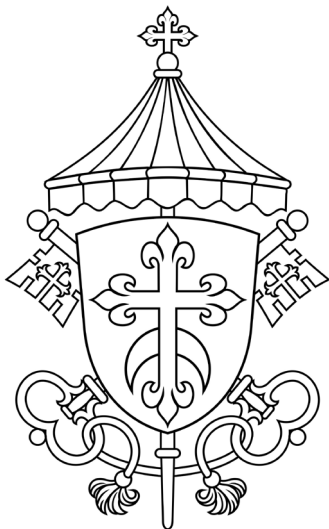


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Solemn Mass

EASTER SUNDAY

5 April 2026
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.

APOSTOLIC BLESSING

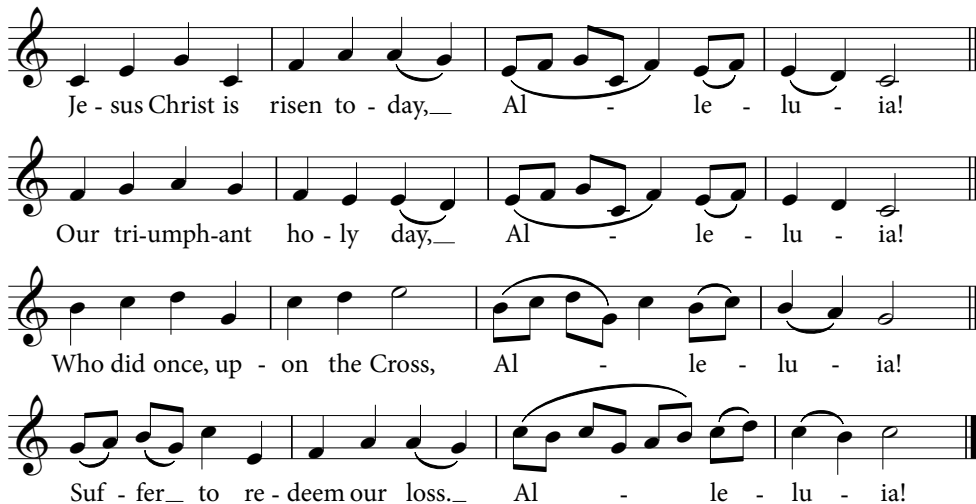
Under the authority of the Roman Pontiff, a plenary indulgence will be granted to all who devoutly assist at this Mass and who are truly penitent and have confessed their sins, receive Holy Communion and pray for the intentions of the Most Holy Father, Pope Leo, our Ordinary, Archbishop Anthony Fisher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

**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



Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, — Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri-umph-ant ho - ly day, — Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once, up - on the Cross, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer — to re - deem our loss. — Al - le - lu - ia!

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains that he endured Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

*Easter Hymn
Adapted from a melody in Lyra Davidica (1708)*

Lyra Davidica (1708)

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The Choir sings the INTROIT

Cf. Psalm 38:18,5-63; 1-2

RESURREXI, et adhuc tecum sum, alleluia: posuisti super me manum tuam, alleluia: mirabilis facta est scientia tua, alleluia, alleluia. √ Domine probasti me, et cognovisti me: tu cognovisti sessionem meam, et resurrectionem meam.

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia. √ O Lord, you search me and you know me, you know my resting and my rising.

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 blessed Mary, ever virgin, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints assist you with their merits and prayers. May the almighty and merciful Lord forgive you and free you from all your sins. May he help you persevere in fruitful penance, good example, and sincere charity, and lead you to everlasting life. Amen.

℟: **Amen.**

The Choir sings the KYRIE and GLORIA

from Messe à deux chœurs et deux orgues (Op 36)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

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

Let us pray.

O GOD, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34,37-43

The Choir sings the GRADUAL

Psalm 117:24,1

HÆC dies, quam fecit Dominus: exsultemus, et lætemur in ea.
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

All remain seated.

The Choir sings the SEQUENCE

Victimæ paschali laudes immolent Christiani.	<i>Christians, to the paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.</i>
Agnus redemit oves: Christus innocens Patri reconciliavit peccatores.	<i>The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, has sinners to his Father reconciled.</i>
Mors et vita duello confluxere mirando: dux vitæ mortuus, regnat vivus.	<i>Death with life contended: combat strangely ended. Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.</i>
Dic nobis, Maria, quid vidisti in via?	<i>Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.</i>
Sepulchrum Christi viventis; et gloriam vidi resurgentis; angelicos testes, sudarium et vestes.	<i>The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting, shroud with grave-clothes resting.</i>
Surrexit Christus spes mea: præcedet suos in Galileam.	<i>Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.</i>
Scimus Christum surrexisse a mortuis vere: tu nobis victor Rex, miserere.	<i>That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious King, thy mercy show!</i>

The Choir sings the ALLELUIA

¶ *1 Corinthians 5:7*

Alleluia.

¶ *Pascha nostrum immolatus est Christus.*

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

The Lord be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

℟: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord.

℟: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE HOMILY

is given by

The Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP

Archbishop of Sydney

Following the Homily all stand.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

The Archbishop says

DEAR brethren (brothers and sisters), through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.

And so I ask you:

Do you renounce Satan?

℟: **I do.**

And all his works?

℟: **I do.**

And all his empty show?

℟: **I do.**

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

℟: **I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

℟: **I do.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

℟: **I do.**

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

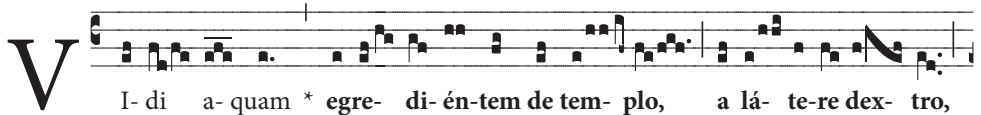
℟: **Amen.**

The Archbishop sprinkles the congregation with water blessed at the Easter Vigil.

All sing

THE ANTIPHON

Ezekiel 47:1,9



V I- di a- quam * egre- di- én- tem de tem- plo, a lá- te- re dex- tro,

I saw water flowing from the Temple, from its right-hand side,



al- le- lú- ia; et omnes, ad quos per- vé- nit a- qua i- sta,
alleluia; and all to whom this water came



sal- vi fa- cti sunt, et di- cent: Al- le- lú- ia, al- le- lú- ia.
were saved and shall say: Alleluia, alleluia.

The Choir sings the verse

∿ Psalm 117:1

∿ Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus: quoniam in saeculum misericordia eius.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

All repeat the antiphon.

Following the sprinkling all remain standing for the UNIVERSAL PRAYER.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Choir sings the OFFERTORY MOTET

Charles-Marie Widor

SURREXIT a mortuis Christus Dei Filius, pastor bonus qui animam pro grege suo posuit. Pascha nostrum immolatus est, Christus, Pascha nostrum surrexit a mortuis. Alleluia.

Christ, the Son of God, has risen from the dead. He is the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for his flock. For us he was sacrificed, the Christ, who rose from the dead. Alleluia.

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

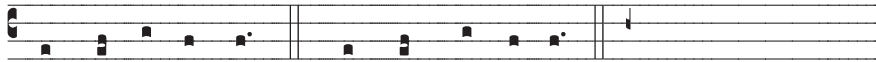
THE PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

EXULTANT with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. Through Christ our Lord.


℟: **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

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Anctus, * Sanctus, Sanctus Dómi-nus De-us Sá-ba-oth. Ple-ni sunt
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven



cae-li et ter-ra gló-ri-a tu-a. Ho-sánna in ex-cél-sis. Be-ne-díctus qui
and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he

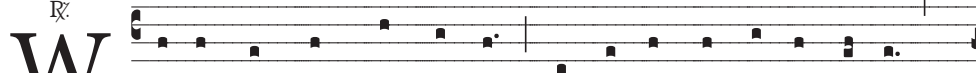


ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni. Ho-sánna in excél-sis.
who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

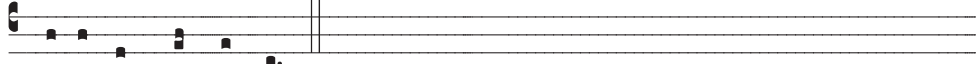
When the Archbishop sings

The mystery of faith.

All sing

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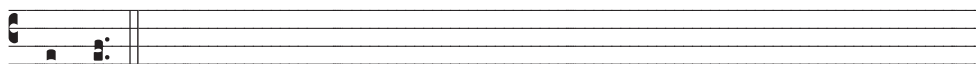


until you come a-gain.

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.


Ⲅ 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.


Ⲅ Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.


Ⲅ And with your spirit.



A - gnus De-i, * **qui tol-lis pec-cá- 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 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 mun-di: do-na no- bis 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.

℟: **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.

Communion may be received on the tongue or on the hand but the sacred host must be consumed in the presence of the communion minister.

During Holy Communion the Choir sings the AGNUS DEI

from Messe à deux chœurs et deux orgues (Op 36)

Charles-Marie Widor

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

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

PASCHA nostrum immolatus est Christus, alleluia: itaque epulemur in azymis sinceritatis et veritatis, alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia.

THE HYMN

All repeat the antiphon after each time it is sung by the Choir.



YE sons and daughters of the King, Whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave hath lost its sting. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia.

℞: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

On that first morning of the week, Before the day began to break,
The Marys went their Lord to seek. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia.

℞: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

An angel bade their sorrow flee, For thus he spake unto the three:
‘Your Lord is gone to Galilee.’ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia.

℞: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

On this most holy day of days, To God your hearts and voices raise
In laud, and jubilee, and praise. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia.

℞: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

And we with Holy Church unite, As evermore is just and right,
In glory to the King of light. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia.

℞: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

O filii et filiae
arr. Martin Baker (b. 1967)

Jean Tisserand (d. 1494)

The Archbishop says

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

LOOK upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed
by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. Through
Christ our Lord.

℞: **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Deacon announces the Apostolic Blessing, saying

The 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 Archbishop, Anthony, and for holy Mother Church and strive, by holiness of life, to walk in full communion with it.

The Lord be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

Bow down for the blessing.

May almighty God bless you through today's Easter Solemnity and, in his compassion, defend you from every assault of sin.

℟: **Amen.**

And may he, who restores you to eternal life in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten, endow you with the prize of immortality.

℟: **Amen.**

Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close, may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit, to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.

℟: **Amen.**

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.**

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O in peace, al-le-lú- ia, al-le- lú- ia.



℟: **Thanks be to God, al- le- lú- ia, al- le- lú- ia.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in B Major (Op. 71)

Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)



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