



The Chapel of The Transfiguration

Sung Eucharist

Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday 16th March 2025

7.30 am



Jesus is driven by the Spirit to carry out his prophetic mission, and every prophet, sooner or later, ends up in Jerusalem. He longs to gather the children of Jerusalem in his arms, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. One day they will welcome him, crying out, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' But he already knows how hollow those words will sound. Jesus, the mother hen, must also deal with Herod, the murderous fox. Jesus has a complicated relationship with Jerusalem, a city of death and of life.

Music before the Service

Psalm Prelude No. 2 Set 1

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)



Order of Service

*The congregation is asked to join in all text printed in **bold**.*

If you are unable to stand at any point during the service, please feel free to remain seated.

The service is sung by the Chapel Choir

Please remain silent before the service

The Gathering

Please remain seated as the choir enters and takes their place

Please stand as the altar party enters

Processional Hymn

during which the the altar is censed



**O for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free;
A heart that always feels thy blood
So freely spilt for me:**

**A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
My dear Redeemer's throne;
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone:**

**A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
Believing, true, and clean,
Which neither life nor death can part
From him that dwells within:**

**A heart in every thought renewed,
And full of love divine;
Perfect and right and pure and good,
A copy, Lord, of thine.**

**My heart, thou know'st, can never rest
Till thou create my peace;
Till of mine Eden repossess,
From self, and sin, I cease.**

**Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,
Come quickly from above;
Write thy new name upon my heart,
Thy new best name of love.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88)

Tune: Stockton

Thomas Wright (1763-1829)

Please remain standing. The celebrant continues

The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures for ever.

'You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.'

St. John 15.16

Blessed be God.

Blessed be God's reign for ever. Amen.

The lay assistant continues

Prayer of Preparation

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.**

The lay assistant invites all to confess their sins

Prayers of Penitence

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our sins in penitence and faith.

All kneel and silence is kept

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The choir sings

Holy God,
Holy and Strong,
Holy and Immortal,
Have mercy on us.

Music: David Ogden (b.1966)

The celebrant pronounces the Absolution

May the God of love bring you back to himself,
forgive you your sins, and assure you of
his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The lay assistant continues

The Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit

Let us pray

Silence is kept

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of
Christ's religion, that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.

Amen.

All sit

The Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Book of Genesis chapter 15

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.'

But he said, ‘O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?’ He said to him, ‘Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.’ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, ‘To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

Genesis 15. 1–12, 17–18

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Remain seated

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

**One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek
after: to live in the house of the Lord all the
days of my life, to behold the beauty of
the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

**Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all
around me, and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make
melody to the Lord.**

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

**‘Come,’ my heart says, ‘seek his face!’ Your face,
Lord, do I seek.**

Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

**If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will
take me up.**

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

**Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me, and they
are breathing out violence.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart
take courage; wait for the Lord!**

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

**As it was in the beginning is now and
shall be for ever. Amen.**

Psalm 27

Remain seated

The New Testament Reading

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians Chapter 3

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Philippians 3:17-4:1

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

All stand to sing

Gradual Hymn



**Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.**

**Not the labours of my hands
Can fulfil thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes are closed in death,
When I soar through tracts unknown,
See thee on thy judgement throne;
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.**

Words: Arthur Toplady (1740–78)

Tune: Petra
Richard Redhead (1820–1901)

Remain standing and face the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

Choir: Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

All repeat:



Choir: Blessed are those who have endured temptation;
they have stood the test
and will receive the crown of life.

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord be with you

And with thy spirit

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. Luke, 13th Chapter, beginning at the 31st verse

Glory be to thee, O Lord

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.” Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” ’

St. Luke 13. 31–35

At the end,

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
Praise be to thee, O Christ

Remain standing until invited to be seated

Sermon

given by

Rev. Suren Watson
Assistant Chaplain

All stand to sing

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
worshiped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets.
And we believe 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.**

All kneel or sit

Prayers of Intercession

during which the following response is used

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

at the end,

**God of power and loving kindness,
you hate nothing that you have made and forgive
the sins of all who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts,
so that when we turn to you and confess our sins,
we may receive from you,
the God of all mercy, perfect forgiveness and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

Greeting of Peace

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And with thy spirit.

Preparation of the Table

Offertory Hymn

*during which the bread and wine are placed on the altar,
and a collection is taken for the work of the chapel*



**Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown
When thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
For thy holy nativity:**

Refrain:

***O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for thee.***

**Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
Proclaiming thy royal degree;
But in lowly birth didst thou come to earth,
And in great humility:**

**The foxes found rest, and the bird had its nest
in the shade of the cedar tree;
but thy couch was the sod, O thou Son of God,
in the desert of Galilee:**

Refrain:

*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for thee.*

**Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word
That should set thy people free;
But with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn
They bore thee to Calvary:**

**When all heaven shall ring, and her choirs shall sing,
At thy coming to victory,
Let thy voice call me home, saying, Yet there is room,
There is room at my side for thee:**

Words: Emily E. Elliott (1835–97)

Tune: Margaret
T. R. Matthews (1826–1910)

Remain standing. The celebrant invites all to say,

**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.**

Remain standing. The celebrant continues

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up unto the Lord

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

It is very meet, right, and our bounden
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 thou hast given us the spirit of discipline,
that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace,
as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with
mind and heart renewed.

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

All sing

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee,
O Lord most high.**

The people may prayerfully sit, kneel or remain standing

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 came among us through your Son Jesus, whom you sent into the world to share our human nature in order that the Lord Jesus 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 companions.**

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 also, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them saying:

Drink, all of you from this,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, 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 (Blessed Mary, and) 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; for preparing us for all that lies ahead, we receive the benefits of Christ's life, death, resurrection and session in glory, and 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 the Bread

The bread which we break
is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

**We being many are one bread,
one body for we all partake of the one bread.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray

All sing

**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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The celebrant continues

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

The gifts of God for the people of God

All sing

Benedictus

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

Deep Silence

The choir sings

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world
Have mercy upon us.

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

Giving of Communion

The celebrant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion, saying

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lord.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Please sit. If you receive communion in your own church,
you are welcome to do so here.*

During communion the choir sings

Anthem

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is,
blessed is the man that trusteth in Him

Words: Psalm 34. 8

Music: Ralph V. Williams (1872–1958)

Remain seated to sing

Hymn



**My spirit longs for thee
within my troubled breast,
though I unworthy be
of so divine a guest.**

**Of so divine a guest
unworthy though I be,
yet has my heart no rest
unless it come from thee.**

**Unless it come from thee,
in vain I look around;
in all that I can see
no rest is to be found.**

**No rest is to be found
but in thy blessed love:
O let my wish be crowned,
and send it from above!**

Words: John Byrom (1692–1763)

Tune: Quam Dilecta
H. L. Jenner (1820–98)

All kneel or remain seated

Prayers after Communion

The celebrant says,

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious.

God's mercy endures forever.

“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? So we too might walk in newness of life.”

Romans 6: 3, 4b

**Lord God,
you have renewed us with the
living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope,
and strengthen our love: teach us always to
hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word that proceeds
from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Remain kneeling or seated

The Dismissal

The Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross,
and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

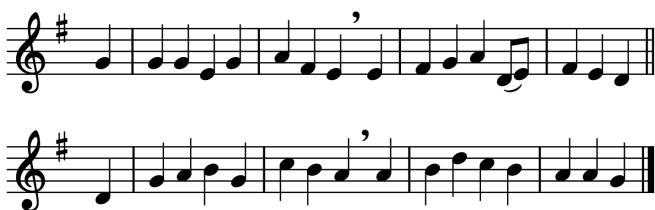
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

during which the servers and clergy depart



**We sing the praise of him who died,
of him who died upon the cross;
the sinner's hope let men deride,
for this we count the world but loss.**

**Inscribed upon the cross we see
in shining letters, 'God is love';
he bears our sins upon the tree;
he brings us mercy from above.**

**The cross! It takes our guilt away:
it holds the fainting spirit up;
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,
and sweetens every bitter cup.**

**It makes the coward spirit brave,
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes its terror from the grave,
and gilds the bed of death with light:**

**The balm of life, the cure of woe,
the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refuge here below,
the angels' theme in heaven above.**

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769–1855)

Tune: Breslau
German Traditional Melody

Remain standing as the choir moves out, then sit.

You are invited to be seated for the playing of the organ voluntary or you may leave quietly at this point.

Music after the Service

Fantasia in b minor BWV 563

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)



Notices

Sunday Fellowship

You are all invited to a time of fellowship on the chapel steps.

Sunday 23rd March 7.30 am

Sung Eucharist

Music will include:

Elgar - Ave Verum

All are welcome to attend

Sunday 30th March 7.30 am

Sung Eucharist

Mothering Sunday

Music will include:

Rutter - The Lord bless you and keep you

Bevan - There's a wideness in God's mercy

All are welcome to attend



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