

# ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



## Solemn Mass

Nineteenth Sunday  
of the Year

10 August 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 was formed of men and boys, preserving the historical character of Catholic liturgical and musical heritage. However, from 2025, St Mary's began a girls' choir, and St Mary's is the only Catholic Cathedral in Australia to have an on-site Choir School where the boy and girl 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>

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



**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



O Je - sus, I have pro - mised To\_\_ serve thee to\_\_ the end;



Be thou for ev - er\_\_ near\_\_ me, My\_\_ Mas-ter and\_\_ my Friend;



I shall not fear the\_\_ bat - tle If\_\_ thou art by my side,



Nor wan-der from the\_\_ path way If\_\_ thou wilt be\_\_ my guide.

2

O let me hear thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,  
The murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou guardian of my soul.

3

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
To all who follow thee,  
That where thou art in glory  
There shall thy servant be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
To serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my Friend.

4

O let me see thy footmarks,  
And in them plant mine own;  
My hope to follow duly  
Is in thy strength alone;  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
Uphold me to the end;  
And then in heaven receive me,  
My Saviour and my Friend.

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*The Choir sings the INTROIT*

*Psalm 73:20,19, 22, 23, 1*

**R**ESPICE, Domine, in testamentum tuum, et animas pauperum tuorum ne derelinquas in finem: exsurge Domine, et iudica causam tuam: et ne obliviscaris voces quaerentium te. V. Ut quid Deus repulisti in finem: iratus est furor tuus super oves pascuae tuae?

*Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you. V. Why, O God, have you cast us off for ever? Why blaze with anger at the sheep of your pasture?*

*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 Brève*

*Yves Castagnet (1964–)*

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*

℟: **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

*Wisdom 18:6-9*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22 ℟: v.12*



℟: **Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.**

*The Choir sings the ALLELUIA*

℣ *Psalm 89:1*

Alleluia.

℣ Domine, refugium factus es nobis a generatione et progenie.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.*

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

*Luke 12:32-48*

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)*

**I** waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me: he heard my complaint. O blest are they that hope and trust in the Lord. O blest are they that hope and trust in him.

*The Celebrant says*

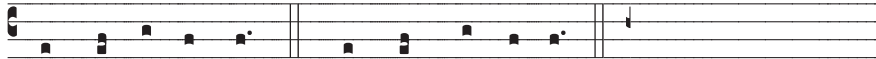
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

℟: **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*

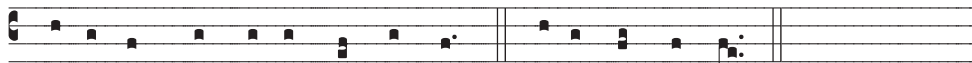
℟: **Amen.**

### 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

**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 Celebrant sings*

The mystery of faith.

*All sing*

**W**<sup>R.</sup> HEN we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death,  
 O Lord, until you come a-gain.

*When the Celebrant 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 Choir sings the* AGNUS DEI

*from* Messe Brève

*Yves Castagnet*

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* COMMUNION MOTET

*Thomas Tallis (1505–1585)*

**O**sacrum convivium in quo Christus sumitur: recolitur memoria passionis eius:  
mens impletur gratia: et futuræ gloriæ nobis pignus datur.

*O sacred banquet in which Christ is consumed; the memory of his passion is  
contemplated; the mind is filled with grace; and a pledge of future glory is given to us.*

*The Choir sings the* COMMUNION ANTIPHON

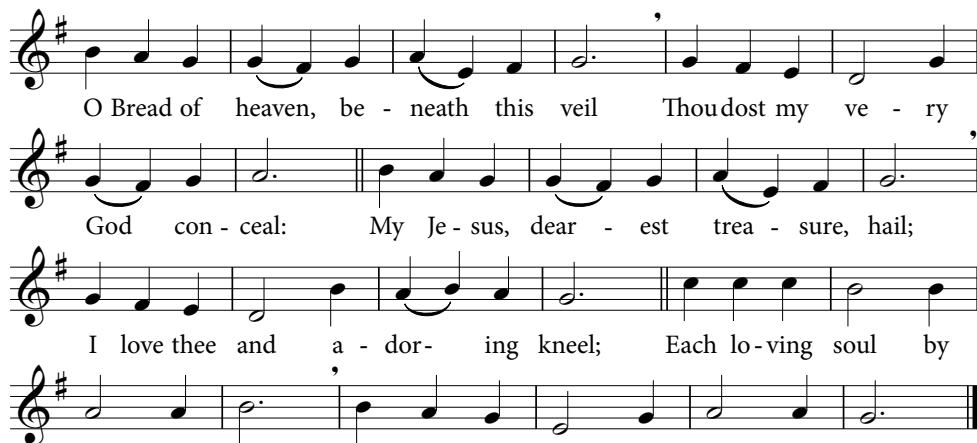
*Matthew 24: 46.47*

**B**EATUS servus, equem, cum venerit Dominus, invenerit vigilantem: amen dico  
vobis, super omnia bona sua constituet eum.

*Blessed is the servant whom the Lord, when he comes, will find to be vigilant. Truly, I  
say to you, he will establish him over all his possessions.*

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.

2

**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.**

3

**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.**

4

**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 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

Cortège Académique

*Sir Ernest MacMillan (1893–1973)*



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