

THE CHAPEL OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

2nd Sunday in Epiphany & Unity Sunday, 19th January 2025

Theme: *'Manifestation in a new creation'*

THE GATHERING & THE PREPARATION

Processional Hymn

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Welcome & Call to Worship

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.'
Revelation 21: 5a

Blessed be God.

Blessed be God's reign for ever. Amen.

Prayer of Preparation

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Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: 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.

Call to Penitence

Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for God's redemption. We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

SILENCE as we recollect our sins of omission and commission

Confession

God our Father, long-suffering, full of grace and truth, you create us from nothing and give us life. You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside. We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbour. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. Restore us for the sake of your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Kyries

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Absolution

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Gloria

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Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men, We praise thee we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee.

We give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father

That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord:

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT for the day

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 62: 1 - 5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 36: 5 - 10

5. Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

6. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

7. How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

8. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

10. O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

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

As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 12: 1 - 11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says ‘Let Jesus be cursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Gradual

257 God of mercy, God of grace

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory. **Alleluia.**
cf John 1.14

Gospel

St. John 2: 1 - 11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Sermon

Rev. Marc Billimoria

Affirmation of Faith *Page 5 of the Liturgy Books*

**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

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Peace

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

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Offertory Prayer

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LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

(From page 8 of Liturgy Books)

Proper Preface

And now we give thee thanks because all things are of thy making, all times and seasons obey thy laws, but thou hast chosen to create us in thine own image, setting us over the whole world in all its wonder. Therefore...

Communion Hymn

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AFTER COMMUNION

The Thanksgiving for Communion

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious.

God's mercy endures for ever.

Sentence

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

St. John 2: 11

After Communion Prayer

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Christ our Lord, to whom Wise Men bowed down in worship and offered gifts, reveal to you his glory and pour upon you the riches of his grace; and the blessing... **Amen.**

Notice

1. The Corporate Communion of the Servers and Choristers and the guild meeting will be held next Sunday the 26th of January 2025.

Dismissal

Go in peace to bring light to those in darkness.

In the name of Christ the Light of the World. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

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Thy hand, O God, has guided

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