



## The Chapel of The Transfiguration

# Sung Eucharist

## Second Sunday before Advent

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025

7.30 am



Here we see the traditional imagery of apocalyptic end-time literature. Imagine the glory of your own church. Imagine, if you dare, what it might look like in ruins. Then you will get a sense of the seismic shock when the Romans destroyed the temple at Jerusalem in ad 70 – the glory departed. Early Christians lived in the shadow of that event, and also knew what it was to be persecuted. In fact there is no Christian century in which the Church has not known persecution: hear then the power of Jesus' reassurance – 'by your endurance you will gain your souls'.



### Music before the Service

O Gott Du Frommer Gott (O God, thou faithful God)

Op. 122. No. 7

Johannes Brahms (1833–97)

## 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, Mount Lavinia*

*Please remain silent before the service*

# The Gathering

*Remain seated as the choir enters and takes their place*

*All stand as the altar party enters*

Processional Hymn  
*during which the altar is censed*



**O God of earth and altar,  
bow down and hear our cry,  
our earthly rulers falter,  
our people drift and die;  
the walls of gold entomb us,  
the swords of scorn divide,  
take not thy thunder from us,  
but take away our pride.**

**From all that terror teaches,  
from lies of tongue and pen,  
from all the easy speeches  
that comfort cruel men,  
from sale and profanation  
of honour and the sword,  
from sleep and from damnation,  
deliver us, good Lord!**

**Tie in a living tether  
the prince and priest and thrall,  
bind all our lives together,  
smite us and save us all;  
in ire and exultation  
afame with faith, and free,  
lift up a living nation,  
a single sword to thee.**

Words: Gibert Chesterton (1874–1936)

Tune: King's Lynn  
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

*All remain standing. The celebrant continues*

The Greeting

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

**Amen.**

“Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.”

Habakkuk 2.4b

*Silence is kept*

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

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

*All kneel and 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*

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive you of your sins  
and make you holy to serve him in the world,  
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.**

*Silence is kept*

*The lay assistant continues*

The Collect for the Day

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

Let us pray

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works  
of the devil and to make us the children of God  
and heirs of eternal life:  
Grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and great glory  
we may be made like him  
in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns with thee,  
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 Prophecy of Isaiah 65. 17–25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated*

Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things.

**His own right hand and his holy arm  
have won for him the victory.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

**He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness  
towards the house of Israel,  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the sal-  
vation of our God.**

Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth;  
break into singing and make music.

**Make music to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the voice of melody.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
sound praises before the Lord, the King.

**Let the sea thunder and all that fills it,  
the world and all that dwell upon it.**

Let the rivers clap their hands  
and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,  
for he comes to judge the earth.

**In righteousness shall he judge the world  
and the peoples with equity.**

**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*

## The New Testament Reading

A reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians  
3. 6–13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand to sing*

### Gradual Hymn



**City of God, how broad and far  
outspread thy walls sublime!  
The true thy chartered freemen are  
of every age and clime:**

**One holy church, one army strong,  
one steadfast, high intent;  
one working band, one harvest-song,  
one King omnipotent.**

**How purely hath thy speech come down  
from man's primaevael youth!**

**How grandly hath thine empire grown  
of freedom, love, and truth!**

**How gleam thy watch-fires through the night  
with never-fainting ray!**

**How rise thy towers, serene and bright,  
to meet the dawning day!**

**In vain the surge's angry shock,  
in vain the drifting sands:  
unharmd upon the eternal Rock  
the eternal city stands.**

Words: Samuel Johnson (1740–78)

Tune: Richmond  
Thomas Haweis (1734–1820)

*Remain standing and face the Gospel*

## The Gospel Reading

*Choir:* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*All repeat:*



*Choir:* Speak Lord for thy servant is listening  
you have the words of eternal life.  
**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

**And with thy spirit**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St. Luke 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter, beginning at the 5<sup>th</sup> verse

**Glory be to thee, O Lord**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and

friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

St. Luke 21. 5–19

*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. Lionel Pieris

*Visiting Preacher*

*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,  
By 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**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*All stand*

### Greeting of Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

We belong to him through faith,

heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**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*



**All my hope on God is founded;  
He doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
Only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
He alone  
Calls my heart to be his own.**

**Pride of man and earthly glory,  
Sword and crown betray his trust;  
What with care and toil he buildeth,  
Tower and temple, fall to dust  
But God's power,  
Hour by hour,  
Is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,  
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
Splendour, light and life attend him,  
Beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore  
From his store  
New-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th'Almighty giver  
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
His desire our soul delighteth,  
Pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
At his hand;  
Joy doth wait on his command.**

**Still from man to God eternal  
Sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising  
For the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
One and all:  
Ye who follow shall not fall.**

Words: Robert Bridge (1825–78)

Tune: Michael  
Herbert Howells (1823–76)

*Remain standing. The celebrant invites all to say,*

**All things come from you and of 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 art the source of light and life;  
thou hast made us in thine image,  
and hast called us to new life in him.

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 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.**

*All sing:* **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*

Draw near with faith and take this Holy Sacrament to your  
comfort.

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

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

*Remain seated or kneeling to sing*

Communion Hymn

The image shows four staves of musical notation for a Communion Hymn. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The first two staves contain the main melody, with the second staff ending with a 'Fine' marking. The third staff is labeled 'Refrain' and features a more rhythmic, eighth-note pattern. The fourth staff is labeled 'D.S. vs 2,3,4 al Fine' and continues the refrain.

**Make me a channel of your peace:  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love,  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you:**

**O Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved, as to love with all my soul!**

**Make me a channel of your peace:  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope,  
Where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness, ever joy:**

***O Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved, as to love with all my soul!***

**Make me a channel of your peace:  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving ourselves that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

**Make me a channel of your peace:  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love,  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

Words: St. Francis of Assisi  
Tr. Sebastian Temple (1928–97)

Tune: Make me a channel  
Sebastian Temple  
Arranged by Martin Neary (1940–2025)

*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.**

“And join them together into one stick, so that they may become one in your hand.”

Ezekiel 37.17

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the Body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through Christ we offer you ourselves  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live  
and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

*Remain kneeling or seated*

## The Dismissal

## The Blessing

May Christ draw you to humility and worship,  
and bring you to see God at work;  
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 to serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

*during which the servers and clergy depart*



**God is Love: let heav'n adore him;  
God is Love: let earth rejoice;  
Let creation sing before him,  
And exalt him with one voice.  
He who laid the earth's foundation,  
He who spread the heav'ns above,  
He who breathes through all creation,  
He is Love, eternal Love.**

**God is Love: and he enfoldeth  
All the world in one embrace;  
With unfailing grasp he holdeth  
Every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
Under sorrow's iron rod,  
Then they find that selfsame aching  
Deep within the heart of God.**

**God is Love: and though With blindness  
Sin afflicts the souls of men,  
God's eternal loving-kindness  
Holds and guides them even then.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
o'er us final triumph gain;  
God is Love, so Love for ever  
O'er the universe must reign.**

Words: Timothy Rees (1874–1939)

Tune: Blauenwern  
William Rowlands (1860–1937)

*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

Elegy

*Hubert Parry (1848–1918)*

## Notices

### Sunday Fellowship

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

### Sunday 23 November

7.30 am

#### Sung Eucharist

Christ the King

All are welcome to attend.

### Sunday 30 November

7.30 am

#### Sung Eucharist

First Sunday in Advent

All are welcome to attend.

### Sunday 7 December

7.30 am

#### Sung Eucharist

Second Sunday in Advent

All are welcome to attend.

6.00 pm

#### A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

*sung by*

The Chapel Choir of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavina

*Music will include carols by*

Philip Ledger

Bob Chilcott

Graham Ellis

*and more*

All are welcome to attend

### Wednesday 24 December

11.30 pm

#### Sung Eucharist of Christmas Night

All are welcome to attend



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