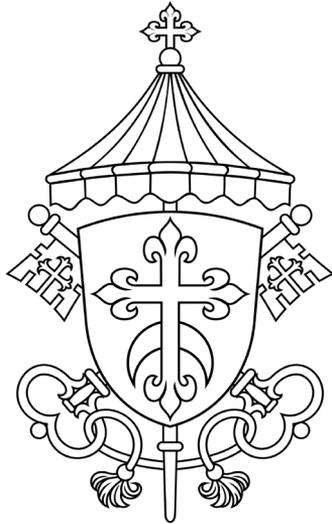


# ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



## Solemn Mass

Second Sunday  
of Advent

6 December 2020  
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 is formed of men and boys, preserving the historical character of Catholic liturgical and musical heritage. St Mary's is the only Catholic Cathedral in Australia to have an on-site Choir School where the twenty-four boy 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	<b>Solemn Mass</b> <i>Full Choir</i>
	1700	<b>Solemn Vespers and Benediction</b> <i>Men's voices</i>
Monday	1730	<b>Mass</b> <i>Boys' voices</i>
Tuesday	1700	<b>Vespers</b> <i>Cantor</i>
	1730	<b>Mass</b> <i>Boys' voices</i>
Wednesday	1700	<b>Vespers</b> <i>Cathedral Scholars</i>
	1730	<b>Mass</b> <i>Cathedral Scholars</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.**

**CONGREGATIONAL SINGING IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED.**

**At this time the sung responses are made by the Choir on behalf of all.**

## ORDER OF MASS

### THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*All stand at the sound of the Sacristy bell.*

*The Choir sings the INTROIT*

*cf. Isaiah 30:19,30; Psalm 79*

**P**OPULUS Sion, ecce Dominus veniet ad salvandas gentes: et auditam faciet Dominus gloriam vocis suae, in laetitia cordis vestri. √ Qui regis Israel, intende: qui deducis velut ovem Ioseph.

*O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart. √ O shepherd of Israel, hear us, you who lead Joseph's flock.*

*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.**

### 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.

**A**Lmighty 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.**

**W**E 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.**

*During the sprinkling the Choir sings*

**A**SPERGES me, Domine, hyssopo; et mundabor: lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor. √ Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.

*Sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be cleansed; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. √ Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.*

*Psalm 50:9, 1*

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 Archbishop says the COLLECT*

℟: **Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

*Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 84:9-14* ℣. v.8

℣. **Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and grant us your saving help.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace,  
peace for his people.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. ℣.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. ℣.

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. ℣.

SECOND READING

*2 Peter 3:8-14*

*The Choir sings the ALLELUIA*

℣. *Psalm 121:1*

Alleluia.

℣. *Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi: in domum Domini ibimus.*

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

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

*Mark 1:1-8*

The Lord be with you.

℣. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

℣. **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*

*Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)*

**T**HIS is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him: Who are thou? And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly: I am not the Christ. And they asked him: What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him: What art thou? That we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the Lord.

*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*

℟. **Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. **And with your spirit.**

℣. 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

**CONGREGATIONAL SINGING IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED.**

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*The Choir sings the SANCTUS*

*from Mass XVII*

*Plainchant*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

℣ The mystery of faith.

℟ **We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

*At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer:*

℣ 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.

℟ **Amen.**

## COMMUNION RITE

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

℟: **Our 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 daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
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 glory are yours now and for ever.**

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 Mass XVII*

*Plainchant*

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 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. The sacred host must be consumed in the presence of the communion minister.***

*During Holy Communion the Choir sings the AGNUS DEI*

*from Mass for four voices*

*William Byrd (c.1540–1623)*

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*The Choir sings the COMMUNION ANTIPHON*

*Baruch 5:5; 4:36*

Ierusalem surge, et sta in excelso: et vide iucunditatem, quæ veniet tibi a Deo tuo.

*Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.*

*The Choir sings*

## THE ADVENT PROSE

℟. Rorate caeli desuper, et nubes pluant iustum.

*Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One.*

Ne irascaris Domine, ne ultra memineris iniquitatis: ecce civitas Sancti facta est deserta: Sion deserta facta est: Ierusalem desolata est: domus sanctificationis tuæ et gloriæ tuæ, ubi laudaverunt te patres nostri.	<i>Be not angry, O Lord, and remember no longer our iniquity: behold the city of the Holy One is become a desert: Sion is become a desert: Jerusalem is desolate: the house of your sanctification and of your glory, where our fathers praised you.</i>
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Peccavimus, et facti sumus tamquam immundus nos, et cecidimus quasi folium universi: et iniquitates nostræ quasi ventus abstulerunt nos: abscondisti faciem tuam a nobis, et allisisti nos in manu iniquitatis nostræ.	<i>We have sinned and are become as one that is unclean: and we have all fallen as a leaf, and our iniquities like the wind have carried us away: you have hidden your face from us, and have crushed us in the hold of our iniquity.</i>
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Vide Domine afflictionem populi tui, et mitte quem missurus es: emitte Agnum dominatorem terræ, de Petra deserti ad montem filiæ Sion: ut auferat ipse jugum captivitatis nostræ.	<i>Behold, O Lord, the affliction of your people, and send forth him who is to come: send forth the Lamb, the ruler of the earth, from the rock of the desert, to the mount of daughter Sion: that he may take away the yoke of our captivity.</i>
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Consolamini, consolamini, popule meus: cito veniet salus tua: quare mærore consumeris, quia innovavit te dolor? Salvabo te, noli timere, ego enim sum Dominus Deus tuus, Sanctus Israel, Redemptor tuus.	<i>Be comforted, be comforted, my people: your salvation comes quickly: why are you consumed with grief: for sorrow has estranged you: I will save you: fear not, for I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Redeemer.</i>
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*The Archbishop says the PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION*

℟. **Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

Bow down for the blessing.

May the almighty and merciful God, by whose grace you have placed your faith in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son and yearn for his coming again sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent and enrich you with his blessing.

℟: **Amen.**

As you run the race of this present life, may he make you firm in faith, joyful in hope and active in charity.

℟: **Amen.**

So that, rejoicing now with devotion at the Redeemer's coming in the flesh, you may be endowed with the rich reward of eternal life when he comes again in majesty.

℟: **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

℟: **Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

℟: **Thanks be to God.**

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'

*Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)*

### 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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