

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Solemn Mass

The Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ

with First Holy Communion

22 June 2025
10.30am

ELECTRONIC COLLECTION PLATES

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



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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>Lay Clerks</i>
Monday	1700	Vespers <i>Lay Clerks</i>
	1730	Mass <i>Boy Choristers & Lay Clerks</i>
Tuesday	1700	Vespers <i>Cathedral Scholars</i>
	1730	Mass <i>Boy & Girl Choristers</i>
Wednesday	1700	Vespers <i>Cathedral Scholars</i>
	1730	Mass <i>Girl Choristers & Lay Clerks</i>
Thursday	1700	Vespers <i>Lay Clerks</i>
	1730	Mass <i>Lay Clerks</i>

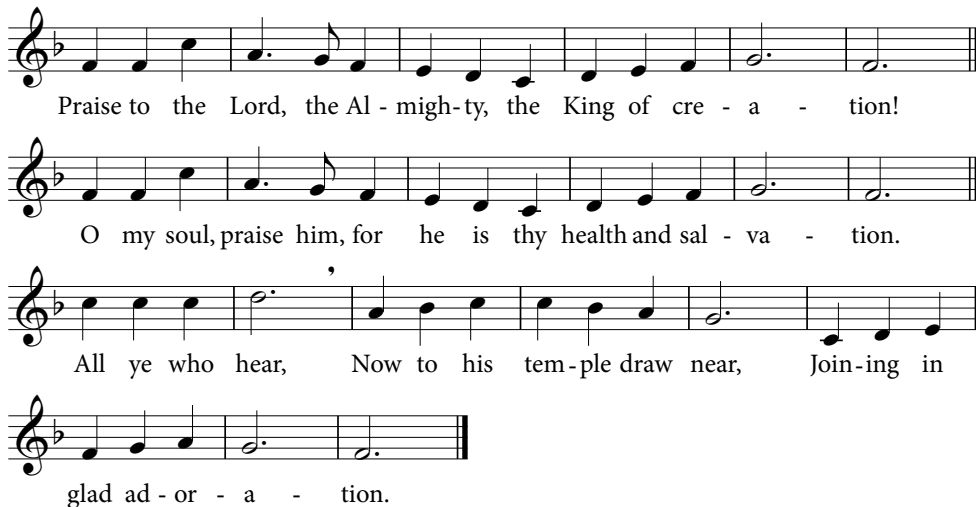
Download the weekly Music List at <http://musiclists.cathedralchoir.sydney>

**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



Praise to the Lord, the Al - migh - ty, the King of cre - a - tion!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion.

All ye who hear, Now to his tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in

glad ad - or - a - tion.

**Praise to the Lord, let us offer our gifts at his altar;
Let not our sins and transgressions now cause us to falter.
Christ, the High Priest,
Bids us all join in his feast,
Victims with him on the altar.**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
Sound from his people again,
Gladly for aye we adore him.**

*Lobe den Herren
Stralsund Gesangbuch (1665)*

*Lobe den Herren
Joachim Neander (1650–1680)
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878)*

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. ƿ. 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. ƿ. 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.

℟: **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 and GLORIA

from Mass for Double Choir

Frank Martin (1890–1974)

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

℟: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 14:18-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 109:1-4 *R.* v.4



R. You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

The Lord's revelation to my Master:
'Sit on my right:
your foes I will put beneath your feet.' *R.*

A prince from the day of your birth on the
holy mountains; from the womb before the
dawn I begot you. *R.*

The Lord will wield from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes. *R.*

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not
change. 'You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.' *R.*

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The Choir sings the SEQUENCE

Ecce panis Angelórum,
Factus cibus viatórum:
Vere panis filiórum,
Non mittendus cánibus.

*Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:*

In figúris præsignátur,
Cum Isaac immolátur:
Agnus paschæ deputátur
Datur manna pátribus.

*Oft in the olden types foreshowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.*

Bone pastor, panis vere,
Iesu, nostri miserére:
Tu nos pasce, nos tuére:
Tu nos bona fac vidére
In terra vivéntium.

*Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;*

Tu, qui cuncta scis et vales:
Qui nos pascis hic mortales:
Tuos ibi commensáles,
Cohærédes et sodales,
Fac sanctórum civium.

*O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.*

The Choir sings the ALLELUIA

℣ *John 6:56-57*

Alleluia.

℣ 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

Luke 9:11-17

The Lord be with you.

℣ **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

℣ **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

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

LAUDA Sion Salvatorem, lauda ducem et pastorem, in hymnis et canticis.
Quantum potes, tantum aude: quia maior omni laude, nec laudare sufficis.

*Sion, praise thy Saviour; give praises to thy Guide and Pastor in hymns and songs.
Praise him as strongly and boldly as you can since he is greater than all praise which
can never be sufficient.*

The Archbishop says

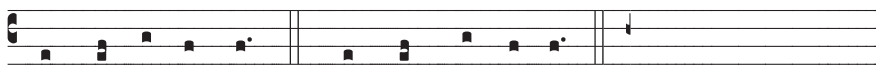
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable
to God, the almighty Father.


℟: **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.**

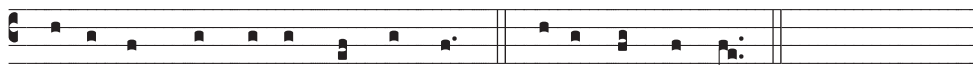
The Archbishop says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

℟: **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

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

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

sis. Be- ne- dí- ctus qui ve- nit in nó- mi- ne Dó- mi- ni. Ho- sán- na in
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in

ex- cél- sis.
 the highest.

When the Archbishop sings

The mystery of faith.

All sing

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

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

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.

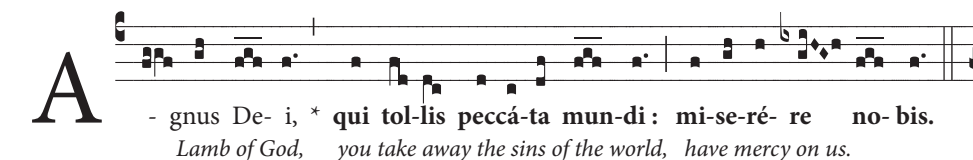
℟: For the kingdom, the power and the glo-ry are yours now and for ev-er.

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 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 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

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.

The Choir sings the COMMUNION MOTET

César Franck (1822–1890)

PANIS angelicus, fit panis hominum. Dat panis cælicus figuris terminum: O res mirabilis, manducat Dominum pauper, servus et humilis.

Heavenly bread that becomes the bread for all mankind; bread from the angelic host that is the end of all imaginings; Oh, miraculous thing! This body of God will nourish even the poorest, the most humble of servants.

All sing

THE HYMN



O Bread of heaven, be - neath this veil Thoudost 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?

The Archbishop says the PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rx: **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Archbishop says

The Lord be with you.

Rx: **And with your spirit.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Rx: **Now and for ever.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Rx: **Who made heaven and earth.**

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.

Rx: **Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Rx: **Thanks be to God.**

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