

## THE CHAPEL OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter, 09<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
Theme: *“The Call to be Disciples in Sri Lanka”*

### THE GATHERING & THE PREPARATION

Processional Hymn      104      Christ, whose glory fills the skies

#### Welcome & Call to Worship

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.      *2 Corinthians 9: 7*

Blessed be God.

**Blessed be God’s reign for ever. Amen.**

#### Prayer of Preparation

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**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.**

#### Call to Penitence

Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for God's redemption. We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

*SILENCE as we recollect our sins of omission and commission*

#### Confession

**Heavenly and eternal Father, we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbours. We have walked in darkness rather than light; we have called upon the name of Christ, but have not departed from our sins. Have mercy upon us, we pray you; for the sake of Jesus Christ forgive us all our sins. Cleanse us by your Holy Spirit; quicken our consciences and enable us to forgive others; lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### The Trisagion

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### The Absolution

The Lord enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

### The Gloria

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**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, 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.**

### **COLLECT** *for the day*

Loving God your Only - Begotten the Lord Jesus Christ has called us in the Church to proclaim to all people the Good News of salvation. Grant that we may hear the call to discipleship and gladly proclaim the gospel to a waiting world; through the One who is the Light of the world, even our Lord Jesus Christ, who with you, the Ultimate Reality - That You Are, and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns as ONE GOD, the peace, peace, peace. **Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 6: 1 - 8*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your

lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 138*

1. I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;
  - 2. I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**
  3. On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.
  - 4. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**
  5. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.
  - 6. For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.**
  7. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.
  - 8. The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

Epistle Reading

*1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 11*

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **Alleluia**. ‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God’.  
**Alleluia**.

Gospel

*St. Luke 5: 1-11*

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.’ Simon answered, ‘Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.’ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, ‘Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!’ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.’ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Sermon

*The Chaplain*

Affirmation of Faith      *Page 5 of the Liturgy Books*

**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, Through 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 worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets.**

**And we believe in 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**

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our Prayer**

The Peace

God has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation. First be reconciled to one another.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn                    **388**     **Take up thy cross, the Saviour said**

Offertory Prayer                    *First prayer on page 7 of the Liturgy Books*

**LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

*(from page 8 of Liturgy Books)*

Proper Preface

And now we give thee thanks because thou hast anointed thy Son as the Messiah, the light of the nations, and revealed him as the hope of all who thirst for righteousness and peace. Therefore...

Communion Hymn                    **202**     **As pants the hart for cooling streams**

**AFTER COMMUNION & DISMISSAL**

Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious.

**God's mercy endures for ever.**

### Sentence

'In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

*St. Matthew 7: 12*

### After Communion Prayer

**Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

### The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing...

### The Dismissal

One in heart and one in mind, and empowered by the Spirit, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

### Recessional Hymn

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**Lord of all power, I give you my will**

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