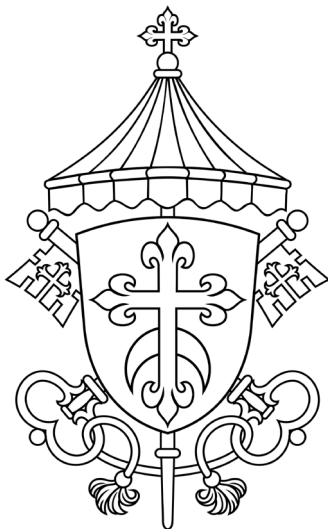


# ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



## Solemn Mass with Investiture

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

23 November 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.

## APOSTOLIC BLESSING

Under the authority of the Roman Pontiff, a plenary indulgence will be granted to all who devoutly assist at this Mass and who are truly penitent and have confessed their sins, receive Holy Communion and pray for the intentions of the Most Holy Father, Pope Leo, our Ordinary, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, and for holy Mother Church.

## REGULAR CHORAL SERVICES

Sunday	1030	<b>Solemn Mass</b> <i>Boy or Girl Choristers &amp; Lay Clerks</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>

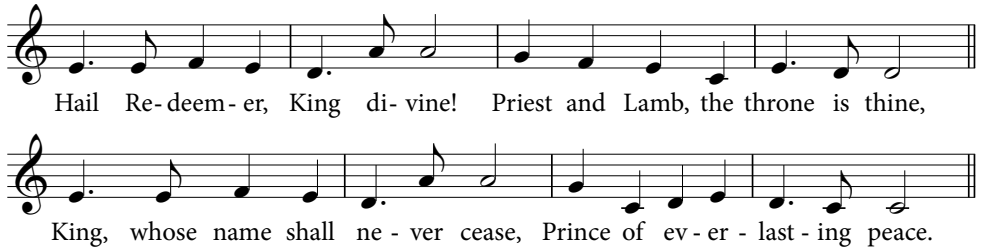
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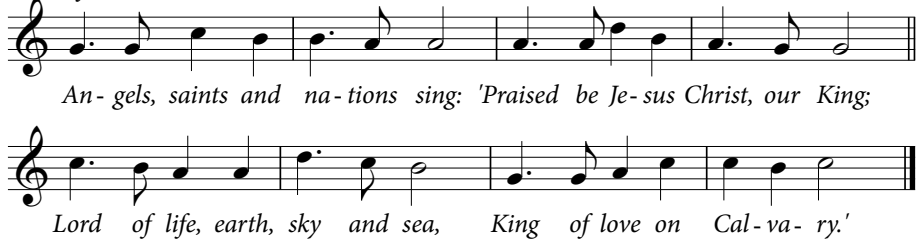
# ORDER OF MASS

*At the sound of the Sacristy bell all stand and sing*

## THE HYMN



## Refrain



2

King most holy, King of truth,  
guard the lowly, guide the youth;  
Christ the King of glory bright,  
be to us eternal light.  
*Angels...*

4

Crimson streams, O King of grace,  
drenched thy thorn-crowned head and face.  
Floods of love's redeeming tide  
tore thy hands, thy feet, thy side.  
*Angels...*

3

Shepherd-king, o'er mountains steep  
homeward bring the wandering sheep;  
shelter in one royal fold  
states and kingdoms, new and old.  
*Angels...*

5

Eucharistic King, what love  
draws thee daily from above,  
clad in signs of bread and wine:  
feed us, lead us, keep us thine!  
*Angels...*

6

King, whose name creation thrills,  
rule our hearts, our minds, our wills;  
till in peace, each nation rings  
with thy praises, King of kings.  
*Angels...*

# THE RITE OF INVESTITURE

*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.**

*The Archbishop introduces the Rite of Investiture, saying*

**W**ITHIN this sacred context of the Liturgy, we now carry out the traditional ceremony of our Order: the Investiture of new Knights and Dames.

Participation in this evocative ceremony renews in all Knights and Dames a profound sense of belonging to the Order and a full sharing in ideals of faith and charity. May our common prayer, which we entrust to the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Risen Christ and Queen of Palestine, be of help to those who today embark on a new path as they become members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

*All are seated. The Chancellor then reads the decree.*

*The Knight Master of Ceremonies then invites the Candidates to come forward.*

Let the candidates for Investiture come forward.

*The Archbishop, with crozier in hand, questions the candidate.*

My dear brothers, what do you ask of our Order?

***I desire to be invested as a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre.***

The Apostolic See, and in particular the Roman Pontiffs, have always had at heart the Holy Places in the Holy Land, and particularly the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem which recalls the mystery of the life and death of Our Lord and His glorious resurrection. The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem was established in the past to secure the custody of this Holy Place and for the care of the faithful in the Land of Our Lord and of pilgrims.

Becoming a Knight or Dame means dedicating your life with commitment in professing the faith of Christ through the witness, generosity and love of the Gospel. This means putting Jesus Christ at the centre of our existence and of every personal, family, and social purpose. It means believing in the redemptive power of the Cross and the resurrection to offer hope and peace to the world and particularly to the land of Jesus.

An ancient bond therefore binds us to the eternal memory of the places of the crucifixion, the deposition, and the resurrection of the Lord and to the pastoral charity of the Church in the Holy Land. Are you ready to accept this ideal in your life?

***I am ready.***

Everyone must follow their own conscience enlightened by faith and always strive for truth, justice, and honesty. Therefore a Knight and a Dame of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre must strive to achieve the perfection of the Christian life and show themselves worthy of the dignity which they receive in Baptism and with which they are clothed; they will have to exult in belonging to Christ and strive to uphold the good name of the Order.

Are you ready to fully live our Christian faith and to behave everywhere and always in such a way as to uphold the ideals and commitments undertaken today in honour of Christ and of His Church?

***I am ready.***

Are you ready to promise – in word and in heart – to observe the Constitution of our Order?

***I declare and promise, with the help of divine grace, and trusting in the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to observe the requirements of our Order. I am ready.***

Be therefore a faithful and generous Knight of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre; know how to preserve the great riches of past values while living fully in the present, committing yourselves to the tasks of this day; look also towards the future, seeking to open new horizons of hope, so that society may have a more human face, and Christ be made the heart of our world.

## THE INVESTITURE

*The candidates are brought before the Celebrant, and kneel on the cushion in front of him for the act of Investiture. The Celebrant says the following words:*

By virtue of the mandate conferred on me, I constitute and proclaim you N.

Knight of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

***Amen.***

Receive the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; it will protect you, being for you a sign of honour and a pledge of eternal glory.

***Amen.***

*The Knights are then robed by the Lieutenant with the cloak. Thereafter, the Lieutenant welcomes the new Knight. When the Knights return to the front of the altar, the Celebrant pronounces these words:*

Now that you are a Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, strive to emulate those who, with living faith, provided for the needs of the Lord's Body, keeping watching over it and later becoming privileged witnesses of Christ's Resurrection. After their example, seek to express in your works of faith the love of Jesus without end. May Mary, Mother of Our Lord and of the Church, assist you in your mission and grant that you may have at heart always the words and places of Christ's ministry of blessing and healing.

*This is my desire. May the Divine Redeemer and the Virgin Mary grant me the necessary grace to fulfil it.*

*The Knights then kiss the Archbishop's ring and stand. The Knight returns to his seat with his sponsor.*

*After the Investiture of the Knights and Dames the Chancellor announces by name each cleric who is to be invested. The Ecclesiastic Master of Ceremonies presents each before the Celebrant. Upon each Priest, the Celebrant bestows the mozzetta and the insignia. He says*

**R**ECEIVE these symbols adorned with the saving Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. They represent for you a reminder of your particular responsibilities as Priest in guarding the flock of Christ entrusted to your care.

In addition to your pastoral duties, this Investiture has at its heart the spiritual activities of the members of our Order. Following the example of Christ, you will serve generously the brothers and sisters you meet on your journey. May your actions and example instil a particular love for the land of Jesus and for the mystery of our salvation, encouraging all to an ever-greater commitment to prayer and charity.

*The Archbishop greets each Ecclesiastical knight with these words*

Peace be with you.

**R: And with your spirit.**

*The Archbishop concludes the Investiture in the following words:*

**O** God, who have wished to save men by the Cross of Christ your Son, and poured out the Holy Spirit on the Church, grant that we who have known your mystery of love here on earth may enjoy in heaven the fruit of your redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R: Amen.**

*The Archbishop then vests for Mass, incenses the altar, and returns to the chair.*

# THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*The Choir sings the INTROIT*

*Apocalypse 5:12; 1:6; Psalm 71*

**D**IGNUS est Agnus, qui occisus est, accipere virtutem, et divinitatem, et sapientiam, et fortitudinem, et honorem. Ipsi gloria et imperium in sæcula sæculorum. *℟.* Deus, iudicium tuum Regi da: et iustitiam tuam Filio Regis.

*How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever. ℟. O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice.*

*The Choir sings the GLORIA*

*from Missa Te Deum Laudamus*

*Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–1594)*

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

2 Samuel 5:1-3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 121(122):1-5



℟. **I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go to God's house.**

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'  
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. ℟.

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.  
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. ℟.

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. ℟.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:12-20

*The Choir sings the ALLELUIA*

℣. Daniel 7:14

Alleluia.

℣. Potestas eius, potestas æterna, quæ non auferetur: et regnum eius, quod non corrumpetur.

*His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.*

Alleluia.



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

*James MacMillan (b. 1959)*

**C**HRISTUS vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat.

*Christ conquers, Christ is King, Christ is Lord of all.*

*The Archbishop says*

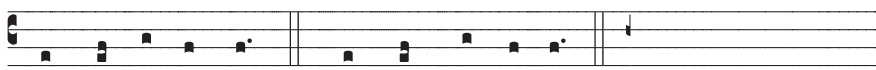
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.


**R:** **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

**R:** **Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

**T**  HE Lord be with you. **R:** **And with your spi-rit.**

 Lift up your hearts. **R:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **R:** **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 Archbishop sings*

The mystery of faith.

*All sing*

**W**<sup>R.</sup> 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

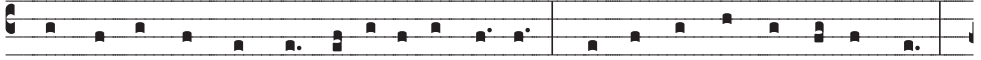
At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

*All sing*

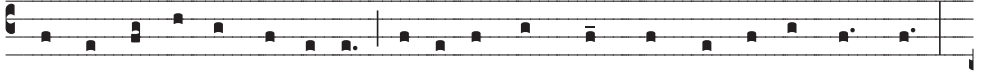
O



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.



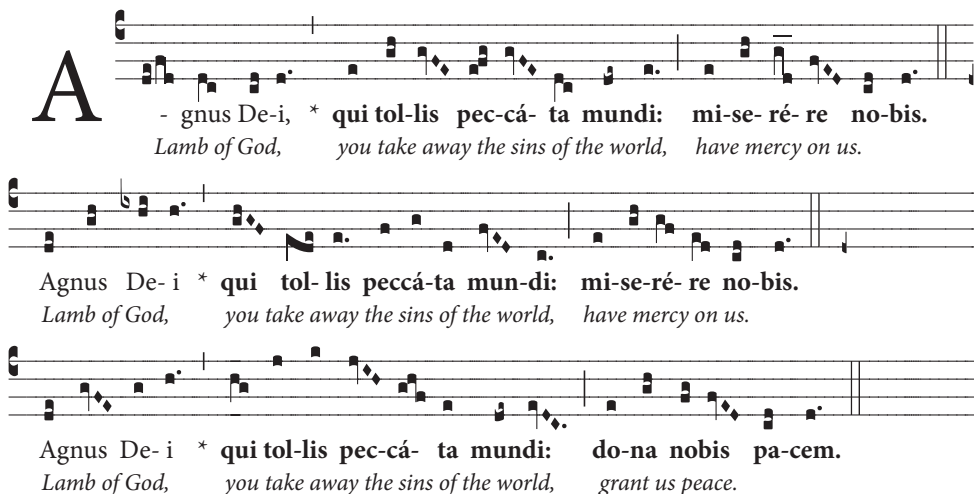
℟: For the kingdom, the power and the glo-ry are yours now and for ev-er.

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.**



**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 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*

*Psalm 28, 10b. 11b*

**S**EDEBIT Dominus Rex in æternum: Dominus benedicet populo suo in pace.  
*The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

*During Holy Communion the Choir sings AGNUS DEI*

*from Missa Te Deum Laudamus*

*Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*

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.*

*All sing*

## THE HYMN



Lord, en-throned in hea-venly splen-dour, First-be-got-ten from the dead,



Thou a-lone, our strong de-fend-er, Lift-est up thy peo-ple's head.



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Je - su, true and liv - ing bread.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
As of old in Bethlehem,  
Here as there thine Angels hail thee,  
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished  
Once for all when thou wast slain,  
In its fullness undiminished  
Shall for evermore remain.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heav'nly Manna,  
Stricken Rock with streaming side,  
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
Worship thee, the Lamb who died.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Risen, ascended, glorified!

*St Helen*  
*George Martin (1844–1916)*

*G H Bourne (1840–1925)*

*The Archbishop says the PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION*

**R: Amen.**

*The Master of Ceremonies says*

I invite the members of the Order to recite together the Five Wounds Prayer.

*The Lieutenant leads the Knights and Dames in prayer*

L ORD Jesus Christ,  
by Your five wounds that we carry on our insignia,  
we pray to You:

Give us the strength to love all whom Your Father has created,  
most especially our enemies.

Free our minds and hearts from sin,  
from partiality, from selfishness, and from cowardice,  
so that we may be worthy of Your sacrifice.

Let Your Spirit come upon us all,  
Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre,  
so that we may be rendered sincere ambassadors of peace and love  
among our brothers and sisters,  
and especially among all those who do not believe in You.  
Give us faith to face all the problems of everyday life  
and to deserve one day to approach humbly and without fear,  
your presence.  
Amen.

## NOTICE OF THE APOSTOLIC BLESSING

*The Deacon says:*

T HE Most Reverend Father, Anthony,  
by the grace of God and the Apostolic See,  
Bishop of this holy Church of Sydney,  
will give the apostolic blessing with a plenary indulgence,  
in the name of the Roman Pontiff,  
to all present who are truly penitent  
and have confessed their sins  
and received Holy Communion.

Pray to God for our Most Holy Father, Pope Leo,  
our Bishop, Anthony,  
and for holy Mother Church and strive, by holiness of life,  
to walk in full communion with it.

# THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

℟: **Now and for ever.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

℟: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Through the intercession of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul,  
may almighty God bless you,  
the ✠ Father, and the ✠ Son, and the Holy ✠ Spirit.

℟: **Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

℟: **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Acclamations (Christus vincit) (Suite Médiévale)

*Jean Langlais (1907–1991)*

## 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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