



The Chapel of The Transfiguration

Holy Eucharist

Day of Pentecost

Sunday 8th June 2025

7.30 am



The Holy Spirit broods over Old and New Testaments alike, a presence from before the beginning of time and creation. On the eve of his Passion, Jesus promises his disciples an Advocate ('Paraclete') to plead their case. After it, he bestows the Holy Spirit on the disciples who became the first Christians, for the guiding of their human judgements. The Holy Spirit is also the living flame bestowed on us in baptism and confirmation, unseen but all-powerful. We need not fear to stand before the judgement seat of Christ (2 Corinthians 5.10), because our Advocate stands alongside us.

Music before the Service

Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, heiliger Geist
(Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire)

Johann Pachelbel (1653–1756)



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

Please remain silent before the service

The Gathering

Please remain seated as the choir enters and takes their place

Please stand as the altar party enters and moves to the sanctuary

The chaplain sings

Let us proceed in peace

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Processional Hymn



**Come, Thou holy Paraclete,
And from Thy celestial seat
Send Thy light and brilliancy:
Father of the poor, draw near;
Giver of all gifts, be here;
Come, the soul's true radiancy.**

**Come, of comforters the best,
Of the soul the sweetest guest,
Come in toil refreshingly:
Thou in labour rest most sweet,
Thou art shadow from the heat,
Comfort in adversity.**

**O thou Light, most pure and blest,
Shine within the inmost breast
Of thy faithful company.
Where thou art not, man hath naught;
Every holy deed and thought
Comes from Thy divinity.**

**What is soiled, make Thou pure;
What is wounded, work its cure;
What is parchèd, fructify;
What is rigid, gently bend;
What is frozen, warmly tend;
Strengthen what goes erringly.**

**Fill Thy faithful, who confide
In Thy power to guard and guide,
With Thy sevenfold mystery.
Here Thy grace and virtue send:
Grant salvation to the end,
And in Heav'n felicity.**

Please remain standing. The chaplain 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!

“And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” - Romans 5.5

Blessed be God

Blessed by God’s reign for ever. Amen.

All kneel and 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 Spirit of the Lord fills the world and
knows our every word and deed.
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in
penitence and faith.

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 celebrant gives the Absolution

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.

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 that the Spirit will work through our lives to bring
Christ to the world.

Silence is kept

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of thy faithful people
by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement
in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

All sit

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading in place of the Old Testament

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 2.1–21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem.

And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Remain seated

from Psalm 104

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**There is the sea, spread far and wide,
and there move creatures beyond number, both
small and great.**

There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan
which you have made to play in the deep.

**All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.**

When you give it them, they gather it;
you open your hand and they are filled with good.

**When you hide your face they are troubled;
when you take away their breath, they die and re-
turn again to the dust.**

When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

**May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works;**

**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.**

New Testament Reading

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans Chapter 8. 14–17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

All stand to sing

Gradual Hymn



**Spirit of mercy, truth, and love,
Shed thy blest influence from above,
And still from age to age convey
The wonders of this sacred day.**

**In every clime, in every tongue,
Be God's eternal praises sung;
Through all the listening earth be taught
The acts our great Redeemer wrought.**

**Unfailing comfort, heavenly guide,
Over thy favoured Church preside;
Still let mankind thy blessings prove,
Spirit of mercy, truth and love.**

Words: Foundling Hospital Collection (1774)

Tune: Melcombe

Samuel Webb the elder (1740–1816)

Remain standing and face the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All repeat:



Choir: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

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 8th verse

Glory be to thee, O Lord

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.' If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

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. Canon Joshua Ratnam

Visiting Preacher

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

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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



**Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1734)

Tune: Down Ampney
R. Vaughan-Williams (1872–1958)

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.**

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 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.

The Lord Jesus Christ is Saviour

**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) 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.

During communion please remain seated or kneel to sing

Communion Hymn



**O King enthroned on high,
thou Comforter divine,
blest Spirit of all truth, be nigh
and make us thine.**

**Thou art the source of life,
thou art our treasure-store;
give us thy peace and end our strife
for evermore.**

**Descend, O heavenly Dove,
abide with us always;
and in the fullness of thy love
cleanse us, we pray.**

Words: John Brownlie (1857–1925)

Tune: Temple
Walford Davis (1869–1941)

After communion all kneel as the chaplain says

Prayers after Communion

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious.

God's mercy endures forever.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15.13

**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.**

The Dismissal

The Blessing of Light

Remain seated as the choir sings

Anthem

during which the clergy move to the vestry to change from red vestments to green, symbolising the end of the fifty days of Eastertide and the beginning of Ordinary Time.

Come, Holy Spirit from above,
fill all our hearts with heavenly love:
grant us a ray of light divine,
and in our hearts forever shine.

You, our defence and holy light,
teach us to know our God aright;
in flame us with your seven fold zeal,
and may we all your ardour feel.

May we by you the God-head know,
from you may every blessing flow:
whom with the Father we adore
and blessed Son for evermore.

Words: Veni Creator Spiritus

Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)
arranged by Anthony Greening

As the Easter Candle is taken down the lay assistant says

Come, Holy Spirit:
come, breath of life,
come, fire of love,
come, power of hope,
come, catalyst of God's kingdom,
come, heavenly friend.
Come and confront us with the truth from which we turn;
come and reveal to us
the way of Christ we dimly see;
come and nurture in us the spiritual gifts
on which life in all its fullness relies.
Amen.

All stand to sing

Hymn

during which the procession moves to the font



**O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!**

**There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up the gift in me.**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88)

Tune: Hereford
Samuel Wesley (1810–76)

All turn to face the font. The chaplain says

Commission

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us. As part of God's Church here in Sri Lanka, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

We will.

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

We will.

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

We will.

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

We will.

The Easter Candle is extinguished

The celebrant continues

Blessing

May the Spirit,
who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Filled with the Spirit's power,
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Remain standing as the the choir and clergy depart,
then sit or leave quietly at this point*

Remain standing as the choir moves out, then sit

Music after the Service

Ceremonial March

Herbert Sumsion (1899–1955)

*You are invited to be seated for the playing of the organ voluntary or
to move out quietly at this point.*

Sunday Fellowship

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

Sunday 15th June

7.30 am

Trinity Sunday

Sung Eucharist with the choirs of
S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia and
Bishop's College, Colombo
All are welcome to attend

Sunday 22nd June

7.30 am

First Sunday after Trinity

Sung Eucharist

9.00 am

The Annual General Meeting of the Chapel.
All are encouraged to attend.

Sunday 6th July

5.00 pm

A Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for the life and
work of Russell Bartholomeusz, *Precentor, Choirmaster, and*
Organist of this chapel.
All are welcome to attend.

Saturday 14th June - 5.00 pm

Bishop Cyril Abeynaike Memorial Lecture

delivered by

Dr. Dinesha Samararatne, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo
The Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour
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