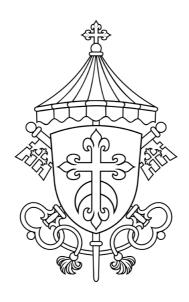
# ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



# Mass of the Lord's Supper

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** 

28 March 2024 6.30pm

## 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.

#### THE LITURGY

The night before his Death, Our Lord instituted the Eucharist, the means of perpetuating his Sacrifice for the salvation of the world, and of fulfilling his promise to remain with us to the end of the world. In memory of the Lord's Supper the Mass this evening is celebrated with great joy; the Priests wear white, and during the Gloria the bells are rung.

After Mass, we walk with Jesus as he begins his Passion, moving in procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose. There we may visit him this night as he prays in the Garden of Gethsemane, mindful of his pleading 'Could you not watch with me one brief hour?' At the same time, the altar is stripped and laid bare, in commemoration of Jesus' treatment at the hands of the soldiers.

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

Organ music before Mass:

Le Banquet Céleste

In

Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)

all\_\_\_ his ways.

At the sound of the Sacristy bell all stand and sing

#### THE HYMN



Most sure\_ in

O wisest love! that flesh and blood, Which did in Adam fail Should strive afresh against the foe, Should strive and should prevail.

\_ his words most won-der-ful,

And that a higher gift than grace Should flesh and blood refine, God's presence and his very self, And Essence all-divine.

And in the garden secretly,
And on the Cross on high,
Should teach his brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height, And in the depth be praise; In all his words most wonderful, Most sure in all his ways.

Richmond Melody by Thomas Haweis (1734–1820) Harmony by Samuel Webbe the younger (c1770–1843) Saint John Henry Newman (1801–1890)

# THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The Choir sings the Introit

cf. Galatians 6:14; V. Psalm 66:2

NOS autem gloriari oportet in cruce Domini nostri Iesu Christi, in quo est salus, vita et resurrectio nostra, per quem salvati et liberati sumus. 

© Deus misereatur nostri, et benedicat nobis: illuminet vultum suum super nos, et misereatur nostri.

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered. V. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.

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.

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

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

#### The Archbishop intones

Gloria in excelsis Deo. *Glory to God in the highest.* 

Bells are rung and the organ sounds. These then remain silent until the Gloria is sung once more at the Easter Vigil in celebration of Christ's Resurrection.

#### The Choir continues

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.

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, Iesus Christ. with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

GOD, who have called us to participate in this most sacred Supper, in which your Only Begotten Son, when about to hand himself over to death, entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity, the banquet of his love, grant, we pray, that we may draw from so great a mystery, the fullness of charity and of life. 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.

R. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Exodus 12:1-8,11-14

The Passover is a day of festival for all generations, for ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 115:12-13,15-18 R. cf. 1 Corinthians 10:16



The cup that we bless is a com-mu-nion with the blood of\_Christ. R.

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me? The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. R.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. R.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make; I will call on the Lord's name. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people.

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

All stand.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 13:34



R: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL John 13:1-15

Now he showed how perfect his love was.

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.

All sit.

## THE HOMILY

is given by
The Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP
Archbishop of Sydney

Following the Homily all remain seated.

#### THE WASHING OF FEET

Following the example of Christ who washed the feet of his Disciples, the Archbishop washes the feet of the faithful.

The Choir sings

POSTQUAM surrexit Dominus a cena, misit aquam in pelvim, cœpit lavare pedes discipulorum: hoc exemplum reliquit eis. Dominus Iesus, postquam cenavit cum discipulis suis, lavit pedes eorum, et ait illis: Scitis quid fecerim vobis ego, Dominus et Magister? Exemplum dedi vobis, ut et vos ita faciatis. Domine, tu mihi lavas pedes? Respondit Iesus et dixit ei: Si non lavero tibi pedes, non habebis partem mecum. Venit ergo ad Simonem Petrum, et dixit ei Petrus: Domine, tu mihi lavas pedes? Respondit Iesus et dixit ei: Si non lavero tibi pedes, non habebis partem mecum. Quod ego facio, tu nescis modo: scies autem postea. Domine, tu mihi lavas pedes? Respondit Iesus et dixit ei: Si non lavero tibi pedes, non habebis partem mecum. Mandatum novum do vobis, ut diligatis invicem, sicut dilexi vos, dicit Dominus.

After the Lord had risen from supper, he poured water into a basin and began to wash the feet of his disciples: he left them this example. The Lord Jesus, after eating supper with his disciples, washed their feet and said to them: Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done for you? I have given you an example, that you should do likewise. Lord, are you to wash my feet? Jesus said to him in answer: If I do not wash your feet, you will have no share with me. So he came to Simon Peter and Peter said to him: Lord, are you to wash my feet? Jesus said to him in answer: If I do not wash your feet, you will have no share with me. What I am doing, you do not know for now, but later you will come to know. Lord, are you to wash my feet? Jesus said to him in answer: If I do not wash your feet, you will have no share with me. I give you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you, says the Lord.

Martin Baker (b. 1967)

Cf. John 13

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

A collection is taken up in support of the poor.

All sing the antiphon after it has been sung by the Choir, and after the verses.



Where true charity is dwelling, God is present there.

V. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus et in ipso iucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. R.

By the love of Christ we have been brought together: let us find in him our gladness and our pleasure; may we love him and revere him, God the living, and in love respect each other with sincere hearts.

So when we as one are gathered all together, let us strive to keep our minds free of division; may there be an end to malice, strife and quarrels, and let Christ our God be dwelling here among us.

W. Simul quoque cum beatis videamus Glorianter vultum tuum, Christe Deus: Gaudium, quod est immensum atque probum, Sæcula per infinita sæculorum.

May your face thus be our vision, bright in glory, Christ our God, with all the blessed Saints in heaven: such delight is pure and faultless, joy unbounded, which endures through countless ages world without end.

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

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

GRANT us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

#### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



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

The Archbishop sings

### THE PREFACE

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For he is the true and eternal Priest, who instituted the pattern of an everlasting sacrifice, and was the first to offer himself as the saving Victim, commanding us to make this offering as his memorial. As we eat his flesh that was sacrificed for us, we are made strong, and, as we drink his Blood that was poured out for us, we are washed clean. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:



in the name of the Land

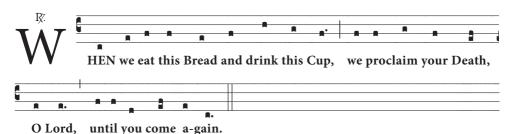
in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

When the Archbishop sings

The mystery of faith.

All sing



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

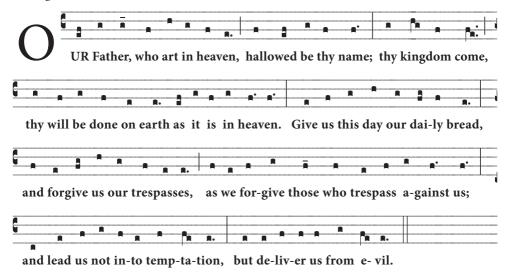


R. A-men.

## **COMMUNION RITE**

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

All sing



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.



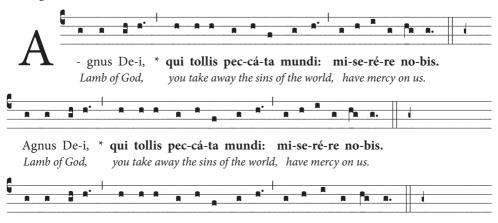
Ry For the kingdom, the power and the glo-ry are yours now and for ev-er.

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.

#### R. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R: And with your spirit.



Agnus De-i, \* **qui tollis pec-cá-ta mundi: do-na no-bis pa-cem.**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.

**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 procession to receive Holy Communion.

The Sacred Host must be consumed in the presence of the Minister.

Non-Catholics are invited to remain seated in prayerful silence.

During Holy Communion the Choir sings the Agnus Dei

from Mass in G Minor

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

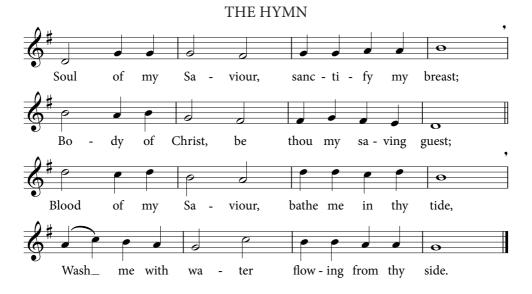
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Choir sings the Communion Antiphon

1 Corinthians 11:24-25

HOC corpus, quod pro vobis tradetur: hic calix novi testamenti est in meo sanguine, dicit Dominus: hoc facite, quotiescumque sumitis, in meam commemorationem.

This is the Body that will be given up for you; this is the Chalice of the new covenant in my Blood, says the Lord; do this, whenever you receive it, in memory of me.



Strength and protection may thy Passion be; O blessèd Jesus, hear and answer me; Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me; So shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign; In death's dread moments make me only thine; Call me, and bid me come to thee on high, When I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

Anima Christi William Maher (1823–1877) Latin, 14th century tr. Anonymous

All stand.

The Archbishop says

# THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GRANT, almighty God, that, just as we are renewed by the Supper of your Son in this present age, so we may enjoy his banquet for all eternity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

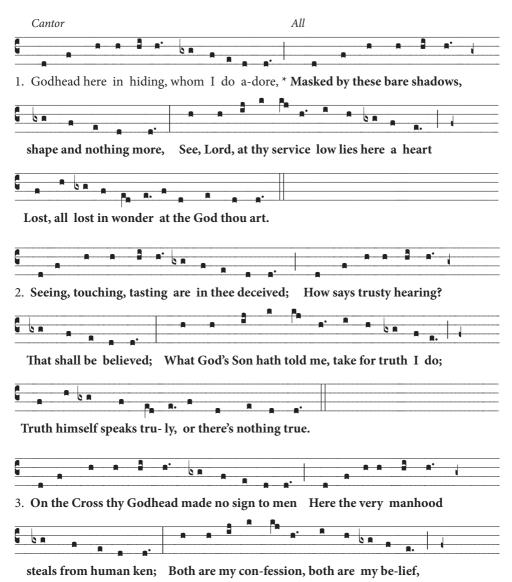
All kneel.

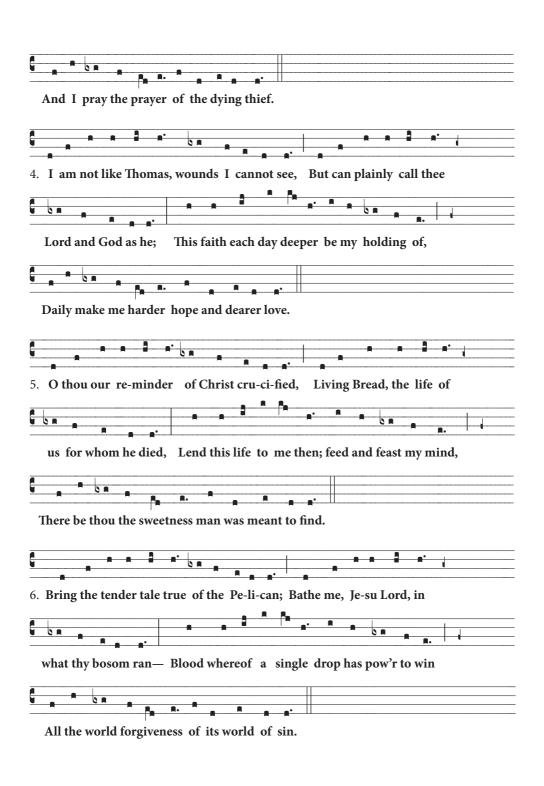
## THE TRANSFER OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Most Blessed Sacrament is carried in Solemn Procession to the Altar of Repose in the Crypt. All join the Procession, following the Clergy and Choir.

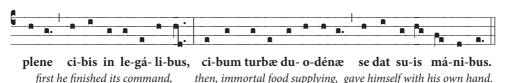
During the Procession all sing

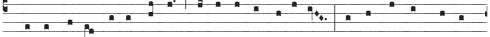
#### THE HYMNS





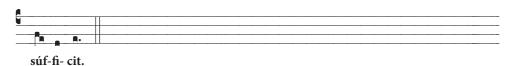






4. Verbum ca- ro panem ve-rum verbo carnem éf- fi- cit, fit-que sanguis Christi Word made flesh, by word he maketh very bread his Flesh to be; man in wine Christ's blood partaketh;





*All kneel at the Altar of Repose.* 

The Choir sings

Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur cernui: Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui: Præstet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque Laus, et iubilatio, Salus, honor, virtus quoque Sit et benedictio: Procedenti ab utroque Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Therefore we, before him bending, this great Sacrament revere; types and shadows have their ending, for the newer rite is here; faith, our outward sense befriending, makes the inward vision clear.

Glory let us give, and blessing to the Father, and the Son; honour, might, and praise addressing, while eternal ages run; ever too his love confessing, who, from both, with both is one.

*The Blessed Sacrament is placed in the tabernacle of reposition.* 

The Archbishop, ministers and the Choir leave the Crypt in silence.

All remain kneeling in silent adoration for a time.

Heeding the plea of Our Lord to 'watch here and keep awake' the Crypt will remain open until Midnight for those who wish to watch and pray in silence at the Altar of Repose.

The Office of Compline will be sung at 9.00pm.

The faithful are encouraged to participate in the Holy Thursday visitation of the Seven Churches.

## HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

## Good Friday — 29 March

10.00am Stations of the Cross \*

3.00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord  $\,^*$ 

#### Holy Saturday — 30 March

10.00am Tenebræ The Office of Readings \*

7.30pm Easter Vigil \*

## Easter Sunday — 31 March

7.00am Mass

9.00am Mass 10.30am Solemn Mass \*

5.00pm Solemn Vespers and Benediction \*

6.00pm Mass

Services marked \* are sung by the Cathedral Choir

#### RECONCILIATION

## Good Friday — 29 March

After the 10.00am Stations of the Cross After the 3.00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

# Holy Saturday — 30 March

11.30am — 12.30pm 4.30pm — 5.30pm