

The Chapel of The Transfiguration



Holy Eucharist TRINITY SUNDAY

Sunday 15th June 2025

7.30 am



About This Service

Welcome to the Chapel of the Transfiguration and to this special service on Trinity Sunday. We are especially delighted to welcome once again the Choir of Bishop's College, Colombo, now joining us for the eighth consecutive year.

Today, we not only celebrate the mystery and majesty of the Most Holy Trinity, but also mark 'Music Sunday' — a day set apart by the Royal School of Church Music to give thanks for the gift of music and for all musicians who, through their craft, lift our hearts in praise. How fitting it is, then, that we join our voices together today — two choirs united — reflecting in harmony something of the unity and diversity of the Triune God. Therefore some of our music and readings have been changed to honour this day.

Later in our service, we use a version of the Athanasian Creed, as our Affirmation of Faith, to reflect on the mystery and majesty of the Holy Trinity — one God in three persons, co-equal and co-eternal.

The preacher this morning is

The Revd. Suren Watson

Assistant Chaplain, S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia

The celebrant is

The Ven. Christopher Balraj

Chaplain, Bishop's College, Colombo

After this service you are all invited to a time of fellowship on the chapel steps.

Please ensure that all mobile phones are on its silent setting.

Please refrain from video recording or taking photographs of any parts of the service

Please remain silent before the Service

Music before the Service

Präludium in C-Dur

Christian Heinrich Rinck (1770–1846)

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 Gathering

Remain seated as the choristers enter and take their place at the west end of the chapel

Please stand as the servers and clergy enter the chapel

The chaplain sings

Let us proceed in peace

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Processional Hymn

during which the procession moves through the nave to their places and the altar is censed



**I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.**

**I bind this day to me for ever
by power of faith, Christ's incarnation;
his baptism in Jordan river;
his death on cross for my salvation:
his bursting from the spiced tomb;
his riding up the heavenly way;
his coming at the day of doom;
I bind unto myself today.**

**I bind unto myself today
the power of God to hold and lead,
his eye to watch, his might to stay,
his ear to hearken to my need.
The wisdom of my God to teach,
his hand to guide, his shield to ward;
the word of God to give me speech,
his heav'nly host to be my guard.**



**I bind unto myself the name,
the strong name of the Trinity;
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.
Of whom all nature hath creation;
eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
praise to the Lord of my salvation,
salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.**



Words: Ascribed to St. Patrick (372–466)
Tr. C. F. Alexander (1818–95)

Tune: St. Patrick
Irish Melody

arranged by Charles V. Stanford (1852–1924)

Remain standing. The chaplain 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 also with you

“And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, ‘Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.’”

- Revelation 4.8

Blessed be God
Blessed be 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.

Prayers of Penitence

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

Silence is kept. After-which the choirs sing

Kyrie Eleison *Lord, have mercy upon us*
Christe Eleison *Christ, have mercy upon us*
Kyrie Eleison *Lord, have mercy upon us*

The chaplain gives the Absolution

May the Father forgive you by the death of his Son and strengthen you to live in the power of the Spirit all your days. Amen.

All stand. The choirs 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.

Remain standing

The Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit

Let us pray

All kneel

Almighty and everlasting God,
thou hast given us thy servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord,
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

Old Testament Reading

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: 'To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Proverbs 8. 1–4, 22–31

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Remain seated. The choirs sing

Psalm 150

O praise God in his holiness *
Praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts *
Praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet *
Praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances *
Praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals *
Praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let every thing that hath breath *
Praise the Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son * and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be *
world without end.
Amen.

Chant: Robert Goodenough (1775–1826)

New Testament Reading

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Romans 5.1–5

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

All stand to sing

Gradual Hymn



**Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.**

**‘Worthy the Lamb that died,’ they cry,
‘to be exalted thus’;
‘Worthy the Lamb,’ our lips reply,
‘for he was slain for us.’**

**Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings, more than we can give,
be, Lord, for ever thine.**

**The whole creation joins in one
to bless the sacred name
of him that sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb.**

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

Tune: Nativity
Henry Lahee (1826–1912)

Remain standing and face the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All repeat:



All stand. The chaplain says

Affirmation of Faith

We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ.

**We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Son of God, is both divine and human.**

God, of the being of the Father,
the only Son from before time began;
human from the being of his mother, born in the world;
**fully God and fully human;
human in both mind and body.**

As God he is equal to the Father,
as human he is less than the Father.
**Although he is both divine and human
he is not two beings but one Christ.**

One, not by turning God into flesh,
but by taking humanity into God;
**truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead,
but by being one person.**

For as mind and body form one human being
so the one Christ is both divine and human.
**The Word became flesh and lived among us;
we have seen his glory,
the glory of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

from the Athanasian Creed

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

The Greeting of Peace

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.
The peace of the triune God be always with you
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*



**Angel-voices ever singing
Round thy throne of light,
Angel-harps, for ever ringing,
Rest not day nor night;
Thousands only live to bless thee
And confess thee
Lord of might.**

**Thou who art beyond the farthest
Mortal eye can scan,
Can it be that thou regardest
Songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
And wilt hear us?
Yea, we can.**

**For we know that thou rejoicest
O'er each work of thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
For thy praise design;
Craftsman's art and music's measure
For thy pleasure
All combine.**

**In thy house, great God, we offer
Of thine own to thee;
And for thine acceptance proffer
All unworthily
Hearts and minds and hands and voices
In our choicest
Psalmody.**

**Honour, glory, might and merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Blessed Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
Earth and heaven
Render thee.**

Remain standing. The celebrant invites all to say,

**All things come from you
and of 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, most gracious God, holy and undivided Trinity: because thou hast given us the light of the knowledge of God in the face of Jesus Christ, that we may grow into thy likeness, and be changed from glory to glory.

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.

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

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.

Music: Joseph Lees

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 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

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.

All sit

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

During communion the choirs sing

Anthem

*A blessing in the name of the Father,
the Son and the Sacred Spirit
The One and the Three.*

May God give you to drink of his cup,
May the sun be bright upon you;
May the night call down peace upon you.

And when you come to his house-hold
May the door be open wide
For you to go into your joy.

Words: Celtic Prayer

Music: Margaret Rizza (b. 1929)

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.

But we must always give thanks to God for you,
brothers and sisters beloved by the
Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation
through sanctification
by the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

-2 Thessalonians 2.13

**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.**

All sit. The choirs sing

Anthem

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture -
In the body and the blood -
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
Cherubim with sleepless eye
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord most high.

Words : Liturgy of St. James (4th c.)

Music: Sir John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Dismissal

All kneel. The chaplain gives

Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

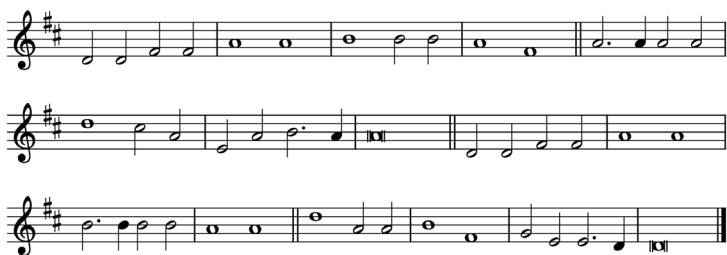
Amen.

All stand

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

Recessional Hymn

during which the clergy and servers depart



Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Choir only:

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth,
and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity! Amen.

Words : Bishop R. Heber (1783–1826)

Tune : Nicaea
J.B. Dykes (1823–1876)

Remain standing as the choirs move out to the vestry, then sit.
You are invited to be seated for the playing of the organ voluntary or you may
leave quietly at this point

Organ Voluntary

Fugue in E flat BWV 552

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

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.



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