



The Chapel of  
The Transfiguration

# Sung Eucharist

## Week of Prayer for Chrisitan Unity

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
7.30 am



John's credibility as the forerunner of the Messiah depends heavily on his accurately recognizing Jesus when they first meet, for despite their kinship the two seem barely acquainted. The baptismal affirmation of the Holy Spirit is sufficient for John, fulfilling the sign he was led to anticipate, and serves as firm testimony of the Lamb of God. Jesus, meanwhile, impresses the first disciples with his insight, recognizing Simon Peter before they are introduced. But his authority rests ultimately in his actions rather than assertions, heralded in the immortal words of invitation, 'Come and see.'



### Music before the Service

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BWV 763  
(How brightly shines the morning star) J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Vom himmel hoch (From heaven above)  
Georg Kauffmann (1670–1735)

## 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*



**The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy Bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.**

**Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses  
with every grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder  
men see her sore opprest,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distrest;  
yet saints their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, 'How long?'  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.**

**'Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.**

Words: Samuel Stone (1839–1900)

Tune: Aurelia  
Samuel Wesley (1810–76)

*All remain standing. The celebrant continues*

## The Greeting

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

**Amen.**

“Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body,  
for we all partake of the one bread.”

I Corinthians 10.17

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

We have come together as God’s family to pray for the recovery  
of the unity of Christ’s Church and for the renewal of our  
common life. The Lord is full of gentleness and compassion.  
In penitence and faith let us ask his forgiveness of our sins.

*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

*Silence is kept*

Almighty and heavenly Father,  
who hast called us in the Body of thy Son Jesus Christ  
to continue his work of reconciliation and to reveal thee  
unto the world; Forgive us the sins whereby we are divided;  
give us grace to overcome our fears,  
and to seek that unity which is thy gift and thy will;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
world without end.

**Amen.**

*All sit*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah 49. 1–7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

I waited patiently for the Lord; •  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**He brought me out of the roaring pit,  
out of the mire and clay; •  
he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing  
sure.**

He has put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God; •  
many shall see and fear  
and put their trust in the Lord.

**Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, •  
who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie.**

Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.  
How great your designs for us! •

There is none that can be compared with you.

**If I were to proclaim them and tell of them •  
they would be more than I am able to express.**

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire •  
but my ears you have opened;

**Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not  
required; • then said I: 'Lo, I come.**

'In the scroll of the book it is written of me  
that I should do your will, O my God; •  
I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.'

**I have declared your righteousness in the great  
congregation; • behold, I did not restrain my lips,  
and that, O Lord, you know.**

Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; •  
I have not concealed your loving-kindness and truth  
from the great congregation.

**Do not withhold your compassion from me,  
O Lord; • let your love and your faithfulness  
always preserve me,**

**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.**

## The New Testament Reading

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1.1–9

I Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand to sing*

### Gradual Hymn



**In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no pride of birth;  
the chosen family God has blessed  
now spans the whole wide earth.**

**For God in Christ has made us one  
from every land and race;  
he reconciled us through the Son  
and met us with his grace.**

**It is by grace we are assured  
that we belong to him:  
the love we share in Christ our Lord,  
the Spirit's work within.**

**So brothers, sisters, praise his name  
who died to set us free  
from sin, division, hate and shame,  
from spite and enmity!**

**In Christ there is no east or west —  
he breaks all barriers down:  
by Christ redeemed, by Christ possessed,  
in Christ we live as one.**

Words: Michael Perry (1942–96)

Tune: Kilmarnock  
Neil Dougall (1776–1862)

*Remain standing and face the Gospel*

## The Gospel Reading

**Choir:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**All repeat:**



**Choir:** There is one body and one Spirit, one Lord,  
one faith, one baptism,  
one God and Father of all,  
who is above all and through all and in all.  
**Alleluia.**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St. John, 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter, beginning at the 29<sup>th</sup> verse

**Glory be to thee, O Lord**

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

*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'd. Suren Watson

*Assistant Chaplain*

*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*



**O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray  
That all thy Church might be for ever one,  
Grant us at every Eucharist to say  
With longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'  
Oh, may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
One through this Sacrament of unity.**

**For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;  
Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;  
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,  
By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:  
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
One through this Sacrament of unity.**

**We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;  
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,  
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,  
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:  
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
One through this Sacrament of unity.**

**So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,  
May we be one with all thy church above,  
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,  
One with thy saints in one unbounded love:  
More blessed still, in peace and love to be  
One with the Trinity in Unity.**

Words: William Turton (1856–1938)

Tune: Song 1  
Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

*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, for the unity which thou hast given us in thy Son; for that thou art the God and Father of us all, who art above all, and through all, and in all.

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, St. Thomas 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,  
**which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them 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 musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is the melody, the second is a harmony, the third is a refrain, and the fourth is a bass line. The score includes markings for 'Refrain', 'Fine', and 'D.S. vs 2,3,4 al Fine'.

**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:**

**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.**

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

Ephesians 2.19

**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

The Lord Jesus Christ,  
Son of the living God,  
teach you to walk in his way more trustfully,  
to accept his truth more faithfully,  
and to share his life more lovingly;  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
you may come as one family to the kingdom of the Father.  
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*



**Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.**

**King of our hearts, Christ Christ reigns in us;  
Kingship with him his servants gain;  
With Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,  
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.**

**Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth,  
This world of time to consecrate,  
Our world of sin by grace to heal,  
Christ's world in Christ to recreate.**

**Prophets of Christ, we hear his Word:  
He claims our minds to search his ways;  
He claims our lips to speak his truth  
He claims our hearts, to sing his praise.**

**We are his Church; he makes us one:  
Here is one hearth for all to find;  
Here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;  
Here is one faith, one heart, one mind.**

Words: James Quinn (1919–2010)

Tune: Duke Street  
John Hatton (1710–93)

*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

Tuba on Parade

*John Marsh (b.1939)*

## Notices

### Sunday Fellowship

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

The Service of Institution and Installation of Mr. Asanka Perera as the 20<sup>th</sup> Warden of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia, will take place on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026, at 8.00 a.m.  
All are welcome to attend.



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