



The Chapel of
The Transfiguration

Sung Eucharist

Christ the King

Sunday 23rd November 2025
7.30 am



On the Feast of Christ the King, the poignancy of hearing the crucifixion—so “out of season,” as it were—reveals that Christ’s glory is shown in a way the world does not expect: His throne is a cross, His crown of thorns, and His royal authority expressed in mercy to a dying thief. In this moment His true majesty shines—a King who reigns by self-giving love and brings hope and peace into the world’s darkest places. The innocent and the guilty suffer alike, in war and in life, but Christ the King, lifted high upon the cross, opens the possibility of paradise to all, for His cross is His glory and His glory is for the saving of the world.



Music before the Service

Lobe den Herren, den mächtign König der Ehren
(Praise to the Lord, the Almighty) J. G. Walther (1684–1748)

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 procession of clergy and servers enter

The chaplain says

Let us proceed in peace

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Processional Hymn

during which the altar is censed

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crown him, crown him, and crown_ him Lord of all

**All hail the power of Jesu's name;
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
To crown him Lord of all.**

**Crown him, ye morning stars of light,
Who fixed this floating ball;
Now hail the Strength of Israel's might,
And crown him Lord of all.**

**Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
Who from his altar call;
Praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
And crown him Lord of all.**

**Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all.**

**Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
And crown him Lord of all.**

**Let every tribe and every tongue
To him their hearts enthral,
Lift high the universal song,
And crown him Lord of all.**

Words: Edward Perronet (1721–92)

Tune: Diadem
James Ellor (1819–99)

All remain standing. The celebrant continues

The Greeting

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

Amen.

“Your throne is God’s throne, for ever;
the sceptre of your kingdom is the sceptre of righteousness.”

Psalm 45.6

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

Jesus says, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our
sins 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

Lord, have mercy

Christe Eleison

Christ, have mercy

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy

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

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended into the heavens
that he might reign over all things as Lord and King:
keep thy Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace;
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
world without end.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Prophecy of Jeremiah 23. 1–6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Remain seated

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble;
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;

Though the waters rage and swell, and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; therefore shall she not be removed; •
God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken, but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come and behold the works of the Lord, what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.

He makes wars to cease in all the world; he shatters the bow and snaps the spear and burns the chariots in the fire.

'Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.'

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**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 Letter to the Colossians 1.11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand to sing

Gradual Hymn



**Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!**

**The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.**

**Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!**

**Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.**

**Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!**

Words: George Herbert (1593–1632)

Tune: Luckington
Basil Harwood (1820–1901)

Remain standing and face the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All repeat:



Choir: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you

And with thy spirit

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. Luke 23rd Chapter, beginning at the 33rd verse

Glory be to thee, O Lord

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

St. Luke 23. 33–43

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

Ven. Samuel Ponniah

Chaplain

A time for silent reflection is kept following the sermon

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

May your reign come;

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

Greeting of Peace

Christ the King reigns in mercy,
rules in truth, and speaks peace to his people.
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*



**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
glassed in a sea of light,
where everlasting waves
reflect his throne-the Infinite!
who lives-and loves-and saves.**

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800–1894)

Tune: Diademata
George Elvey (1816–60)

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 hast exalted thine Only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to thy kingdom in heaven,
that he may rule over all things as Lord and King;
and, being made perfect in all things,
he became the source of eternal salvation
to all who obey 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



**O Jesu, King most wonderful,
Thou Conqueror renowned,
Thou sweetness most ineffable,
In whom all joys are found!**

**When once thou visitest the heart,
Then truth begins to shine;
Then earthly vanities depart;
Then kindles love divine.**

**O Jesu, Light of all below,
Thou Fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know,
And all we can desire:**

**May every heart confess thy name,
And ever thee adore;
And, seeking thee, itself inflame
To seek thee more and more.**

**Thee may our tongues for ever bless,
Thee may we love alone;
And ever in our lives express
The image of thine own.**

Words: Bernard of Clairvaux (c.1091)
Tr. Edward Caswall (1814–78)

Tune: St. Botolph
Gordon Slater (1896–1979)

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.

“He is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and
Lord of lords; to him be honour and everlasting power.”

I Timothy 6.15–16

**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.**

All sit. The choir sings

Anthem

Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
And be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors,
And the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
The Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
even lift them up, ye everlasting doors,
And the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
He is the King of Glory.

Words: Psalm 24. 7-10

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992)

The Dismissal

The Blessing

Christ the King,
who from the cross reigns in mercy and in majesty,
guard your hearts in peace
and make you steadfast in hope;
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



**Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:**

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:**

**Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:**

**Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:**

**So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:**

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

Festal Flourish

Gordon Jacob (1895–1984)



Notices

Sunday Fellowship

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

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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