



The Chapel of The Transfiguration

Sung Eucharist

Transfiguration Sunday

(Sunday next before Lent)

Sunday 2nd March 2025

7.30 am



The transfiguration left the disciples tongue-tied. They ‘kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen’. Their eyes and ears were saturated with sights and sounds that they could not fathom, and in the midst of this, a voice from the cloud spoke to them: ‘This is my son, my chosen, listen to him.’ How to listen, when the words are so strange, the light so glorious, the promised departure so perplexing?

Music before the Service

Voluntary in B flat

Johnathan Battishill (1738–1801)



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



**Christ is the world's true light,
its Captain of salvation,
the Daystar clear and bright
of every land and nation;
new life, new hope awakes,
for all who own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks,
and night is turned to day.**

**In Christ all races meet,
their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete,
from sunrise to its setting:
when Christ is throned as Lord,
all shall forsake their fear,
to plough-share beat the sword,
to pruning hook the spear.**

**One Lord, in one great name
unite us all who own thee;
cast out our pride and shame
that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long,
has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong,
come, Prince of Peace, and reign.**

Words: G. W. Briggs (1875–1959)

Tune: Nun Dunket
Johann Crüger (1598–1662)

Please remain standing. The celebrant continues

The Greeting

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit.

‘And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.’

2 Corinthians 3:18

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

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.

All kneel and silence is kept

**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought,
word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

The choir sings

Kyrie Eleison	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>
Christe Eleison	<i>Christ, have mercy</i>
Kyrie Eleison	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>

The celebrant gives the Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins
to all those who with heartfelt repentance and
true faith turn to him:

have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and bring you to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All stand to sing

Gloria

**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,
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.**

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 Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;
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 Exodus chapter 34

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Exodus 34. 29–35

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Remain seated

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**The Lord is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.**

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

**Mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

**Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.**

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

**O Lord our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

**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 99

Remain seated

The New Testament Reading

A reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians
Chapter 3

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

2 Corinthians 3.12–4.2

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

All stand to sing

Gradual Hymn



**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

Words: W. Chalmers Smith (1824–1908)

Tune: St. Denio
Welsh Traditional Tune

Remain standing and face the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Choir: I am the light of the world, says the Lord.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. Luke, 9th Chapter, beginning at the 28 verse
Glory be to thee, O Lord

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.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, ‘Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.’ Jesus answered, ‘You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.’ While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God. While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples,

St. Luke 9. 28–43

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'd. 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
worshipped 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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

Greeting of Peace

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 meet in his name and we share his peace.

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*



**Light's abode, celestial Salem,
vision dear whence peace doth spring,
brighter than the heart can fancy,
mansion of the highest King;
O how glorious are the praises
which of thee the prophets sing!**

**There for ever and for ever
alleluia is outpoured;
for unending, for unbroken,
is the feast-day of the Lord;
all is pure and all is holy
that within thy walls is stored.**

**There no cloud or passing vapour
dims the brightness of the air;
endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
from the Sun of suns is there;
there no night brings rest from labour,
for unknown are toil and care.**

**O how glorious and resplendent,
fragile body, shalt thou be,
when endued with so much beauty,
full of health and strong and free,
full of vigour, full of pleasure
that shall last eternally.**

**Now with gladness, now with courage,
bear the burden on thee laid,
that hereafter these thy labours
may with endless gifts be paid;
and in everlasting glory
thou with joy mayst be arrayed.**

**Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run. Amen.**

Words: Thomas á Kempis (1380–1471)

Tune: Regent Square
Henry Smart (1813–97)

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
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:

The choir sings

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 with thy spirit.

The gifts of God for the people of God

The choir sings

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.*

Remain seated or kneeling to sing

Communion Hymn



**Jesus, these eyes have never seen
that radiant form of thine;
the veil of sense hangs dark between
thy blessed face and mine.**

**I see thee not, I hear thee not,
yet art thou oft with me;
and earth hath ne'er so dear a spot
as where I met with thee.**

**Yet, though I have not seen, and still
must rest in faith alone,
I love thee, dearest Lord, and will,
unseen, but not unknown.**

**When death these mortal eyes shall seal,
and still this throbbing heart,
the rending veil shall thee reveal
all glorious as thou art.**

Words: Ray Palmer (1808–87)

Tune: Nun Danket All
Praxis Pietatis Melica, 1647

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.

“It is good, Lord, to be here. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’”

Luke 9: 35

**Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at this 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.**

Remain kneeling or seated

The Dismissal

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.

Go in peace and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Hymn
during which the servers and clergy depart



**'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
thy glory fills the night;
thy face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.**

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
thy beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
thy messengers of old.**

**Fulfiller of the past,
promise of things to be,
we hail thy body glorified,
and our redemption see.**

Choir only

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

**'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. A. Robinson (1858–1933)

Tune: Carlisle
Charles Lockhart (1745–1815)

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

Chorale Prelude on 'Croft's 136'

Charles H. Parry (1848–1918)



Notices

Sunday Fellowship

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

Ash Wednesday
5th March 2025

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