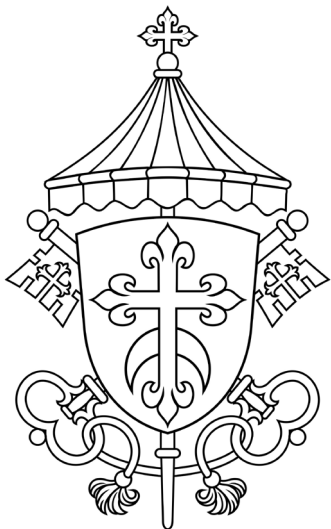


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Solemn Mass

Twenty third Sunday
of the Year

6 September 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



Ho - ly Fa-ther, God of might, Throned a - mid the hosts of__light,



Take our life, our strength, our love, King of earth and heav'n a - bove.

**Hear the songs your people raise,
Songs of joyful thanks and praise,
Calling all created things
To adore you, King of kings.**

**Christ, be with us as we go,
Let this blind world see and know,
Burning in our lives, the sight
Of its only saving Light.**

**So, all men will bless your name,
And your kingship all proclaim,
Praising, with the heav'nly host,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

*Catherine
Richard Connolly (b. 1927)*

Richard Connolly

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The Choir sings the INTROIT

Psalm 118:137, 124, 1

IUSTUS es Domine, et rectum iudicium tuum: fac cum servo tuo secundum misericordiam tuam. V. Beati immaculati in via: qui ambulant in lege Domini.

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love. V. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law.

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.

R: **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

R: **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 ✠ 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.

R: **Amen.**

WE humbly ask you, almighty God: be pleased in your faithful love to bless ✠ 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.

R: **Amen.**

During the sprinkling all sing

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

Psalm 50:1

Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam. *℟.*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your merciful love;

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 Sanctæ Mariæ

David Briggs (b. 1962)

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.**

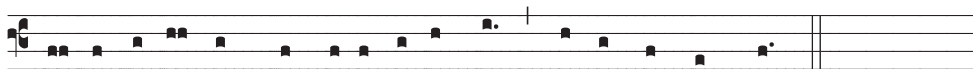
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 94:1-2,6-9 R: v.8



R: **O that to-day you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. R:

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us: for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. R:

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' R:

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-10

The Choir sings the ALLELUIA

Y: *Psalm 101:2*

Alleluia.

Y: Domine, exaudi orationem meam, et clamor meus ad te veniat.

O Lord, listen to my prayer and let my cry for help reach you.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

The Lord be with you.

R: **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord.

R: **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)

ORAVI ad Dominum Deum meum ego Daniel, dicens: Exaudi, Domine, preces servi tui: illumina faciem tuam super sanctuarium tuum: et propitius intende populum istum, super quem invocatum est nomen tuum, Deus.

I prayed to the Lord my God, I Daniel, and I said: "Harken, O Lord, unto the prayers of your servant, and cause your face to shine upon your sanctuary; look with forgiveness upon this nation over whom your name has been invoked, O God."

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

A-men.

COMMUNION RITE

All sing

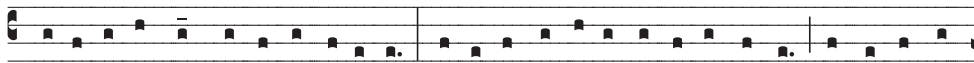
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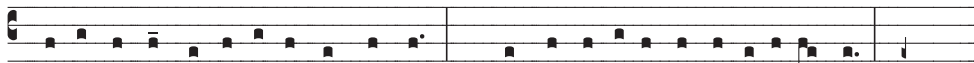
A-ter noster, qui es in cælis: sancti-fi-cé-tur nomen tu-um; ad-vé-ni-at
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy



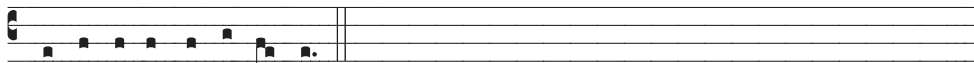
regnum tuum; fi-at volúntas tu-a, si-cut in cæ-lo, et in terra. Panem nostrum
kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day



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.



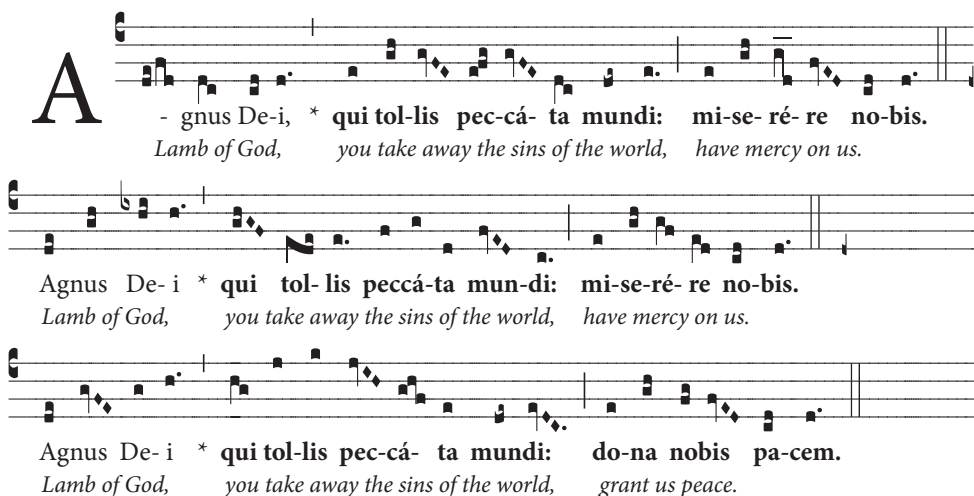
℟: For the kingdom, the power and the glo-ry are yours now and for ev-er.

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.



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 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

Psalm 75:12-13

Vovete, et reddite Domino Deo vestro, omnes qui in circuitu eius affertis munera: terribili, et ei qui aufert spiritum principum: terribili apud omnes reges terræ.

Make vows to your God and fulfil them. Let all pay tribute to him who strikes terror, who cuts short the breath of princes, who strikes terror in the kings of the earth.

During Holy Communion the Choir sings AGNUS DEI II

from Missa Sanctæ Mariæ

David Briggs

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.

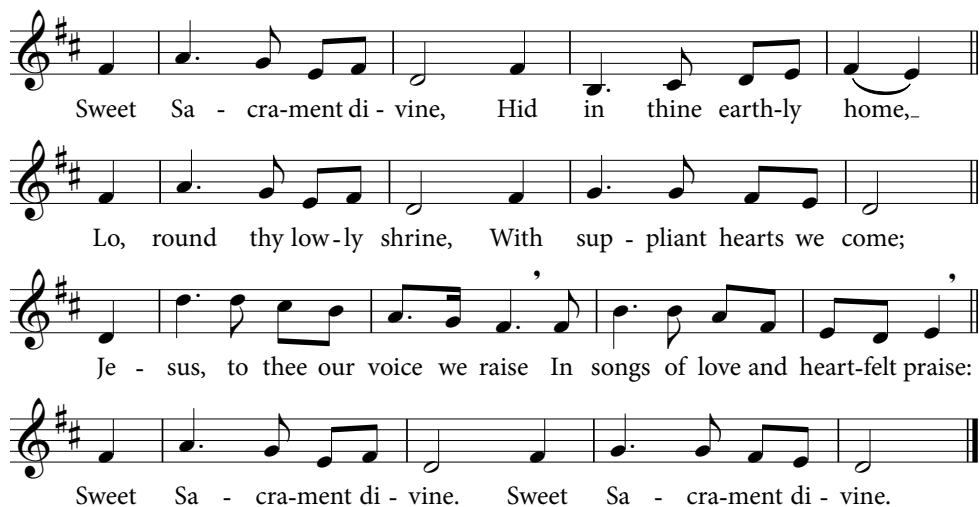
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

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



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 in F (BuxWV156)

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

LATER TODAY IN THE CATHEDRAL

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

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