



St Andrew's Cathedral  
New Year's Day  
Holy Communion Service  
1 Jan 2023

**PRELUDE** (Organist)

**WELCOME** (Revd Joshua Raj)

*Stand*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN – Another Year is Dawning** (Choir)

**All        Another year is dawning!  
Dear Father, let it be,  
in working or in waiting,  
another year with thee;  
another year of leaning  
upon thy loving breast,  
another year of trusting,  
of quiet, happy rest.**

**Another year of mercies,  
of faithfulness and grace;  
another year of gladness  
in the shining of thy face;  
another year of progress,  
another year of praise,  
another year of proving  
thy presence all the days.**

**Another year of service,  
of witness for thy love;  
another year of training  
for holier work above.  
Another year is dawning!  
Dear Father, let it be  
on earth, or else in heaven,  
another year for thee.**

## **THE GATHERING** (Revd Joshua Raj)

Officiant The Lord be with you  
**All and also with you.**

## **THE COLLECT FOR PURITY** (Revd Joshua Raj)

**All 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**

*Kneel*

## **PRAYERS OF PENITENCE** (Revd Joshua Raj)

Officiant Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this:  
"The Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.  
The second is this:  
"Love your neighbours as yourself."  
There is no other commandment greater than these.

**All: Amen.  
Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and write all these laws in our hearts.**

Officiant God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins, in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all men.

**All**      **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our fellow men,  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**ABSOLUTION** (Revd Christopher Chan)

Priest      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.

**All**      **Amen.**

*Stand, Sung*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (Choir)

**All**      **Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

**THE COLLECT** (Revd Joshua Raj)  
*SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS*

**All      Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your own image  
and yet more wonderfully  
restored us through your Son Jesus Christ:  
Grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
so we may share the life of His divinity;  
who is alive and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit  
one God now and for ever. Amen.**

*Sit*

**THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**  
*NEW TESTAMENT READING* (Mrs Esther Ng)

## *Romans 1:1-15*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup> including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup> To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>8</sup> First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. <sup>9</sup> For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you <sup>10</sup> always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. <sup>11</sup> For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— <sup>12</sup> that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. <sup>13</sup> I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. <sup>14</sup> I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. <sup>15</sup> So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

**All**                      This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*Stand*

**THE GRADUAL HYMN – All the Way my Saviour Leads me (Choir)**

**All            All the way my Saviour leads me–  
What have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt His tender mercy,  
Who through life has been my guide?  
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort,  
Here by faith in Him to dwell!  
For I know, whate'er befall me,  
Jesus doeth all things well;  
For I know, whate'er befall me,  
Jesus doeth all things well.**

**All the way my Saviour leads me–  
Cheers each winding path I tread,  
Gives me grace for ev'ry trial,  
Feeds me with the living bread.  
Though my weary steps may falter  
And my soul athirst may be,  
Gushing from the rock before me,  
Lo! a spring of joy I see;  
Gushing from the rock before me,  
Lo! A spring of joy I see.**

**All the way my Saviour leads me–  
O, the fullness of His love!  
Perfect rest to me is promised  
In my Father's house above.  
When my spirit, clothed immortal,  
Wings its flight to realms of day,  
This my song through endless ages:  
Jesus led me all the way;  
This my song through endless ages:  
Jesus led me all the way.**

*GOSPEL READING* (Revd Christopher Chan)

*Matthew 16:24-28*

**All            Glory to Christ our Saviour**

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? <sup>27</sup> For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup> Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

This is the Gospel of Christ

**All            Praise to Christ our Lord**

*Sit*

**THE SERMON** (Revd Canon Dr Lewis Lew)

*An Overview of Romans*

*Stand*

**THE NICENE CREED** (Revd Joshua Raj)

**All            We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and  
unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord,  
Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God from true God,  
begotten, not made of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scripture  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Kneel*

**THE INTERCESSION** (Ms Chitrani Selvadurai)

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

**All            hear our prayer**

Intercessor Merciful Father.

**All            accept these prayers  
                 for the sake of your Son,  
                 our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
                 Amen.**

*Sit*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Revd Joshua Raj)

*Stand*

**THE PEACE** (Revd Christopher Chan)

Celebrant We are the Body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up  
our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All            And also with you.**

**THE OFFERTORY HYMN – Lord, for the Years** (Choir)

**All            Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
                 urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
                 sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,  
                 Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land, in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;  
past put behind us, for the future take us,  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

#### **THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS (Revd Christopher Chan)**

**All        Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

#### **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (Revd Christopher Chan)**

**Celebrant    The Lord is here  
All            His Spirit is with us.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts  
**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, Heavenly King,  
Almighty and Eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;  
through him you have created all things from the  
beginning, and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to be born as man and to die upon the cross;  
you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your  
right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-  
giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own  
possession.

*[The Incarnation]*

And now we give you thanks because by the power of  
the Holy Spirit he took our nature upon him and was  
born of the Virgin Mary his mother, that being himself  
without sin he might make us clean from all sin.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

**All            Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
              God of power and might,  
              heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
              Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Kneel*

Celebrant Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
              through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
              and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
              grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
              these gifts of bread and wine  
              may be to us his body and his blood;

Who in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
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 way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying,  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new  
covenant, which is shed for you  
and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

**All**            **Christ has died:**  
**Christ Is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
and proclaim his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension.  
As we look for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate with this bread and this cup  
his one perfect sacrifice.

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise;  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love,  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father Almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

*Sung*

**All**            **Blessing and honour and glory and power**  
**be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE COMMUNION** (Revd Christopher Chan)

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**All            Our Father in heaven,  
                 hallowed be your name,  
                 your Kingdom come,  
                 your will be done,  
                 on earth as in heaven.  
                 Give us today our daily bread.  
                 Forgive us our sins  
                 as we forgive those who sin against us.  
                 Lead us not into temptation  
                 but deliver us from evil.  
                 For the Kingdom, the power,  
                 and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant We break this bread  
                 to share in the body of Christ.

*Sung*

**All            Though we are many, we are one body,  
                 because we all share in one bread.**

### **PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS** (Revd Christopher Chan)

**All            We do not presume  
                 to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
                 trusting in our own righteousness,  
                 but in your manifold and great mercies.  
                 We are not worthy so much as to gather up  
                 the crumbs under your table.  
                 But you are the same Lord  
                 whose nature is always to have mercy.  
                 Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,**

**so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood  
that we may evermore dwell in him  
and he in us.  
Amen.**

Celebrant Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you and his blood which he shed for  
you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with  
thanksgiving.

**COMMUNION HYMN – Be Known to us in Breaking Bread (Choir)**

Be known to us in breaking bread,  
but do not then depart;  
Saviour, abide with us, and spread  
Thy table in our heart.

There sup with us, in love divine,  
thy body and thy blood,  
that living bread, that heavenly wine  
be our immortal food.

*Kneel*

**AFTER COMMUNION** (Revd Christopher Chan)

Vicar Heavenly Father,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,

gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**All**        **Almighty God,**  
**we thank you for feeding us with the body**  
**and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**  
**Through him we offer you our souls**  
**and bodies to be a living sacrifice.**  
**Send us out in the power of your Spirit**  
**to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

**THE DISMISSAL** (Revd Canon Dr Lewis Lew)

Vicar       Christ, who by his incarnation  
gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly,  
fill you with his joy and peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be among you,  
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Vicar       Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**All**        **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Stand*

**THE RECESSIONAL HYMN – Put Thou Thy Trust in God (Choir)**

**All        Put thou thy trust in God,  
in duty's path go on;  
walk in his strength with faith and hope,  
so shall thy work be done.**

**Commit thy ways to him,  
thy works into his hands,  
and rest on his unchanging word,  
who heaven and earth commands.**

**Though years on years roll on,  
his covenant shall endure;  
though clouds and darkness hide his path,  
the promised grace is sure.**

**Give to the winds thy fears;  
hope, and be undismayed:  
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears;  
God shall lift up thy head.**

**Through waves and clouds and storms  
his power will clear thy way:  
wait thou his time; the darkest night  
shall end in brightest day.**

**Leave to his sovereign sway  
to choose and to command;  
so shalt thou, wondering, own his way,  
how wise, how strong his hand.**