

# ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



## Solemn Mass

Twenty eighth Sunday  
of the Year

12 October 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>

**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



Your hands, O Lord, in days of old were strong to heal and save;  
They triumphed over pain and death, o'er darkness and the grave.  
To you they came, the blind, the deaf, the palsied and the lame,  
The leper set apart and shunn'd, the sick and those in shame.

And then your touch brought life and health,  
Gave speech and strength and sight;  
And youth renewed and health restored  
Claimed you, the Lord of light.  
And so, O Lord, be near to bless,  
Almighty now as then,  
In ev'ry street, in ev'ry home,  
In ev'ry troubled friend.

O, be our mighty healer still,  
O Lord of life and death;  
Restore and strengthen, soothe and bless,  
With your almighty breath.  
On hands that work and eyes that see.  
Your healing wisdom pour,  
That whole and sick and weak and strong  
May praise you evermore.

*Kingsfold  
Adapted from an English folk song  
by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*

*Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821–1891)*

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*The Choir sings the INTROIT*

*Psalm 129:3-4, 1-2*

**S**I iniquitates observaveris Domine, Domine quis sustinebit? Quia apud te propitiatio est, Deus Israel. V. De profundis clamavi ad te Domine: Domine exaudi vocem meam.

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel. V. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice!*

*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 The Mean Mass*

*John Taverner (1490–1545)*

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

*2 Kings 5:14-17*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 97:1-4 R. cf. v.2*



**R. The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.**

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. R.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. R.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy. R.

SECOND READING

*2 Timothy 2:8-13*

*The Choir sings the ALLELUIA*

℣. *Psalm 113:11*

Alleluia.

℣. Qui timent Dominum, sperent in eo: adiutor et protector eorum est.

*You who fear the Lord, trust in him; he is their help and their shield.*

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

*Luke 17:11-19*

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

*Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–1594)*

**R**ECORDARE mei, Domine, omni potentatui dominans, et da sermonem rectum  
in os meum ut placeant verba mea in conspectu principis.

*Remember me, O Lord, you who dominate all authority; put the right words on my lips,  
so that my speech may be convincing in the presence of the King.*

*The Celebrant says*

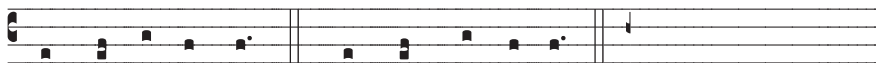
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable  
to God, the almighty Father.


℟: **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.**

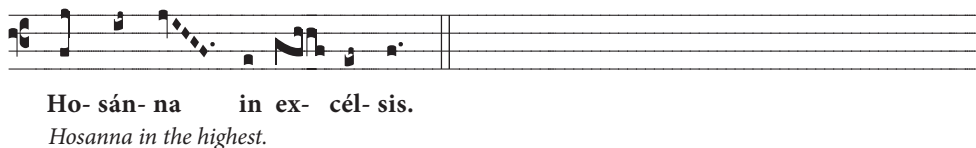
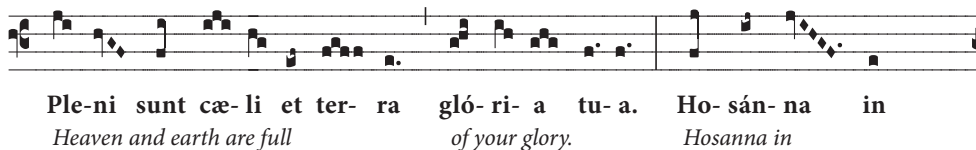
## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

**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.**

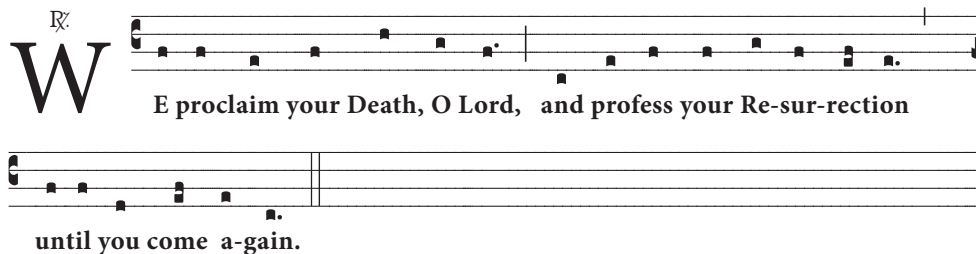
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*When the Celebrant sings*

The mystery of faith.

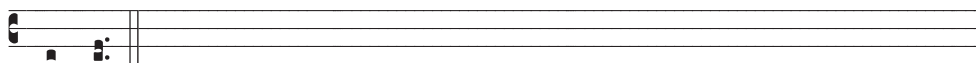
*All sing*



*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 The Mean Mass*

*John Taverner (1490–1545)*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

*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.*

*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.***

*During Holy Communion the Choir sings AGNUS DEI II & III*

*from The Mean Mass*

*John Taverner (1490–1545)*

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*

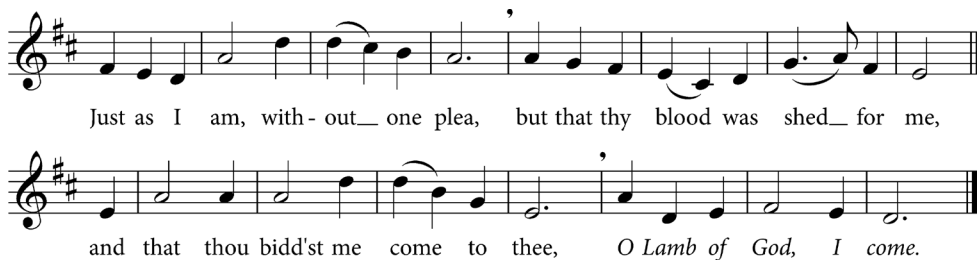
*Psalm 118:22, 24*

Aufer a me opprobrium et contemptum, quia mandata tua exquisivi, Domine: nam et testimonia tua meditatio mea est.

*Take away from me scorn and contempt, for I have kept your decrees, Lord, and meditate on your commandments.*

*All sing*

## THE HYMN



**Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings within, and fears without,  
*O Lamb of God, I come.***

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea all I need, in thee to find,**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
Because thy promise I believe,**

**Just as I am (thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down),  
Now to be thine, yea thine alone,**

**Just as I am, of that free love  
The breadth, length, depth and height to prove,  
Here for a season then above,  
*O Lamb of God, I come.***

*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

Marche héroïque

*Herbert Brewer (1865–1928)*

## 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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