



The Chapel of  
The Transfiguration

# Sung Eucharist

## Third Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026

7.30 am



The Gospel accounts of Jesus' early ministry move con brio. His calling of the first disciples is summarily described in almost cursory terms as first Simon Peter and Andrew, then James and John 'immediately' accept their new vocation, which will have such significant consequences for themselves and others. Matthew neatly and efficiently underlines the gravity of the charge by quoting the prophet Isaiah to authenticate Jesus' claim to be the Messiah, the 'great light' to overcome the shadow of death.



### Music before the Service

Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn (*Lord Christ, the only  
begotton Son of God*)

*Johann 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 altar party enters.*

Processional Hymn  
*during which the altar is censed*



**Bethlehem, of noblest cities  
None can once with thee compare;  
Thou alone the Lord from heaven  
Didst for us incarnate bear.**

**Fairer than the sun at morning  
Was the star that told his birth;  
To the lands their God announcing,  
Seen in fleshly form on earth.**

**By its lambent beauty guided  
See the eastern kings appear;  
See them bend, their gifts to offer,  
Gifts of incense, gold and myrrh.**

**Solemn things of mystic meaning:  
Incense doth the God disclose,  
Gold a royal child proclaimeth,  
Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.**

**Holy Jesu, in thy brightness  
To the Gentile world displayed,  
With the Father and the Spirit  
Endless praise to thee be paid. Amen.**

Words: Aurelius Prudentius (348-410)

Tune: Stuttgart  
Christian Friedrich Witt (1660–1716)

*All remain standing. The celebrant continues*

## The Greeting

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

“Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.”

Isaiah 60.1

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

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.

Let us confess 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 God, whose Son didst reveal,  
by signs and miracles, the wonder of thy saving presence:  
renew thy people with thy heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness sustain us by thy mighty power;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever.  
**Amen.**

*All sit*

# The Liturgy of the Word

## The Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah 9.1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated*

*from Psalm 27*

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?

**One thing have I asked of the Lord  
and that alone I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,**

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord •  
and to seek his will in his temple.

**For in the day of trouble  
he shall hide me in his shelter;  
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide  
me and set me high upon a rock.**

And now shall he lift up my head •  
above my enemies round about me;

**Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with great gladness;  
I will sing and make music  
to the Lord.**

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; •  
have mercy upon me and answer me.

**My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.'  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.**

Hide not your face from me,  
nor cast your servant away in displeasure.

**You have been my helper;  
leave me not, neither forsake me,  
O God of my salvation.**

**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 First Letter to the Corinthians 1.10–18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand to sing*

## Gradual Hymn



**I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.**

**The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here.**

**Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one.**

Words: Brian A. Wren (b.1936)

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

*Remain standing and face the Gospel*

## The Gospel Reading

**Choir:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**All repeat:**



**Choir:** Christ was revealed in flesh,  
proclaimed among the nations  
and believed in throughout the world.  
**Alleluia.**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St. Matthew, 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter, beginning at the 12<sup>th</sup> verse  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles- the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake-for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*At the end,*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

**Praise be to thee, O Christ**

*Remain standing until invited to be seated*

Sermon

*given by*

Mr. Chamodh de Silva

*Lay Assistant*

*All stand to sing*

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God,

**the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten  
of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
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

Christ is our peace.  
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.  
The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.  
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*



**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.**

**O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!**

**Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.**

**Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm.**

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–92)

Tune: Repton  
Charles H. Parry (1848–1918)

*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 that by the leading of a star thou hast revealed thine only Son unto the world, that in following him we may be led from darkness into his marvellous light.

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



**Just as I am, without one plea  
But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings within, and fears without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
Because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am (thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down),  
Now to be thine, yea thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, of that free love  
The breadth, length, depth and height to prove,  
Here for a season then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789–1871)

Tune: Saffron Walden  
Arthur Brown (1830–1926)

*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.**

“From the rising of the sun to its setting  
my name is great among the nations,’ says the Lord.”

Malachi 1.11

**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

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory  
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom  
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*



**The kingdom of God is justice and joy;  
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;  
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.**

**The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;  
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,  
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;  
And hope is awakened in place of despair.**

**The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:  
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:  
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.**

**God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;  
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.  
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;  
And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.  
Amen, amen**

Words: Bryn Rees (1911-83)

Tune: Laudate Dominum  
Charles H. Parry

*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

Processional

Peter Hurford (1930–2019)

## Sunday Fellowship

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

A Service of Thanksgiving  
to mark the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the College will be held on  
Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026, at 8.00 a.m.  
All are welcome to attend.



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