



The Chapel of the
Transfiguration

Sung Eucharist

The Second Sunday before Lent

Sunday 23rd February 2025

7.30 am



‘Do to others as you would have them do to you’ – these sensible words make the world go round. But ‘Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you’? These words make far less sense to us. It’s not that Jesus wants us to be a doormat; but he does want us to measure the world differently, where good seems bad, down seems up. He asks us to trust him and turn the map upside down.

Music before the Service

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

(How brightly shines the morning star)

Es will uns Gott genädig sein *(May God be gracious to us)*

Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)

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 together with the Choir of Trinity College, Kandy.

Please remain silent before the service

The Gathering

Please remain seated as the choirs enter and form a procession at the West Door

Please stand as the altar party enters

The celebrant says

Let us proceed in peace

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Processional Hymn

during which the procession moves through the nave and the altar is censed



**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.**

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800–1894)

Tune: Diademata
George Elvey (1816–60)

Please remain standing. The celebrant continues

The Greeting

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

The Lord be with you
And with thy Spirit.

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything
old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17

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

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin
and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

All kneel and silence is kept

**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 choirs sing

Kyrie Eleison	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>
Christe Eleison	<i>Christ, have mercy</i>
Kyrie Eleison	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>

The celebrant gives the Absolution

May the God of love bring you back to himself,
forgive you your sins,
and assure you of his eternal love
in 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.**

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,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.
Amen.

All sit

The Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Book of Genesis Chapter 45

Joseph said to his brothers, ‘I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?’ But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, ‘Come closer to me.’ And they came closer. He said, ‘I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s

children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.”

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Genesis 45: 3 - 11, 15

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Remain seated

Responsorial Psalm

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

**for they will soon fade like the grass,
and wither like the green herb.**

Trust in the Lord, and do good;
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

**Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.

**He will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.

**Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.**

For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

**Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look diligently for their place,
they will not be there.**

But the meek shall inherit the land,
and delight in abundant prosperity.

**The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;
he is their refuge in the time of trouble.**

The Lord helps them and rescues them;
he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them,
because they take refuge in him.

**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 37. 1-11, 39-40

The New Testament Reading

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

But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

1 Corinthians 15: 35 - 38, 42 - 50

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God



He who would valiant be
'Gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy
Follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound--
His strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
Though he with giants fight:
He will make good his right
To be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend
Us with thy Spirit,
We know we at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
To be a pilgrim.

Words: John Bunyan (1628–88)

Tune: Monks Gate
Ralph V. Williams (1872–1958)

The Gospel Reading

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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

Choir: Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of
your Son.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. Luke, 6th Chapter, beginning at the 27 verse
Glory be to thee, O Lord

‘But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ‘Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you.

A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.’

St. Luke 6. 27–38

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

Rev’d. Shelton Daniel Samadanam
Chaplain, Trinity College, Kandy

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,
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
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

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And with thy spirit.

Preparation of the Table

Offertory Hymn

*during which the bread and wine 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 (1807–1892)

Tune: Repton

Charles H. Parry (1848–1918)

Descant: John Scott (1952–2015)

Remain standing. The celebrant invites all to say,

**All things come from you
and for 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 by the Holy Spirit thou ledest us into all truth, and give us power to proclaim thy gospel to the nations, and to serve thee as a royal priesthood.

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 choirs sing

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.

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, 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

The choirs 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 with thy spirit.

The gifts of God for the people of God

The choirs sing

Benedictus

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Deep Silence

The choirs sing

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

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lord.
**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



Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

Words: James Edmeston (1791–1867)

Tune: Mannheim
Friedrich Filitz (1804–76)

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.

“And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.”

Romans 8: 30b

**God of power, whose Holy Spirit renews your people in the bread and wine we bless and share: may the boldness of the Spirit transform us, the gentleness of the Spirit lead us, and the gifts of the Spirit equip us to serve and worship you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

All sit. The choirs sing

Anthem

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art
Be Thou my best Thought, in the day or by night,
Both waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art
Be Thou my best Thought, in the day or by night,
Both waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, be Thou my true Word;
Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;
Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou, and Thou only, the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art;
O Sovereign of heaven, be Thou my Vision;
Be Thou my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Tr. Mary E. Byrne (1880–1931)

Music: Bob Chilcott (b. 1952)

All kneel or remain seated

The Dismissal

The Blessing

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain
with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Hymn
during which the servers and clergy depart



**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven.
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!**

Words: Henry Lyte (1793–1847)

Tune: Praise my soul

John Goss (1800–80)

Descant: Christopher Robinson (b. 1936)

*Remain standing as the choirs 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

Flourish for an occasion

William Harris (1883–1973)

Sunday Fellowship

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



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