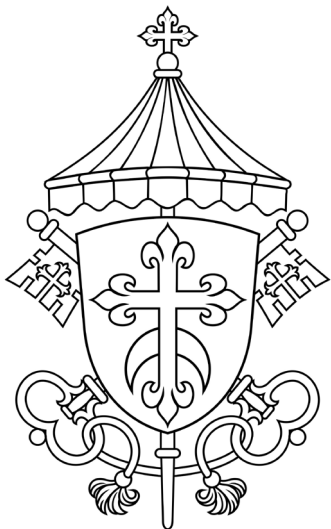


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Solemn Mass

The Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ

7 June 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.

REGULAR CHORAL SERVICES

Sunday	1030	Solemn Mass <i>Full Choir</i>
	1700	Solemn Vespers and Benediction <i>Lay Clerks</i>
Monday	1700	Vespers <i>Lay Clerks</i>
	1730	Mass <i>Boy Choristers & Lay Clerks</i>
Tuesday	1700	Vespers <i>Cathedral Scholars</i>
	1730	Mass <i>Boy & Girl Choristers</i>
Wednesday	1700	Vespers <i>Cathedral Scholars</i>
	1730	Mass <i>Girl Choristers & Lay Clerks</i>
Thursday	1700	Vespers <i>Lay Clerks</i>
	1730	Mass <i>Lay Clerks</i>

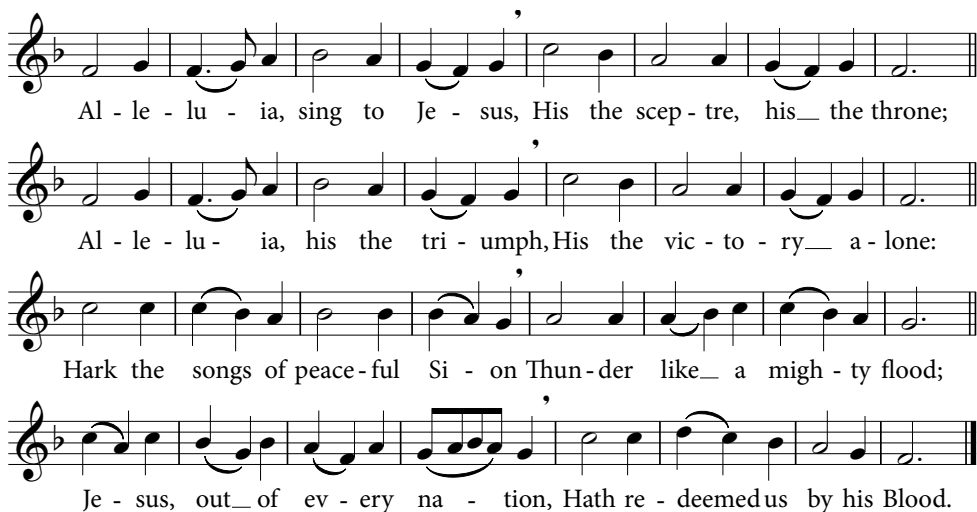
Download the weekly Music List at <http://musiclists.cathedralchoir.sydney>

**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



Al - le - lu - ia, sing to Je - sus, His the scep - tre, his the throne;
Al - le - lu - ia, his the tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone:
Hark the songs of peace - ful Si - on Thun - der like a migh - ty flood;
Je - sus, out of ev - ery na - tion, Hath re - deemed us by his Blood.

2

**Alleluia, Bread of Angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia, here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

3

**Alleluia, King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia, born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.**

Hyfrydol
Melody by Richard Huw Pritchard (1811–1887)

William Chatterton Dix (1837–1898)

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The Choir sings the INTROIT

Psalm 80: 17, 2-3

CIBAVIT eos ex adipe frumenti, alleluia: et de petra, melle saturavit eos, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. 𐀀 Exsultate Deo adiutori nostro: iubilate Deo Iacob.

He fed them with the finest wheat, alleluia: and satisfied them with honey from the rock, alleluia, alleluia. 𐀀 Ring out your joy to God our strength, shout in triumph to the God of Jacob.

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.**

BLESSING AND SPRINKLING OF WATER

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), let us humbly beseech the Lord our God to bless this water he has created, which will be sprinkled on us as a memorial of our Baptism. May he help us by his grace to remain faithful to the Spirit we have received.

ALmighty ever-living God, who willed that through water, the fountain of life and the source of purification, even souls should be cleansed and receive the gift of eternal life; be pleased, we pray, to 𐀀 bless this water, by which we seek protection on this your day, O Lord. Renew the living spring of your grace within us and grant that by this water we may be defended from all ills of spirit and body, and so approach you with hearts made clean and worthily receive your salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

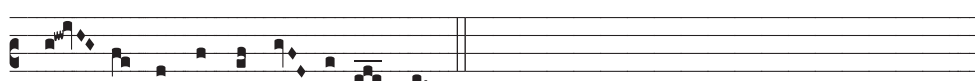
℟: **Amen.**

WE humbly ask you, almighty God: be pleased in your faithful love to bless 𐀀 this salt you have created, for it was you who commanded the prophet Elisha to cast salt into water, that impure water might be purified. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, wherever this mixture of salt and water is sprinkled, every attack of the enemy may be repulsed and your Holy Spirit may be present to keep us safe at all times. Through Christ our Lord.

℟: **Amen.**

All sing the ASPERGES ME

A 
-SPERGES me, * **Dómi- ne, hyssó-po; et mundá- bor : lavá- bis me,**
Sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be cleansed; wash me


et su-per ni-vem de- al- bá- bor.
and I shall be whiter than snow.

The Choir sings the verse

Psalms 50:1

Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam. 

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

May almighty God cleanse us of our sins, and through the celebration of this Eucharist make us worthy to share at the table of his Kingdom.

 **Amen.**

The Choir sings the GLORIA

from Missa Brevis

Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

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

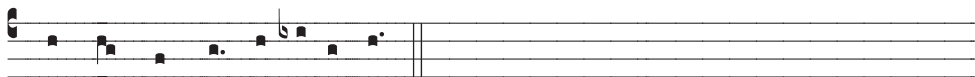
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 147:12-15,19-20 ℟. v.12



℟. **O praise the Lord, Je- ru-sa-lem!**

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates he has blessed the children within you. ℟.

He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. ℟.

He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. ℟.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The Choir sings the SEQUENCE

Ecce panis Angelórum,	<i>Behold the bread of angels, sent</i>
Factus cibus viatórum:	<i>For pilgrims in their banishment,</i>
Vere panis filiórum,	<i>The bread for God's true children meant,</i>
Non mittendus cánibus.	<i>That may not unto dogs be given:</i>

In figúris præsignátur,	<i>Oft in the olden types foreshowed;</i>
Cum Isaac immolátur:	<i>In Isaac on the altar bowed,</i>
Agnus paschæ deputátur	<i>And in the ancient paschal food,</i>
Datur manna pátribus.	<i>And in the manna sent from heaven.</i>

Bone pastor, panis vere,	<i>Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,</i>
Iesu, nostri miserére:	<i>Still show to us thy mercy sign;</i>
Tu nos pasce, nos tuére:	<i>Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;</i>
Tu nos bona fac vidére	<i>So may we see thy glories shine</i>
In terra vivéntium.	<i>In fields of immortality;</i>

Tu, qui cuncta scis et vales:	<i>O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,</i>
Qui nos pascis hic mortales:	<i>Our present food, our future rest,</i>
Tuos ibi commensáles,	<i>Come, make us each thy chosen guest,</i>
Cohærédes et sodales,	<i>Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest</i>
Fac sanctórum civium.	<i>With saints whose dwelling is with thee.</i>

The Choir sings the ALLELUIA

℣ *John 6:56-57*

Alleluia.

℣ Caro mea vere est cibus, et sanguis meus vere est potus: qui manducat meam carnem, et bibit meum sanguinem, in me manet, et ego in eo.

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

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

César Franck (1822–1890)

PANIS angelicus, fit panis hominum. Dat panis cælicus figuris terminum: O res mirabilis, manducat Dominum pauper, servus et humilis.

Heavenly bread that becomes the bread for all mankind; bread from the angelic host that is the end of all imaginings; Oh, miraculous thing! This body of God will nourish even the poorest, the most humble of servants.

The Celebrant says

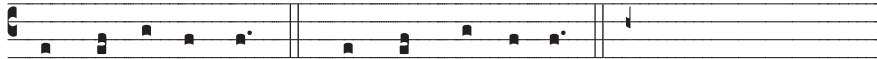
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

℟: **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

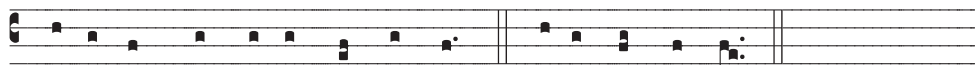
℟: **Amen.**

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.**

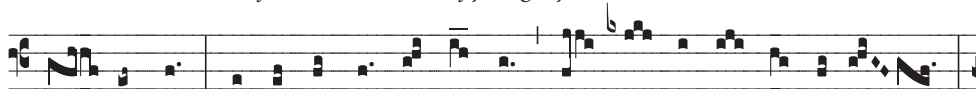


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ℟: **It is right and just.**

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

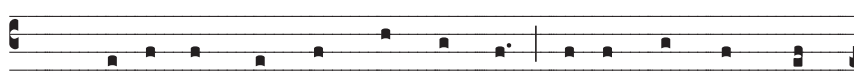
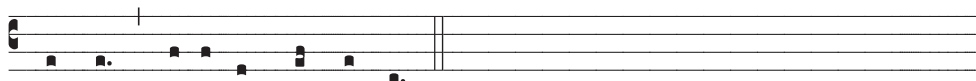
 ex-cél-sis. Be-ne-díc-tus qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni.
the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

 Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.
Hosanna in the highest.

When the Celebrant sings

The mystery of faith.

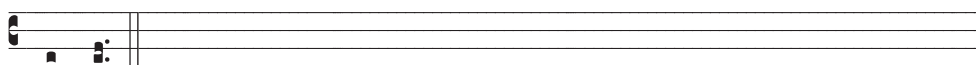
All sing

W  ^{R.} **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.

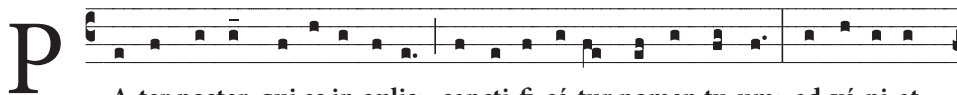
All respond



^{R.} **A-men.**

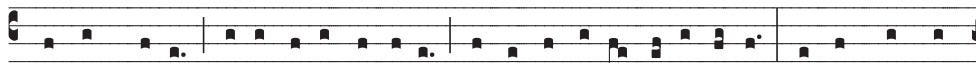
COMMUNION RITE

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



A-ter noster, qui es in cælis: sancti-fi-cé-tur nomen tu-um; ad-vé-ni-at

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy



regnum tuum; fi-at volúntas tu-a, si-cut in cæ-lo, et in terra. Panem nostrum

kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day



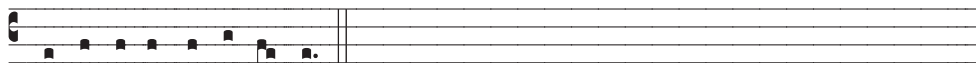
co-ti-di- á-num da nobis hódi- e; et dimít-te nobis dé-bi-ta nostra, si-cut et nos

our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we



dimít-timus de-bi-tó-ri-bus nostris; et ne nos indúcas in tenta-ti- ó-nem;

forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,



sed lí-be-ra nos a ma-lo.

but deliver us from evil.

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 Missa Brevis

Grayston Ives

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 ANTIPHON

John 6:57

Qui manducat carnem meam, et bibit sanguinem meum, in me manet, et ego in eo, dicit Dominus.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

The Choir sings the COMMUNION MOTET

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791)

AVE verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine: vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine: cuius latus perforatum, unda fluxit et sanguine; esto nobis prægustatum in mortis examine.

Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary; which truly suffered, offered on a cross for mankind; whose pierced side flowed with water and with blood: be for us a foretaste in the trial of death.

All sing

THE HYMN

Sweet Sa - cra-ment di - vine, Hid in thine earth-ly home, _
Lo, round thy low-ly shrine, With sup - pliant hearts we come;
Je - sus, to thee our voice we raise In songs of love and heart-felt praise:
Sweet Sa - cra-ment di - vine. Sweet Sa - cra-ment di - vine.

Sweet Sacrament of peace,
Dear home for every heart,
Where restless yearnings cease
And sorrows all depart;
There in thine ear all trustfully
We tell our tale of misery:
Sweet Sacrament of peace.

Sweet Sacrament of rest,
Ark from the ocean's roar,
Within thy shelter blest
Soon may we reach the shore;
Save us, for still the tempest raves;
Save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
Sweet Sacrament of rest.

Sweet Sacrament divine,
Earth's light and jubilee,
In thy far depths doth shine
Thy Godhead's majesty;
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,
That earthly joys may fade away:
Sweet Sacrament divine.

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

Toccata-Prelude on 'Pange Lingua'

Sir Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

LATER TODAY IN THE CATHEDRAL

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

5.00pm



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