



# The Chapel of The Transfiguration

## Sung Eucharist

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
7.30 am



Sometimes time moves fast and slow at once. Easter unfurls a season of heavenly, golden joy: but once the Gospel begins to speak of the Holy Spirit, thoughts prepare to turn to earthly joys, to the green, growing, season of so-called 'Ordinary Time'.

For the disciples, Jesus' peace was spoken in a moment. For us it has become eternal: past, present, future. Once a sick man waited by a pool while the decades crawled by. Then came an instantaneous gift of healing. Hope can be more transformative than medicine. Salvation is a moment in time and an eternal now.

#### 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*



**O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace!**

**Jesus—the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.**

**He speaks; and, listening to his voice,  
New life the dead receive,  
The mournful broken hearts rejoice,  
The humble poor believe.**

**Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;  
And leap, ye lame, for joy!**

**My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim  
And spread through all the earth abroad  
The honours of thy name.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88)

Tune: *Richmond*  
Thomas Haweis (1734–1820)

*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!**

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.”

- John 16:13

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, by the lakeside you renewed  
your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
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 16

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, ‘If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.’ And she prevailed upon us.

Acts 16. 9–15

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*Remain seated*

Psalm 67

God be gracious to us and bless us •

and make his face to shine upon us,

**That your way may be known upon earth, •**

**your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; •

let all the peoples praise you.

**O let the nations rejoice and be glad, •**

**for you will judge the peoples righteously**

**and govern the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; •

let all the peoples praise you.

**Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, •**

**and God, our own God, will bless us.**

God will bless us, •

and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

***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

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 21.10, 22-22.5

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*All stand to sing*

Gradual Hymn



**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure;  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine;  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God:  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.**

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835–89)

Tune: Carlisle  
Charles Lockhart (1745–1815)

*Remain standing and face the Gospel*

## Gospel Reading

*Choir:* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*All repeat*



*Choir:* Jesus said, ‘All who see the Son and believe in him  
may have eternal life;  
and I will raise them up on the last day.’  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St. John, 14<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning at the 23<sup>rd</sup> verse  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord**

Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.” If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

St. John 14. 23–29

*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. Chamodh de Silva  
*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*



**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 nor 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 may'st 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 (1813-79)

*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



**O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace,  
Eternal source of love,  
Inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts  
With fire from heaven above.**

**As thou dost join with holiest bonds  
The Father and the Son,  
So fill us all with mutual love,  
And link their hearts in one.**

**To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Holy Ghost,  
Eternal glory be from man,  
And from the Angel-host. Amen.**

Words: Charles Coffin (1676–1749)

Tune: *Tallis' Ordinal*  
Thomas Tallis (1505–1585)

*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**

“For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”- 1. Cor. 12.13

**God our Father,**

**Whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:**

**may we thirst for you,**

**the spring of life and source of goodness,**

**through him 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*



**Jesus lives! Thy terrors now  
Can, O Death, no more appal us;  
Jesus lives! by this we know  
Thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.  
Alleluya!**

**Jesus lives! henceforth is death  
But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm our trembling breath,  
When we pass its gloomy portal.  
Alleluya!**

**Jesus lives! for us he died;  
Then, alone to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart may we abide,  
Glory to our Saviour giving.  
Alleluya!**

**Jesus lives! our hearts know well  
Nought from us his love shall sever;  
Life, nor death, nor powers of hell  
Tear us from his keeping ever.  
Alleluya!**

**Jesus lives! to him the throne  
Over all the world is given;  
May we go where he is gone,  
Rest and reign with him in heaven.  
Alleluya!**

Words: Christian F. Gellert (1715–69)

Tune: *St. Albinus*  
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)*



## Notices

### **Sunday Fellowship**

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

### **Servers and Choristers Guild meeting**

There will be a meeting of the Servers and Choristers Guild soon after this service.



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