

# ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



## Solemn Mass

The Most Holy Trinity

15 June 2025  
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>Lay Clerks</i>
Monday	1700	<b>Vespers</b> <i>Lay Clerks</i>
	1730	<b>Mass</b> <i>Boy Choristers &amp; Lay Clerks</i>
Tuesday	1700	<b>Vespers</b> <i>Cathedral Scholars</i>
	1730	<b>Mass</b> <i>Boy &amp; Girl Choristers</i>
Wednesday	1700	<b>Vespers</b> <i>Cathedral Scholars</i>
	1730	<b>Mass</b> <i>Girl Choristers &amp; Lay Clerks</i>
Thursday	1700	<b>Vespers</b> <i>Lay Clerks</i>
	1730	<b>Mass</b> <i>Lay Clerks</i>

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**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



Ho- ly, Ho- ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al- migh - ty! Ear - ly in the  
morn - ing our songs shall rise to thee: Ho- ly, Ho- ly, Ho - ly!  
Mer- ci- ful and migh - ty! God in three Per- sons, bles- sèd Tri - ni - ty.

**Holy, Holy, Holy! all the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and Seraphim falling down before thee,  
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky and sea;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!**

# THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*The Choir sings the INTROIT*

*Romans 5:5; 10, 11; Psalm 102*

**C**ARITAS Dei diffusa est in cordibus nostris, alleluia: per inhabitantem Spiritum  
eius in nobis, alleluia, alleluia. ƿ. Benedic anima mea Domino: et omnia quæ  
intra me sunt, nomini sancto eius.

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling  
within us, alleluia. ƿ. Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy  
name.*

*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.**

*The Choir sings the KYRIE and GLORIA*

*from Messe Solennelle*

*Jean Langlais (1907–1991)*

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*

**R: Amen.**

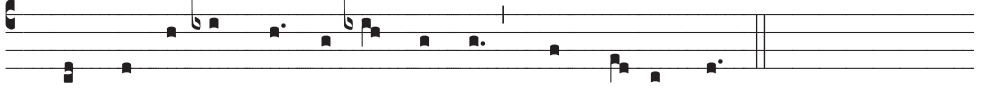
# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

*Proverbs 8:22-31*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 8:4-9* *R. v.2*



*R.* **How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth.**

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,  
the moon and the stars which you arranged,  
what is man that you should keep him in mind,  
mortal man that you care for him? *R.*

Yet you have made him little less than a god;  
with glory and honour you crowned him,  
gave him power over the works of your hand,  
put all things under his feet. *R.*

All of them, sheep and cattle,  
yes, even the savage beasts,  
birds of the air, and fish  
that make their way through the waters. *R.*

SECOND READING

*Romans 5:1-5*

*The Choir sings the ALLELUIA*

℣. *Daniel 3:52*

Alleluia.

℣. Benedictus es, Domine Deus patrum nostrorum, et laudabilis in sæcula.

*You are blessed, Lord God of our fathers. To you praise for evermore.*

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

*John 16:12-15*

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

*Sir John Stainer (1840–1901)*

**I**saw the Lord, sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the Temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

*The Celebrant says*

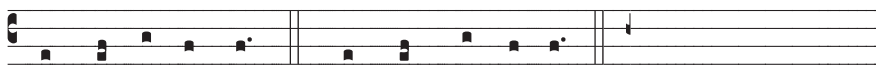
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.


℟: **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

*The Choir sings the SANCTUS*

*from Messe Solennelle*

*Jean Langlais*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

*When the Celebrant sings*

The mystery of faith.

*All sing*

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**W**

# 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.

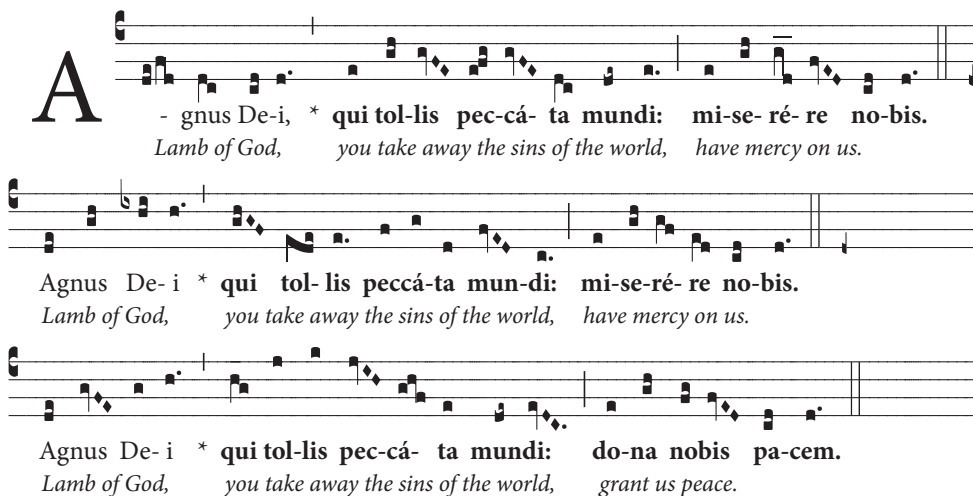
**℟:** For the kingdom, the power and the glo-ry are yours now and for ev-er.

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.



**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 COMMUNION ANTIPHON*

*Tobit 12:6*

Benedicimus Deum, cæli, et coram omnibus viventibus confitebimur ei: quia fecit nobiscum misericordiam suam.

*We bless the God of heaven; in the hearing of all mankind we sing his praises for the loving-kindness he has shown us.*

*The Choir sings the COMMUNION MOTET*

*Sir John Stainer*

**O** Trinity! O Unity! Be present as we worship Thee, and with the songs that angels sing unite the hymns of praise we bring. Amen.

*All sing*

## THE HYMN



Firm-ly I be-lieve and tru-ly God is Three, and God is One;



And I next ac-know-ledge du-ly Man-hood ta-ken by the Son.

And I trust and hope most fully  
In that Manhood crucified;  
And each thought and deed unruly  
Do to death, as he has died.

Simply to his grace and wholly  
Light and life and strength belong,  
And I love supremely, solely,  
Him the holy, him the strong.

And I hold in veneration,  
For the love of him alone,  
Holy Church as his creation,  
And her teachings as his own.

Adoration ay be given,  
With and through the angelic host,  
To the God of earth and heaven,  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Drake's Broughton*  
*Sir Edward Elgar (1857–1934)*

*from 'The Dream of Gerontius'*  
*St. John Henry Newman (1801–1890)*

*The Celebrant says the* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

R: **Amen.**

# THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

R: **And with your spirit.**

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

R: **Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R: **Thanks be to God.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude in E flat (BWV 552i)

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

## LATER TODAY IN THE CATHEDRAL

Solemn Vespers and Benediction    *sung by the Lay Clerks  
of St Mary's Cathedral Choir*

**5.00pm**



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