



The Chapel of
The Transfiguration

Sung Eucharist

All Saints' Sunday

Sunday 2nd November 2025

7.30 am



There's a wonderful translation of the Beatitudes which instead of 'Blessed are the poor ...' says this: 'Congratulations to the poor ...'. It's wonderful because it's so down to-earth, which is what we really celebrate in the lives of the saints. They are not a bunch of religious experts, but here in Luke's version ordinary people, and often at the bottom of the pile in society's terms. He has fewer congratulations than Matthew, and adds a matching set of woes. There's challenge as well as comfort as we learn to love even those we find it hard to love.



Music before the service

O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen Op. 122 No. 6

(Blessed are ye faithful souls)

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen, Op. 122 No. 11

(O World, I now must leave thee)

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 and moves to the sanctuary

The chaplain says

Let us proceed in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen

Processional Hymn

during which the altar is censed



**For all the Saints who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confest.
Thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.
Alleluya! Alleluya!**

**Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their
Might;]
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light.
Alleluya! Alleluya!**

**O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the Saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluya! Alleluya!**

**O blest communion! fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluya! Alleluya!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluya! Alleluya!**

[Choir only]

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest:
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

**But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The Saints triumphant rise in bright array:
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluya! Alleluya!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest
coast,]
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless
host,]
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluya! Alleluya!**

Words: William W. How (1926–2024)

Tune: Sine Nomine
Ralph V. 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.

Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord!
Let us keep the feast in honour of all God's saints,
in whose victory the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God.

“So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God”
Ephesians 2.19

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

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
looking to Jesus 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

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.**

Remain standing. Silence is kept

The lay assistant continues

The Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray

All kneel

O Almighty God,
who hast knit together thine elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints
in all virtuous and godly living,
that we may come unto those unspeakable joys
which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee;
through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. Amen.
Amen.

All sit

The Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Book of Daniel 7.1–3, 15–18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: “As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

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

O sing unto the Lord a new song;
let the congregation of saints praise him.
Let Israel rejoice in him that made him,
and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.
Let them praise his Name in the dance:
let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.
For the Lord hath pleasure in his people,
and helpeth the meek-hearted.
Let the saints be joyful with glory;
let them rejoice in their beds.
Let the praises of God be in their mouth;
and a two-edged sword in their hands;
To be avenged of the heathen
and to rebuke the people;
To bind their kings in chains,
and their nobles with links of iron;
That they may be avenged of them, as it is written,
Such honour have all his saints.

All stand

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Chant: Thomas Attwood (1765–1838)

All sit

The New Testament Reading

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 1. 11–23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and

above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

All stand to sing

Gradual Hymn



**Glory to thee, O God,
for all thy saints in light,
who nobly strove and conquered
in the well-fought fight.
Their praises sing,
who life out-poured
by fire and sword
for Christ their King.**

**Thanks be to thee, O Lord,
for saints thy Spirit stirred
in humble paths to live thy life
and speak thy word.
Unnumbered they,
whose candles shine
to lead our footsteps
after thine.**

**Lord God of truth and love,
'thy kingdom come', we pray;
give us thy grace to know thy truth
and walk thy way:
that here on earth
thy will be done,
till saints in earth
and heaven are one.**

Words: Howard Gaunt (1902–83)

Tune: Love unknown
John Ireland (1879–62)

Remain standing and face the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All repeat:



Choir: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people,
called out of darkness into his marvellous light
Alleluia.

The Lord be with you

And with thy spirit

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. Luke 6th Chapter, beginning at the 20th verse

Glory be to thee, O Lord

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude
you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.
Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward
is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the
prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their
ancestors treated the false prophets.

“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good
to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for
those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek,
offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat
do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks
of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for
it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

St. Luke 6. 20–31

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. Suren Watson

Assistant 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

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

Greeting of Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints
and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord,
who came and preached peace to those who were far off
and those who were near.

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*



**Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O I know not,
What social joys are there,
What radiancy of glory,
What light beyond compare.**

**They stand, those halls of Sion,
Conjubilant with song,
And bright with many an angel,
And all the martyr throng;
The Prince is ever in them,
The daylight is serene,
The pastures of the blessed
Are decked in glorious sheen.**

**There is the throne of David,
And there, from care released,
The song of them that triumph,
The shout of them that feast;
And they who, with their Leader,
Have conquered in the fight,
For ever and for ever
Are clad in robes of white.**

**O sweet and blessed country,
Shall I ever see thy face?
O sweet and blessed country,
Shall I ever win thy grace?
Exult, O dust and ashes!
The Lord shall be thy part:
His only, his for ever,
Thou shalt be, and thou art!**

Words: Bernard of Cluny (12th cent)

Tune: Ewing
Alexander Ewing (1669?-1707)

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 ser-
vice, 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
for who, in the multitude of thy Saints,
hast compassed us about with
so great a cloud of witnesses;
that we, rejoicing in their fellowship,
may run with patience the race that is set before us;
and, together with them,
may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

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.*

Anthem

*The choir sings the Anthem 'Crossing the Bar' is sung in memory of all
those we love but see no longer. Written as the poet's own reflection
on death, it speaks of life's final voyage as a peaceful crossing from
this world to the next. May its words remind us that those who have
gone before us rest safely in God's eternal light.*

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea,
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark;
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

Words: Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809–92)

Music: Hubert Parry (1848–1918)

Remain seated or kneeling to sing

Communion Hymn



**Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God,
The secret of the Lord is theirs,
Their soul is Christ's abode.**

**The Lord, who left the heavens
Our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men,
Their pattern and their King;**

**Still to the lowly soul
He doth himself impart,
And for his dwelling and his throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.**

**Lord, we thy presence seek;
May ours this blessing be;
Give us a pure and lowly heart,
A temple meet for thee.**

Words: John Keble (1792–1866)

Tune: Franconia
Johann König (1691–1758)

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.

“Giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.”

Colossians 1:12

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 celebrant says

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

You are worthy, Our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power.

**For you have created all things,
and by your will they have their being.**

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain,
and by your blood you ransomed for God
Saints from every tribe and language and nation.

**You have made them to be a kingdom
and priests serving our God,
and they will reign with you on earth**

*Silence follows as we remember those who have gone before us and
are now in God's nearer presence.*

The celebrant brings the silence to an end by saying

Hear us, O merciful Father,
as we remember in love
those whom we have placed in your hands.
Acknowledge, we pray, the sheep of your own fold,
lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming.
Enfold them in the arms of your mercy,
in the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and in the glorious company of the saints in light.

Amen.

The Dismissal

The Blessing

May God, who kindled the fire of his love
in the hearts of the saints,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
give you joy in their fellowship and a share in their praises,
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

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth,
go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

during which the servers and clergy depart



**Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.**

**Ye blessèd souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
God's praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.**

**Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good and ill,
who ever lives.**

**My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love;
let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.**

Words: Richard Baxter (1826–93)

Tune: Darwall's 148th

John Darwall (1731–89)

Descant: John Scott (1952–2015)

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

George Thalben-Ball (1896–1987)

Sunday Fellowship

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

November 9th

Remembrance Sunday

7.30 am — Sung Eucharist

A service to honour and pray for all those who gave their lives in service, remembering their sacrifice with gratitude and reverence.

Music will include

O God, our help in ages past - *Croft*

Thy hand O God hath guided - *Harwood*

For the Fallen - *Guest*

Nimrod - *Elgar*

and more.

All are welcome to attend



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