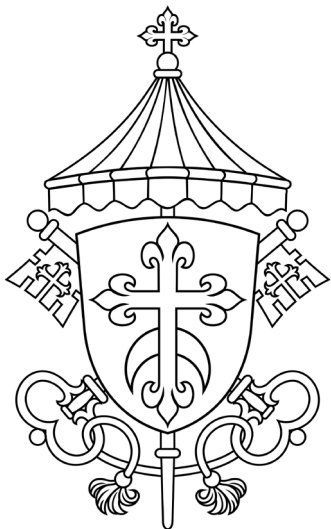


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Solemn Mass

Twenty seventh Sunday
of the Year

4 October 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 is in recess.

Regular choral services resume on Sunday 11 October.

Please visit stmaryscathedral.org.au/music
for more details about music at St Mary's Cathedral.

**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

Christ is made the sure Foun - da - tion, Christ the Head. and
Cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
Bind - ing all the Church in one, Ho - ly Si - on's
help for ev - er, And her con - fi - dence a - lone.

2

All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation,
Pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
In glad hymns eternally.

3

To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness
Hear thy servants as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls always.

4

Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son;
Laud and honour to the Spirit;
Ever Three, and ever One:
Consubstantial, co-eternal,
While unending ages run.

*Westminster Abbey
Henry Purcell (1659–1695)*

*Angularis fundamentum
tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866)*

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The Cantor sings the INTROIT

Esther 13:9-11; Psalm 118

IN voluntate tua, Domine, universa sunt posita, et non est qui possit resistere voluntati tuæ: tu enim fecisti omnia, cælum et terram, et universa quæ cæli ambitu continentur: Dominus universorum tu es. V. Beati immaculati in via: qui ambulant in lege Domini.

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all. 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.

℟: **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 ✠ 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.

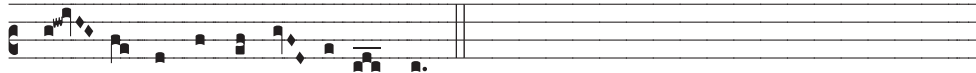
℟: **Amen.**

WE humbly ask you, almighty God: be pleased in your faithful love to bless ✠ 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 Cantor sings the verse

Psalm 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.**

All sing alternate lines of the GLORIA

Mass XI


Gló-ri-a in excélsis De-o. Et in terra pax homí-ni-bus bonæ vo-lun-tá-tis.
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.


Laudá-mus te. Be-ne-dí-cimus te. Ado-rá-mus te. Glo-ri-fi-cá-mus te.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you.


Grá-ti-as á-gimus ti-bi propter magnam gló-ri-am tu-am. Dómi-ne De-us, Rex
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly

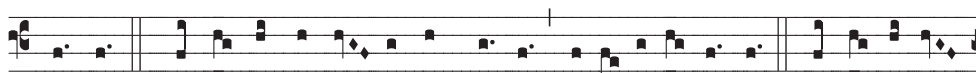

célé-stis, De-us Pater omní-potens. Dómi-ne Fi-li u-ni-gé-ni-te Ie-su Christe.
King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,



Dómi-ne De-us, Agnus De-i, Fí-li-us Patris. **Qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di,**
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world,



mi-se-ré-re no-bis. Qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di, susci-pe depre-ca-ti-ó-nem
have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;



nostram. **Qui se-des ad dēx-te-ram Pa-tris, mi-se-ré-re no-bis.** Quo-ni-am tu
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you



so-lus sanctus. **Tu so-lus Dómi-nus.** Tu so-lus Al-tís-simus, Ie-su Chri-ste.
alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,



Cum Sancto Spí-ri-tu, in gló-ri-a De-i Pa-tris. A-men.
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

The Celebrant says the COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

✠ **Amen.**

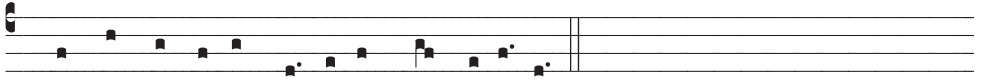
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 79:9,12-16,19-20 R. Isaiah 5:7



℟. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. R̥

Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. R̥

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. ℟.

And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. R.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:6-9

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The Cantor sings the ALLELUIA

℣ *Psalm 113:1*

Alleluia.

℣ In exitu Israel ex Ægypto, domus Iacob de populo barbaro.

When Israel came forth from Egypt, Jacob's sons from an alien people.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-43

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.**

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 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.**

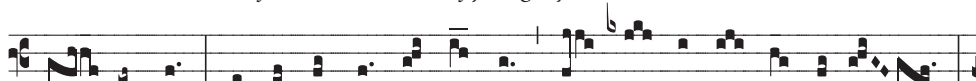
Lift up your hearts. ℟: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

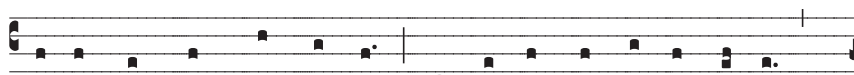
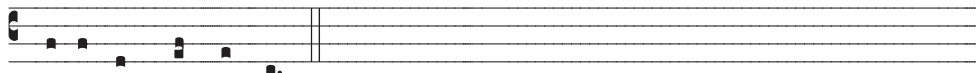
 ex-cél-sis. Be-ne-díc-tus qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni.
the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

When the Celebrant sings

The mystery of faith.

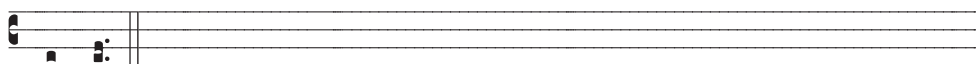
All sing

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

P



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



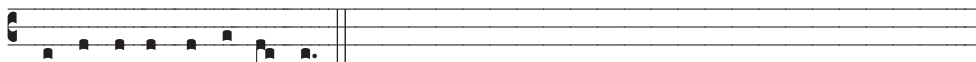
regnum tuum; fi-at volúntas tu-a, si-cut in cæ-lo, et in terra. Panem nostrum
kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day



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

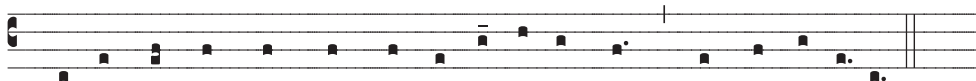


dimít-timus de-bi-tó-ri-bus nostris; et ne nos indúcas in tenta-ti- ó-nem;
forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,



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.



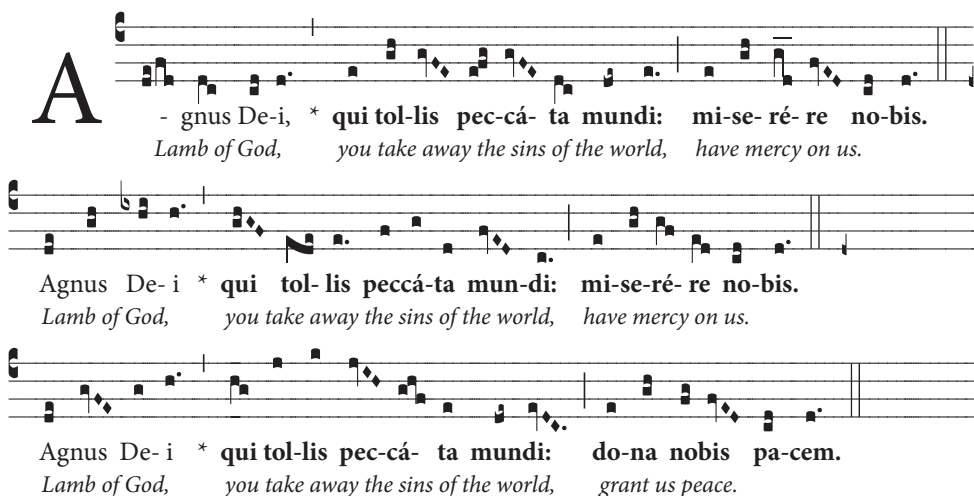
℟: For the kingdom, the power and the glo-ry are yours now and for ev-er.

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.

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.

All sing the COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Psalms 118:81



R: My soul yearns for your sal-vation – I hope in your word.

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! Lord, let your love come upon me, the saving help of your promise. **R:**

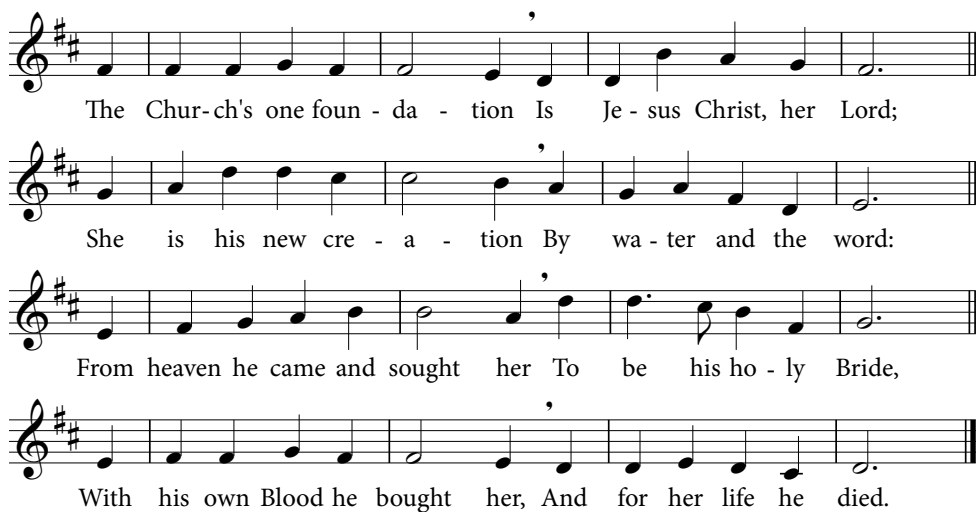
For me the proud have dug pitfalls, against your law. They almost made an end of me on earth, but I kept your precepts. **R:**

I have no love for half-hearted men; my love is for your law. My eyes yearn for your saving help and the promise of your justice. **R:**

Though my foes and oppressors are countless I have not swerved from your will. Though princes oppress me without cause I stand in awe of your word. **R:**

All sing

THE HYMN



The Chur-ch's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the word:
From heaven he came and sought her To be his ho - ly Bride,
With his own Blood he bought her, And for her life he died.

2

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy Food,
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued.

3

Mid toil, and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

4

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.

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.**

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