



The Chapel of the Transfiguration
S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Sunday 6th August 2023 at 7.30 a.m.

The service will proceed without any announcements according to this order of service. Please note that congregation responses are given in Bold print.

THE GATHERING

The congregation shall stand when the Cross appears at the West Door. The Clergy and Altar party led by the servers and the choir, process into the sanctuary during the singing of the processional hymn, reverence and incense the Altar.

Leader : Let us proceed in peace
Response : **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

1. **AT the name of Jesus**
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

Choir only

3. Humbled for a season,
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it,
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious
When from death he passed:

Choir only

5. Name him, brothers, name him,
With love as strong as death,
But with awe and wonder,
And with bated breath;
He is God the Saviour,
He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped,
Trusted, and adored.

2. **At his voice creation**
Sprang at once to sight,
All the Angels faces,
All the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations,
Stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders,
In their great array.

Congregation only

4. **Bore it up triumphant**
With its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures,
To the central height,
To the throne of Godhead,
To the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory
Of that perfect rest.

6. **In your hearts enthrone him;**
There let him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true:
Crown him as your captain
In temptation's hour;
Let his will enfold you
In its light and power.

7. Brothers, this Lord Jesus
Shall return again,
With his Father's glory,
With his Angel train;
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him
King of Glory now

Words: Caroline M. Noel (1817 - 77)

Music: (EVELYNS) W.H. Monk (1823 - 89)

Leader : Hallelu Yah! Christ is the Lord of glory

Response : **O come let us worship Hallelu Yah!**

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

“One thing I have asked of the Lord, which long for, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on your beauty O Lord and to seek you in your temple.”

Psalm 27:4

Leader : Blessed be God.

Response : **Blessed be God's reign for ever. Amen.**

All kneel to spend a moment of silence to realise God's presence.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

When Christ appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. As he is pure, all who have grasped this hope make themselves pure. So let us confess our sins that mar his image in us.

Silence for reflection

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

The choir then sings

THE KYRIES

Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison

Christe Eleison
Christe Eleison
Christe Eleison

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Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison

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The Officiant or the Bishop, if he is present, shall then pronounce the Absolution

ABSOLUTION

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Having been forgiven, all stand and burst into praise, as a form of preparation for worship.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST)

Music : Antonio Vivaldi (RV 589) (1678 - 1741)

Leader : The Lord be with you
Response : **And with thy spirit**
Leader : Let us Pray

All kneel

COLLECT

Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Daniel 7: 9, 10, 13, 14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Silence is kept

Reader : This is the word of the Lord

Response : **Thanks be to God**

The choir will sing the psalm, the congregation to remain seated

THE PSALM

Psalm 99

1. The Lord is King, be the people never so impatient * he sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet.
2. The Lord is great in Sion * and high above all people.
3. They shall give thanks unto thy Name * which is great, wonderful, and holy.
4. The king's power loveth judgement; thou hast prepared equity * thou hast executed judgement and righteousness in Jacob.
5. O magnify the Lord our God * and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.
6. Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name * these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.
7. He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar * for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.
8. Thou heardest them, O Lord our God * thou forgavest them, O God, and punishedst their own inventions.
9. O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill * for the Lord our God is holy.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Anglican Chant : C. Hubert H. Parry (1848 - 1918)

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Silence is Kept

Reader : This is the word of the Lord

Response : **Thanks be to God**

All stand and sing the Gradual Hymn. The Lesser Entrance will take place during the singing of the Hymn, where the Book of the Gospels is brought up in procession.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

1. In Days of old on Sinai
The Lord All Mighty came
In majesty of terror
In thunder-cloud and flame:
On Tabor, with the glory
Of sunniest light for vest,
The excellence of beauty
In Jesus was expressed.

2. All light created paled there
And did Him worship meet;
The sun itself adored him,
And bowed before his feet;
While Moses and Elijah
Upon the holy mount,
The co-eternal glory
Of Christ our God recount.

3. O holy, wondrous vision!
But O when, this life past,
The beauty of Mount Tabor
Shall end in heaven at last!
But O when all the glory
Of uncreated light
Shall be the promised guerdon
Of them that when the fight!

*Translated : J.M. Neale
Music : (MEIRIONYDD) - Welsh Hymn Melody*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! **Alleluia!** This is my Son, the Beloved, he enjoys my favour; listen to him.
Alleluia!

St. Matthew 17:9

Reader : The Lord be with you

Response : **And with thy spirit**

Reader : Listen to the Good News proclaimed in the Gospel according to St. Luke, 9th chapter, beginning at the 28th verse

Response : **Glory be to thee, O Lord!**

THE GOSPEL

St. Luke 9: 28 - 36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Reader : This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

Response : **Praise be to thee, O Christ!**

All sit

THE SERMON

Rev'd Canon Dr. Pervaiz Sultan

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Silence is observed to reflect on the word.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We Believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, Through whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets.

And we believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen

Music: John Marbecke (1510 - 85)

All sit or kneel for the prayers of the people

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader : Lord, look with favour
Response : Lord, transfigure and heal.

At the end of the Biddings, the following is said by all

Lord of glory, it is good if we suffer with you so that we shall be glorified with you. According to your promise bring all Christ's brothers and sisters to see him with their own eyes in majesty and to be changed into his likeness from glory to glory. To him be praise, dominion and worship now and for all eternity. Amen.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

Leader : Christ will transfigure our human body, and give it a form like that of his own glorious body. We are the body of Christ. We share his peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
Response : **And also with you.**
Response : Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

The Greater Entrance will take place during the singing of the Offertory Hymn, where the elements of Wine, Bread and Water for the Eucharist are brought up in procession.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. God is here! as we his people
Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure
What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of his Spirit
Into open minds and hearts.

3. Here our children find a welcome
In the Shepherd's flock and fold,
Here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us, as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
Seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living
To believe and to adore.

2. Here are symbols to remind us
Of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font and pulpit,
Here the cross has central place;
Here in honesty of preaching,
Here in silence as in speech,
Here in newness and renewal
God the Spirit comes to each.

4. Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom,
In an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel,
Help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
All we have to give, receive.
We, who cannot live without you,
We adore you! we believe!

*Words : Fred Pratt Green (1903 - 2000)
Music (BLANWERN) W.P. Rowlands (1860 - 1937)*

To be said by all

OFFERTORY PRAYER

All things come from you and for your own do we give you, Creator and Lord of the universe, ever adored by the holy Angels. Accept these gifts of bread and wine and these offerings which we present at your holy table and with them the dedication of our lives for your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

Presider : The Lord be with you
Response : **And with thy spirit**

Presider : Lift up your hearts.
Response : **We lift them up unto the Lord**

Presider : Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God
Response : **It is meet and right so to do**

It is very meet, right, and our bounded duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

And now we give thee thanks because the divine glory of the incarnate Word shone forth upon the holy mountain before the chosen witnesses of his majesty; and thine own voice from heaven proclaimed thy beloved Son.

Therefore with Angels, and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sung by the choir alone

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of hosts, heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high. Amen

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Then the Celebrant continues, the people kneeling.

Holy indeed are you Almighty Father eternal Sovereign, who in all your gifts and works manifests your holiness to all humanity. Holy is your Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ, through whom you did order the universe. And Holy is your ever blessed Spirit who reveals all things, even the deep things of you O God.

Just as you yourself are holy, so also you created us in your own image that we might live in holy fellowship. And when we disobeyed your commandments, you did not abandon us but you guided us as a merciful Father; you revealed yourself to us through the Sages, the Law and the Prophets, and through your redeeming acts in history. And when the time was ripe, you spoke to us specially through your Son Jesus, whom you sent into the world to share our human nature in order that the He might revive your own image in us.

Generous God, Jesus loves us and sacrificed himself for us and heralded the new life in breaking bread with His friends.

On the very night that he was betrayed to suffer death upon the cross for us, the Lord Jesus took bread and when he had given thanks to you Almighty Father, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same manner after supper, he took the cup of wine, after giving thanks to you, he gave it to them saying: Drink, all of you from this, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. When ever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Christ is the Bread of Life

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

And so Father, we present this bread and cup in communion with your whole church, in fellowship with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Peter, St. James, St. John and all the saints, and in union with all creation we celebrate your Son's death and victory; giving thanks for all that Christ has done for us and for preparing us for all that lies ahead. We receive the benefits of Christ's life, death, resurrection and session in glory, as we eagerly await the heavenly banquet after Christ's coming again.

And we entreat you most merciful God to hear us and send your All Holy Spirit on us and on these your gifts, that they being blessed and hallowed by that life giving power, may be for us the Body and Blood of your most dearly loved Son, to the end that we receiving the same may be sanctified and filled with your grace and heavenly blessing.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; make us one body in Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be to you Almighty Father, world without end. Amen.

BREAKING OF BREAD

Deacon : The bread which we break is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?
Response : **We being many are one bread, one body for we all partake of one bread.**

Deacon : As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray.

Sung by the choir alone

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
In 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.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Music : Albert Malotte (1895 - 1964)

Presider : The peace of the Lord be always with you
Response : **And also with you**

THE ELEVATION

Presider : The gifts of God for the people of God

Sung by the choir alone

BENEDICTUS

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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DEEP SILENCE is observed for contemplation

Sung by the choir alone

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: Grant us thy peace.

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THE INVITATION

Deacon : Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

Response : **Lord, give us this bread always.**

Followed by the Choir, all those who receive communion are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Guided by the prefects, the congregation may come up pew by pew and receive communion standing, from the middle of the isle.

THE DISTRIBUTION

The Body and Blood of Christ

On receiving the communicant says **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN

DECK thyself, my soul, with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendour,
There with joy thy praises render
Unto him whose grace unbounded
Hath this wondrous banquet founded;
High o'er all the heavens he reigneth,
Yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

Now I sink before thee lowly,
Filled with joy most deep and holy,
As with trembling awe and wonder
On thy mighty works I ponder;
How by mystery surrounded,
Depths no man hath ever sounded,
None may dare to pierce unbidden
Secrets that with thee are hidden.

Sun, who all my life dost brighten;
Light, who dost my soul enlighten;
Joy, the sweetest man e'er knoweth;
Fount, whence all my being floweth:
At thy feet I cry, my Maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, thy glory, given.

Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,
Let me gladly here obey thee;
Never to my hurt invited,
Be thy love with love requited;
From this banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
Through the gifts thou here dost give me,
As thy guest in heaven receive me.

*Words : J. Franck (1618 - 77) Translated ; C. Winkworth
Music : (SHMUCKE DICH) J. Crüger (1598 - 1662)*

THE POST COMMUNION

Leader : Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious

Response : **God's mercy endures forever.**

This is my son, my Beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him. *St. Matthew 17: 5*

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The choir will sing a special anthem, the congregation may be seated.

SPECIAL ANTHEM

I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me

I was glad when they said unto me : We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded as a city : that is at unity in itself.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem * they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls * and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Words : Psalm 122

Music : C. Hubert H. Parry (1848 - 1918)

All kneel for the blessing

THE BLESSING

Christ Jesus, the splendour of the Father and the image of his being, draw you to himself that you may live in his light and share his glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All stand for the dismissal

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon : Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Response : **In the name of Christ Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. 'TIS good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.

3. Fulfiller of the past!
Promise of things to be!
We hail thy Body glorified,
And our redemption see.

2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.

Choir only

4. Before we taste of death,
We see thy kingdom come;
We fain would hold the vision bright,
And make this hill our home.

5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain:
But since thou bidst us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.

Words : J. Armitage Robinson (1858 - 1933)

Music : (CARLISLE) C. Lockhart (1745 - 1815)