



# The Chapel of The Transfiguration

## Sung Eucharist

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
7.30 am



It is a privilege to be called a 'child' of Jesus. Kinship suggests that we share his nature. But we cannot yet follow him beyond death. Not even those martyred for their faith do so bearing the sins of the whole world. For now, this is our place of living and learning. He commands us, while we are still in the world, to show the love of heaven to one another. This is the truest mark of Christian discipleship. Without it, all our deeds are worthless and our faith is vanity.

#### Music before the Service

A brighter dawn is breaking      *Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)*



### 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 of S. Thomas' College*

*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 altar is censed*



**Love's redeeming work is done;  
fought the fight, the battle won:  
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,  
lo, he sets in blood no more.**

**Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.**

**Lives again our glorious King;  
where, O death, is now thy sting?  
dying once, he all doth save;  
where thy victory, O grave?**

**Soar we now where Christ has led,  
following our exalted Head;  
made like him, like him we rise;  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given:  
thee we greet triumphant now;  
hail, the Resurrection Thou!**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88)

Tune: *Savannah*  
John Wesley (1742)

*Please remain standing. The celebrant continues*

## The Greeting

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.  
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.”  
- John 13:34b

Blessed be God

**Blessed by God's reign for ever. Amen.**

*All kneel and 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

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.  
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence is kept*

**Most merciful God,  
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 pronounces the Absolution*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
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*

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world and  
the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves  
for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

*All sit*

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Reading in place of the Old Testament

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 11

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

Acts 11. 1–18

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*Remain seated*

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

**Praise him, all his angels;**

**praise him, all his host!**

Praise him, sun and moon;

praise him, all you shining stars!

**Praise him, you highest heavens,**

**and you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for he commanded and they were created.

**He established them for ever and ever;**

**he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

**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.**

*Remain seated*

## New Testament Reading

A reading from the Book of Revelation Chapter 21

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Revelation 21.1–6

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*All stand to sing*

## Gradual Hymn



**Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day  
didst make thy triumph over death and sin,  
and having harrowed hell, didst bring away  
captivity thence captive, us to win:**

**This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,  
and grant that we for whom thou diddest die,  
being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin,  
may live for ever in felicity:**

**And that thy love we weighing worthily,  
may likewise love thee for the same again;  
and for thy sake, who dost all grace supply,  
with love may one another entertain;**

*Second part*

**So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought;  
love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.**

Words: Edmund Spenser (1552–1599)

Tune: *Farley Castle*  
Henry Lawes (1596–1662)

*Remain standing and face the Gospel*

## Gospel Reading

*Choir:* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*All repeat*



*Choir:* Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life.  
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,  
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you  
**And with thy spirit**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St. John, 13<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning at the 31<sup>st</sup> verse

**Glory be to thee, O Lord**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

St. John 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*

Mr. Yohesan Casie Chetty

*Lay Assistant*

*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,*

**Almighty God, by raising Jesus Christ your Anointed,  
you conquered the power of death  
and opened for us the way to eternal life.  
In our celebration today, raise us up and renew our  
lives by the Spirit that is within us.  
Grant this through Christ our Redeemer,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all praise  
and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.  
Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*All stand*

## Greeting of Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Preparation of the Table

### Offertory Hymn

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



**Love Divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Words: Charles Wesley

Tune: *Blaenwern*

William Penfro Rowlands (1860–1937)

Descant: John Scott (1952–2015)

*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 through him thou hast given us eternal life  
and delivered us from the bondage of sin and the fear of death  
into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

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.

The Lord Jesus Christ is Saviour

**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

And so Father, we present this bread and cup in communion with your whole church, in fellowship with (Blessed Mary, 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

*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 to sing*

### Communion Hymn



**Author of life divine  
who hast a table spread,  
furnished with mystic wine  
and everlasting bread,  
preserve the life thyself hast given,  
and feed and train us up for heaven.**

**Our needy souls sustain  
with fresh supplies of love,  
till all thy life we gain,  
and all thy fullness prove,  
and, strengthened by thy perfect grace,  
behold without a veil thy face.**

Words: Charles Wesley

Tune: *Rhosymedre*  
John Edwards (1805-85)

*All kneel or remain seated*

### Prayers after Communion

*The celebrant says,*

Give thanks to God for God is gracious  
**God's mercy endures for ever**

“Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, ‘If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.’”

John 8.31–32

**Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,  
the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*Remain kneeling or seated*

## The Dismissal

## The Blessing

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ  
has given us the victory,  
give you joy and peace in your faith;  
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*

Go in peace and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Recessional Hymn

*during which the servers and clergy depart*



**Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
Your sweetest notes employ,  
The Paschal victory to hymn  
In strains of holy joy.**

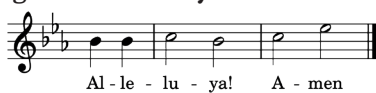
**How Judah's Lion burst his chains,  
And crushed the serpent's head;  
And brought with him, from death's domains,  
The long-imprisoned dead.**

**From hell's devouring jaws the prey  
Alone our Leader bore;  
His ransomed hosts pursue their way  
Where he hath gone before.**

**Triumphant in his glory now  
His sceptre ruleth all,  
Earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,  
And at his footstool fall.**

**While joyful thus his praise we sing,  
His mercy we implore,  
Into his palace bright to bring  
And keep us evermore.**

**All glory to the Father be,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
While endless ages run. Alleluya! Amen.**



Words: Fulbert of Chartres (ca. 960–1028)

Tune: *St. Fulbert*

Henry J. Gauntlett (1805–1876)

*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

A Voluntary on ‘St. Fulbert’

*Douglas Guest (1916–96)*



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