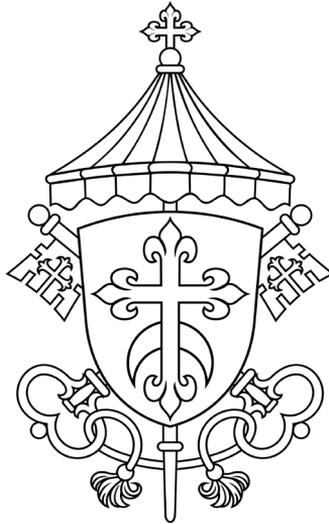


# ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



## Solemn Mass

Third Sunday  
of Lent

7 March 2021  
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	1700	<b>Vespers</b> <i>Men's voices</i>
	1730	<b>Mass</b> <i>Full Choir</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>
Thursday	1700	<b>Vespers</b> <i>Men's voices</i>
	1730	<b>Mass</b> <i>Men's voices</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.**

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*The Choir sings the* INTROIT

*cf. Psalm 24:15-16; 1-2*

**O**CULI mei semper ad Dominum, quia ipse evellet de laqueo pedes meos: respice in me, et miserere mei, quoniam unicus et pauper sum ego. *℣.* Ad te Domine levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubescam.

*My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor. ℣. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. I trust you, let me not be disappointed.*

*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*

Let us pray.

**O** God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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.

*℟.* **Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

*Exodus 20:1-17*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 18:8-11* ☩ *John 6:68*

☩ **You, O Lord, have the message of eternal life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. ☩

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. ☩

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. ☩

They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb. ☩

SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 1:22-25*

*The Choir sings the TRACT*

*Psalm 122:1-3*

**A**D te levavi oculos meos, qui habitas in cælis. Ecce sicut oculi servorum in manibus dominorum suorum.

*To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords.*

GOSPEL

*John 2:13-25*

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*

*Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–1594)*

**S**UPER flumina Babylonis, illic sedimus et flevimus, dum recordaremur tui, Sion:  
in salicibus in medio eius suspendimus organa nostra.

*By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, while we thought of you, Sion: on the willow trees which grow in their midst we hung up our harps.*

*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

*The Choir sings the SANCTUS*

*from Missa in honorem Sancti Dominici*

*Edmund Rubbra*

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 Missa in honorem Sancti Dominici*

*Edmund Rubbra*

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.***

*The Choir sings the* COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Psalm 83:4-5*

**P**ASSER invenit sibi domum, et turtur nidum, ubi reponat pullos suos: altaria tua Domine virtutum, Rex meus, et Deus meus: beati qui habitant in domo tua, in sæculum sæculi laudabunt te.

*The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.*

*The Choir sings the* COMMUNION MOTET

*Thomas Tallis (1505–1585)*

**S**ALVATOR mundi, salva nos: qui per crucem et sanguinem redemisti nos; auxiliare nobis, te deprecamur, Deus noster.

*Saviour of the world, save us: by your Cross and Blood you have redeemed us; help us, we pray you, our God.*

*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.

**D**IRECT, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful, and in your kindness grant your servants this grace: that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbour, they may fulfil the whole of your commands. Through Christ our Lord.

℟: **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.**

*Liturgical law requires that solo organ music is not played during Lenten services.  
The Choir and sacred ministers return to the Sacristy in silence.*

### 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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