or pass the plate on.*



No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.

# ORDER OF MASS

*At the sound of the Sacristy bell all stand and sing*

## THE HYMN

Lord Je - sus, think on me, And purge a - way my sin;  
From earth-born pas-sions set me free, And make me pure with - in.

**Lord Jesus, think on me,  
With care and woe opprest;  
Let me thy loving servant be,  
And taste thy promised rest.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,  
Amid the battle's strife;  
In all my pain and misery  
Be thou my health and life.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,  
Nor let me go astray;  
Through darkness and perplexity  
Point thou the heavenly way.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,  
When flows the tempest high:  
When on doth rush the enemy,  
O Saviour, be thou nigh.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,  
That, when the flood is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see,  
And share thy joy at last.**

# THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*The Choir sings the INTROIT*

*cf. Psalm 24:15-16; 1-2*

**O**CULI mei semper ad Dominum, quia ipse evellet de laqueo pedes meos: respice in me, et miserere mei, quoniam unicus et pauper sum ego. *℣.* Ad te Domine levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubescam.

*My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor. ℣. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. I trust you, let me not be disappointed.*

*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*

*from Missa Brevis*

*Andrea Gabrieli (c.1510–1585)*

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

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

*The Archbishop says the COLLECT*

Let us pray.

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

℟: **Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

*Exodus 20:1-17*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 18:8-11* ℟ *John 6:68*



℟ **You, O Lord, have the message of e-ternal life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. ℟

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. ℟

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. ℟

They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb. ℟

SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 1:22-25*

**A**D te levavi oculos meos, qui habitas in cælis. Ecce sicut oculi servorum in manibus dominorum suorum: Et sicut oculi ancillæ in manibus dominæ suæ: Ita oculi nostri ad Dominum Deum nostrum, donec misereatur nostri. Miserere nobis Domine, miserere nobis.

*To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of her mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he show us his mercy. Have mercy on us Lord, have mercy.*

GOSPEL

John 2:13-25

The Lord be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

℟: **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*

*Thomas Tallis (1505–1585)*

**S**USCIPE, quaeso Domine, vocem confitentis: scelera mea non defendo: peccavi,  
Deus miserere mei. Peccavi, peccavi: dele culpas meas gratia tua.

*Hear my voice as I cry to you, O Lord: I make no excuse for my offences. I have sinned.  
O God, have mercy on me. I have sinned, I have sinned: by your grace blot out my guilt.*

*The Archbishop says*

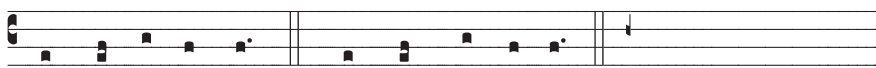
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

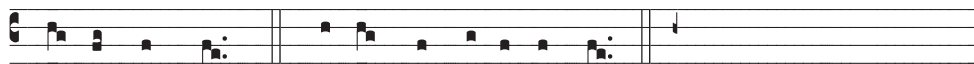
℟: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

*The Archbishop says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS*

℟: **Amen.**

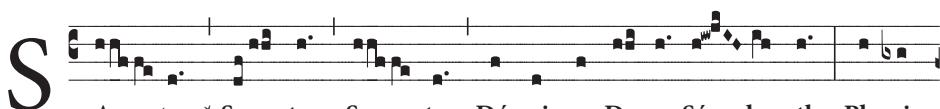
## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

**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



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



sunt cæ- li et ter- ra gló-ri- a tu- a. Ho- sán-na in ex-cél-sis. Be-ne-díc-  
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed



tus qui ve-nit in nó-mine Dómi-ni. Ho- sán-na in excél- sis.  
 is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

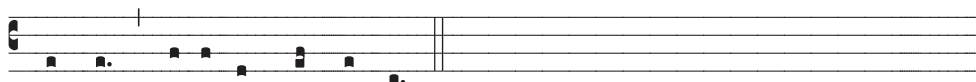
*When the Archbishop sings*

The mystery of faith.

*All sing*



W<sup>℞</sup> HEN we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death,

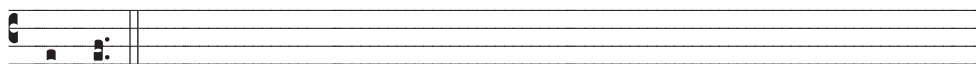


O Lord, until you come a-gain.

*When the Archbishop 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.

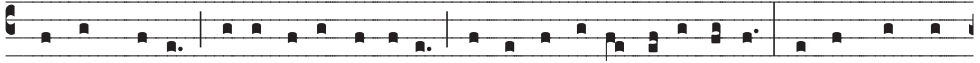
# COMMUNION RITE

All sing

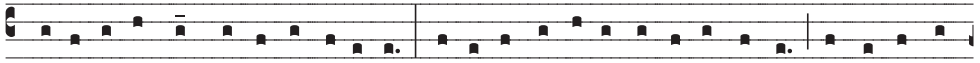
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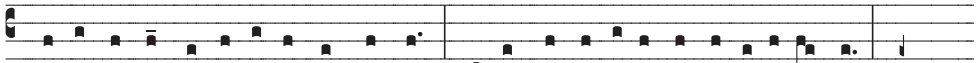
**A-ter noster, qui es in cælis: sancti-fi-cé-tur nomen tu-um; ad-vé-ni-at**  
*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy*



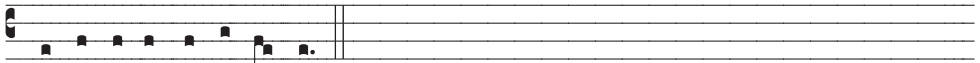
**regnum tuum; fi-at volúntas tu-a, si-cut in cæ-lo, et in terra. Panem nostrum**  
*kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day*



**co-ti-di- á-num da nobis hódi- e; et dimít-te nobis dé-bi-ta nostra, si-cut et nos**  
*our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we*



**dimít-timus de-bi-tó-ri-bus nostris; et ne nos indúcas in tenta-ti- ó-nem;**  
*forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,*



**sed lí-be-ra nos a ma-lo.**  
*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 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.

℟: **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

*The Choir sings the* AGNUS DEI

*from* Missa Brevis

*Andrea Gabrieli*

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.**

***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* COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Psalm 83:4-5*

**P**ASSER invenit sibi domum, et turtur nidum, ubi reponat pullos suos: altaria tua Domine virtutum, Rex meus, et Deus meus: beati qui habitant in domo tua, in sæculum sæculi laudabunt te.

*The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.*

*The Choir sings the* COMMUNION MOTET

*Thomas Tallis*

**S**I enim iniquitates recordaberis, quis sustineat? Quis enim iustus qui se dicere audeat sine peccato esse? Nullus est enim mundus in conspectu tuo.

*If you should mark our guilt, who would survive? For what just man dare say of himself that he has no sin? For in your sight none is without sin.*

All sing

## THE HYMN



There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy Like the wide-ness of the sea;



There's a kind-ness in his jus-tice Which is more than li - ber - ty.

**There is no place where earth's sorrows  
Are more felt than up in heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings  
Have such kindly judgement given.**

**For the love of God is broader  
Than the measure of man's mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.**

**There is welcome for the sinner,  
And more graces for the good;  
There is mercy with the Saviour;  
There is healing in his Blood.**

**There is plentiful redemption  
In the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all the members  
In the sorrows of the Head.**

**If our love were but more simple,  
We should take him at his word;  
And our lives would be all gladness  
In the joy of Christ our Lord.**

*All for Jesus*  
*Sir John Stainer (1840–1901)*

*Rev. Fr Frederick William Faber (1814–1863)*

*The Archbishop says the PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION*

℟: **Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

Bow down for the blessing.

**D**IRECT, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful, and in your kindness grant your servants this grace: that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbour, they may fulfil the whole of your commands. Through Christ our Lord.

℟: **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.**

*Liturgical law requires that solo organ music is not played during Lenten services.  
The Choir and sacred ministers return to the Sacristy in silence.*

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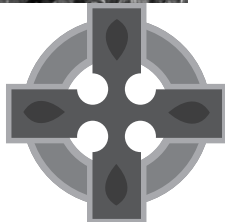


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