



The Chapel of  
The Transfiguration

# Sung Eucharist

## Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
7.30 am



Jesus encourages us to be persistent. To keep going. To keep asking. To keep using our voices to call out the injustices of the world, to bring them to the attention of God, and of course to our own attention. Because when we pray it isn't just that God hears and will act, but it is that we hear too and notice what is important. Persistence seems to bring about action. What do we need to keep praying and asking about, so that things will change?

Music before the service

Benedictus Op. 59 No. 9

Max Reger (1816–1916)



## 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*

Processional Hymn  
*during which the altar is censed*



**Jesus, where'er thy people meet,  
There they behold thy mercy-seat;  
Where'er they seek thee, thou art found,  
And every place is hallowed ground.**

**For thou, within no walls confined,  
Inhabitest the humble mind;  
Such ever bring thee where they come,  
And going, take thee to their home.**

**Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,  
Thy former mercies here renew;  
Here to our waiting hearts proclaim  
The sweetness of thy saving name.**

**Here may we prove the power of prayer,  
To strengthen faith and sweeten care;  
To teach our faint desires to rise,  
And bring all heaven before our eyes.**

**Lord, we are few, but thou art near;  
Nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;  
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,  
And make a thousand hearts thine own!**

Words: William Cowper (1731–1800)

Tune: St. Sepulchre  
George Cooper (1820–76)

*Please remain standing. The celebrant continues*

## The Greeting

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

**Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**and also with you.**

“Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

1 Thessalonians 5.17-18

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.**

*The lay assistant invites all to confess their sins*

## Prayers of Penitence

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as we gather at the Lord's table we must recall the promises and warnings given to us in the Scriptures. Let us therefore examine ourselves and repent of our sins.

*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 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 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

*Silence is kept*

Merciful God,  
who hast prepared for them that love thee  
such good things as pass man's understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we,  
loving thee in all things and above all things,  
may obtain thy promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
world without end.  
**Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Book of Hosea 1. 2–10

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, 'Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.' So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

And the Lord said to him, 'Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.'

She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, 'Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.'

When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, 'Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.'

Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people', it shall be said to them, 'Children of the living God.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*Remain seated*

*from Psalm 85*

Lord, you were gracious to your land; •  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**You forgave the offence of your people •  
and covered all their sins.**

You laid aside all your fury •  
and turned from your wrathful indignation.

**Restore us again, O God our Saviour, •  
and let your anger cease from us.**

Will you be displeased with us for ever? •  
Will you stretch out your wrath  
from one generation to another?

**Will you not give us life again, •  
that your people may rejoice in you?**

Show us your mercy, O Lord, •  
and grant us your salvation.

**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.**

*Remain seated*

## New Testament Reading

A reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 2. 6–19

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**





*Remain standing until invited to be seated*

Sermon

*given by*

Dr. Dinesha Samararatne

*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. The celebrant says*

## Greeting of Peace

'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,'  
says the Lord, 'there am I in the midst of them.'

The peace of 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*



**God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
now fulfil thy church's story;  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days.**

**Cure thy children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in goods and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

**Set out feet on lofty places,  
gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all christlike graces  
in the fight till all be free  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
that we fail not earth nor thee**

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878–69)

Tune: Regent's Square  
Henry Smart (1813–79)

*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.**

*Remain standing*

## 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 that thou art the source of light and life;  
thou didst make us in thine own image,  
and didst call us unto newness of life in him.

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.*

Remain seated to sing

## Communion Hymn



**Father, hear the prayer we offer:  
not for ease that prayer shall be,  
but for strength that we may ever  
live our lives courageously.**

**Not for ever in green pastures  
do we ask our way to be;  
but the steep and rugged pathway  
may we tread rejoicingly.**

**Not for ever by still waters  
would we idly rest and stay;  
but would smite the living fountains  
from the rocks along our way.**

**Be our strength in hours of weakness,  
in our wanderings be our guide;  
through endeavour, failure, danger,  
Father, be thou at our side.**

Words: Love M. Willis (1824–1908)

Tune: Sussex  
English Traditional Melody

*After communion please remain kneeling or seated as the celebrant says*

## Prayers after Communion

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious.

**God's mercy endures forever.**

“Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off..”

Acts. 13.3

**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

Blessing

May God give to you and to all those you love  
his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy,  
in this world and the next;  
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.**

*All stand to sing*

Recessional Hymn

*during which the servers and clergy depart*



**Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Sion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken  
Formed thee for his own abode:  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove:  
Who can faint, while such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.**

**Saviour, if of Sion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name:  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
All his boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasure  
None but Sion's children know.**

Words: Edward J. Burns (b.1938)

Tune: Fulda  
William Gardnier (1770–1853)

*Remain standing as the choir moves out, then sit*

## Music after the Service

Coronation March *from* 'Le prophète'

Giacomo Meyerbeer (1879–1941)

*You are invited to be seated for the playing of the Organ Voluntary  
or to leave quietly at this point*



## Notices

### **Sunday Fellowship**

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

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August

6.00 pm

Choral Evensong

**Eve of The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Sung by the Chapel Choir

All are welcome to attend.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August

7.30 am

Sung Eucharist

**The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

*Celebrant and Preacher:*

Rt. Revd. Dhiloraj Canagasabey

*Former Bishop of Colombo*

### **Appeal for the Restoration of the Chapel Mural**

The mural of the Transfiguration, a much-loved centrepiece, at the front of the chapel, is in urgent need of restoration. We are seeking to raise Rs. 4 million for this purpose. Those who wish to support this effort are kindly asked to get in touch with the Assistant Chaplain, Fr. Suren Watson, either after this service or via email [assistant.chaplain@stcmount.lk](mailto:assistant.chaplain@stcmount.lk)



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