



The Chapel of the
Transfiguration

Sung Eucharist

The Dedication Festival of The Chapel of the Transfiguration

Sunday 16th February 2025

7.30 am



Jesus says that the rich, the well-fed, the entertained, and those of good reputation are in peril – but what exactly is their woe? And he says that the poor, the hungry, the reviled and excluded are blessed – what kind of blessing does he mean? Jeremiah can help us with an invisible image: a tree with roots buried underground draws upon hidden sources, drinks the waters of the freshest stream and is fruitful even in scorching heat. Self-sufficiency is an illusion and a parched salt land; communion with the stream alone guarantees survival.

Music before the Service

Liturgical Prelude No. 2

George Oldroyd (1886–1956)

Variations on 'Quam Dilecta' (*We love the place, O God*)

Henry Coleman (1888–1965)

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 and past members of the choir

Please remain silent before the service

The Gathering

Please remain seated as the choir enters and take their place

Please stand as the altar party enters

Hymn

during which the altar is censed



Please remain standing. The celebrant continues

The Greeting

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

Amen.

‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.’

Genesis 28:17

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 are a temple of God’s indwelling Holy Spirit, yet we have grieved him. The temple of our bodies does not belong to us, but was bought at the price of Christ’s precious blood. So we come, in sorrow yet with confidence, to ask forgiveness of our Father in heaven.

All kneel and silence is kept

Father eternal,
**giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our
neighbour, in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
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 lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
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 continues with 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.

All stand.

Gloria

**Glory be to God on high,
And on 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 sins of the world, have mercy upon
us. Thou that takest away the sins 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 Ghost, art most high
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The lay assistant continues,

The Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Let us pray

Silence is kept

Almighty God,
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication
of this house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those
who worship you here: and we pray that all who seek you
in this place may find you,
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple acceptable to you;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

All sit

The Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Prophecy of Jeremiah Chapter 17

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Jeremiah 17:5-10

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Remain seated

Responsorial Psalm

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish 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 for ever. Amen.**

Psalm 1

Remain seated

The New Testament Reading

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians
Chapter 15

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

1 Corinthians 15. 12–20

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

All stand to sing

Gradual Hymn No. 218



**City of God, how broad and far
outspread thy walls sublime!
The true thy chartered freemen are
of every age and clime:**

**One holy church, one army strong,
one steadfast, high intent;
one working band, one harvest-song,
one King omnipotent.**

Choir: How purely hath thy speech come down
from man's primaeval youth!
How grandly hath thine empire grown
of freedom, love, and truth!

**How gleam thy watch-fires through the night
with never-fainting ray!
How rise thy towers, serene and bright,
to meet the dawning day!**

**In vain the surge's angry shock,
in vain the drifting sands:
unharm'd upon the eternal Rock
the eternal city stands.**

Words: Samuel Johnson (1822–82)

Tune: Richmond
Thomas Haweis (1734–1820)

The Gospel Reading

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Choir: In my house, says the Lord: The one who asks always receives; The one who seeks always finds; The one who knocks will always have the door opened to him.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
and also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. Luke, 6th Chapter, beginning at the 17 verse
Glory be to thee, O Lord

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

St. Luke 6: 17–26

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. Asanka Perera
Acting Warden

All stand

Affirmation of Faith

**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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and 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 Scriptures;
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,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.**

All kneel or sit

Prayers of Intercession

during which the following response is used

**Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer**

The Old Boys' Prayer

O God, We bless and praise you for your faithfulness to our Old Boy's Association over the past years.
We pray that you would bless all the past students of our School wherever they may be.
Pour upon us the riches of your grace;
endow us with enthusiasm and unity
to continue to support the school;
keep us in health and safety;
be our strength in weakness,
our courage in doubt,
and our joy in achievement.
Strengthen us for the faithful performance of our life's work that we may achieve success in all our endeavours.

Help the present generation of students,
to build faithfully on what has been inherited from the forebears and to hand on to those who come after,
the noble traditions of true manliness,
right conduct, and integrity of life,
that we may always follow steadfastly
where duty, right, and honour lead,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

Greeting of Peace

Peace to this house from God our heavenly Father.
Peace to this house from his Son who is our peace.
Peace to this house from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.
The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

Preparation of the Table

Offertory Hymn No. 425

*during which the bread and wine are placed on the altar,
and a collection is taken for the work of the chapel*



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 Arlington (1872–1955)

Tune: Hyfrydol
Roland Pritchard (1811–87)

Remain standing. The celebrant invites all to say,

Blessed are you, Lord God of the universe,
you are the giver of this
bread, fruit of the earth and of human labour,
let it become the bread of life.
Blessed be God forever!

Blessed are you, Lord God of the universe,
you are the giver of this
wine, fruit of the vine and of human work,
let it become the cup of the
eternal kingdom.
Blessed be God forever!

Blessed are you, Lord God of the universe,
through your goodness we have our lives to offer,
fruit of the womb and work of human love,
let us become your instruments in the world.

Blessed be God for ever!

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once
dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in this
bread and wine, so Lord, may your church soon be gathered
together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

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 thy blessing on this house of
prayer, where through thy grace we offer thee the sacrifice of
praise, and are built by thy Spirit into a temple made without
hands, even the body of thy Son Jesus Christ.

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 prayerfully 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.

Great is the mystery of faith
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

And so Father, we present this bread and cup in communion with your whole church, in fellowship with (Blessed Mary, and 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.
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, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those 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.**

*Please sit. If you receive communion in your own church,
you are welcome to do so here.*

Remain seated or kneeling to sing

Communion Hymn No. 213



**Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.**

**The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King;**

**Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.**

**Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.**

Words: John Keble (1792-1866)

Tune: Franconia
Johann Balthasar König (1738)

All kneel or remain seated

Prayers after Communion

A minister says,

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious.
God's mercy endures forever.

You are the temple of the living God,
and the Spirit of God dwells in you.
The temple of God is holy: you are that temple.

1 Corinthians 3:16

**Father in heaven,
whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace,
an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that,
fed with the living bread of heaven,
and united in the body of your Son,
we may be the temple of your presence,
the place of your glory on earth,
and a sign of your peace in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

All sit. The choir sings

Anthem

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing
to enter into the courts of the Lord
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King, and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house.
They will be always praising thee.

The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handiwork.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

Words: Psalm 84

Music: Ralph V. Williams (1872–1958)

All kneel or remain seated

The Dismissal

The Blessing

May God in the plenitude of love
pour upon you the torrents of grace,
bless you and keep you in holy fear,
prepare you for a happy eternity,
and receive you at last into immortal glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

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 326
during which the servers and clergy depart



**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.**

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926–2024)

Tune: Lord of the years
Michael Baughen (b.1930)

Remain standing as the choristers move 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

Postlude on 'Lasst uns erfreuen'

Gordon Slater (1896–1979)

Sunday Fellowship

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

February 23rd 7.30 am
Sung Eucharist
with the **joint choirs of**
S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia and
Trinity College, Kandy
All are welcome to attend



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