



The Chapel of The Transfiguration

Sung Eucharist

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 3rd May 2026
7.30 am



Jesus presents his friends with a powerful image of abiding – that great theme of John’s Gospel – in this case, abiding in a household in which there is room for everyone in all our diversity, and in which everyone can enjoy the union with God for which humanity was created. Jesus reveals his own union with the Father as a guarantee of this invitation. When God seems distant and our hearts are troubled, we can always turn to the one who is the way, the truth and the life, rediscovering that heaven is a place we can call home.



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



**Ye that know the Lord is gracious,
ye for whom a corner-stone
stands, of God elect and precious,
laid that ye may build thereon,
see that on that sure foundation
ye a living temple raise,
towers that may tell forth salvation,
walls that may re-echo praise.**

**Living stones, by God appointed
each to his allotted place,
kings and priests, by God anointed,
shall ye not declare his grace?
Ye, a royal generation,
tell the tidings of your birth,
tidings of a new creation
to an old and weary earth.**

**Tell the praise of him who called you
out of darkness into light,
broke the fetters that enthralled you,
gave you freedom, peace and sight:
tell the tale of sins forgiven,
strength renewed and hope restored,
till the earth, in tune with heaven,
praise and magnify the Lord.**

Words: Cyril Alington (1872–1955)

Tune: Hyfrydol
Pritchard Hugh (1811–1887)

All remain standing. The celebrant continues

The Greeting

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

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

“Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14.6

Blessed be God

Blessed be God’s reign for ever. Amen.

The celebrant 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 celebrant invites all to confess their sins

Prayers of Penitence

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and
confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

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 celebrant continues

The Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray

Silence is kept

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by thy grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

All sit

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

Acts 7. 55–end

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Remain seated

from Psalm 31

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

**Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my stronghold;
guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.

**Take me out of the net
that they have laid secretly for me,
for you are my strength.**

Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

**'My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

'Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and save me for your mercy's sake.'

**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 Epistle

I Peter 2. 2–10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a

holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble,

and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,

but now you are God's people;

once you had not received mercy,

but now you have received mercy.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand to sing

Gradual Hymn



**King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and, that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.**

**Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.**

**Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.**

Words: George Herbert (1593–1633)

Tune: Gwalchmai
J. D. Jones (1827–70)

Remain standing and face the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All repeat:



Choir: Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us then feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia.

The Lord be with you

And with thy spirit

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. John, 14th Chapter, beginning at the 1st verse

Glory be to thee, O Lord

Jesus said to the disciples, ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.’

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

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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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



**Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
Your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn
In strains of holy joy.**

**How Judah's Lion burst his chains,
And crushed the serpent's head;
And brought with him, from death's domains,
The long-imprisoned dead.**

**From hell's devouring jaws the prey
Alone our Leader bore;
His ransomed hosts pursue their way
Where he hath gone before.**

**Triumphant in his glory now
His sceptre ruleth all,
Earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,
And at his footstool fall.**

**While joyful thus his praise we sing,
His mercy we implore,
Into his palace bright to bring
And keep us evermore.**

**All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
While endless ages run. Alleluya! Amen.**

Words: St. Fulbert of Charters (c.1000)

Tune: St. Fulbert
Henry J. Gauntlett (1805–76)

Remain standing. The celebrant invites all to say,

**All things come from you and of your own do we
give you, Creator and Lord of the universe, ever
adored by the holy Angels. Accept these gifts
of bread and wine and these offerings which we
present at your holy table and with them the
dedication of our lives for your service, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Remain standing. The celebrant continues

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up unto the Lord

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God
It is meet and right so to do

It is very meet, right, and our bounden
duty, that we should at all times, and in all
places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord,
Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

And now we give thee thanks,
because through him thou hast given us eternal life,
and hast delivered us from the bondage of sin
and from the fear of death,
into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

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.

All sit or kneel

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



**Thou art the Way: by thee alone
From sin and death we flee;
And they who would the Father seek
Must seek him, Lord, by thee.**

**Thou art the Truth: thy word alone
True wisdom can impart;
Thou only canst inform the mind
And purify the heart.**

**Thou art the Life: the rending tomb
Proclaims thy conquering arm;
And those who put their trust in thee
Nor death nor hell shall harm.**

**Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life:
Grant us that Way to know,
That Truth to keep, that Life to win,
Whose joys eternal flow.**

Words: Bishop G.W. Doane (1799–1859)

Tune: St. James
Raphael Courteville (d.1772)

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.

“Into thy hands I commend my spirit; for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.”

Psalm 31:5

**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

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
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 the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Recessional Hymn
during which the servers and clergy depart



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

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

**God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.**

**Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.**

Words: Tr. Robert Bridges (1844–1930)

Tune: Michael
Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

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.



Notices

Sunday Fellowship

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

Servers and Choristers' Meeting

The termly meeting of the Servers' and Choristers' Guild will be held soon after this service.



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