



The Chapel of The Transfiguration

Sung Eucharist

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 3rd August 2025
7.30 am



Often our churches can feel fragile, with fewer resources than we might like. There is a temptation to hold tight to all we have for fear we might have nothing. The rich man has abundance, yet his primary thought is how to store more. The Gospel reading encourages us to be rich towards God; Colossians tells us to set our minds on things that are above. To be rich towards God perhaps means recognizing God's abundance, thinking about generosity and sharing and blessing others by giving things away. How can we be generous instead of greedy?

Music before the service

Voluntary in B flat

Maurice Greene (1696–1755)



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



**God is Love: let heav'n adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before him,
And exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
He who spread the heav'ns above,
He who breathes through all creation,
He is Love, eternal Love.**

**God is Love: and he enfoldeth
All the world in one embrace;
With unfailing grasp he holdeth
Every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
Under sorrow's iron rod,
Then they find that selfsame aching
Deep within the heart of God.**

**God is Love: and though With blindness
Sin afflicts the souls of men,
God's eternal loving-kindness
Holds and guides them even then.
Sin and death and hell shall never
O'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
O'er the universe must reign.**

Words: Timothy Rees (1874–1939)

Tune: Abbot's Leigh
Cyril Taylor (1907–91)

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.

“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.”

John 17. 17

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

Let us pray

Silence is kept

O Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of thy Name;
increase in us true religion;
nourish us with all goodness;
and of thy great mercy keep us in the same;
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 11. 1–11

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.

I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Remain seated

from Psalm 107

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say this,
those he redeemed from the hand of the enemy,**

And gathered out of the lands from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

**Some went astray in desert wastes and found no path
to a city to dwell in.**

Hungry and thirsty, their soul was fainting within them.

**So they cried to the Lord in their trouble • and he
delivered them from their distress.**

He set their feet on the right way till they came to a city to dwell in.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness and the wonders he does for his children.

For he satisfies the longing soul and fills the hungry soul with good.

***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 3. 1–11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

All stand to sing

Gradual Hymn



**Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race through God's good grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**

**Cast care aside, upon thy Guide
Lean, and his mercy will provide;
Lean, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**

**Faint not nor fear, his arms are near,
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.**

Words: John S. B. Monsell (1811–75)

Tune: Duke Street
John Hatton (1710–93)

Remain standing

The Gospel Reading

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All repeat:



Choir: Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. Luke, 12th Chapter, beginning at the 13th verse

Glory be to thee, O Lord

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.'

Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced

abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

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. Suren Watson

Assistant Chaplain

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



**Thy way, not mine, O Lord,
However dark it be!
Lead me by thine own hand;
Choose out the path for me.**

**Smooth let it be, or rough,
It will be still the best;
Winding or straight, it leads
Right onward to thy rest.**



**I dare not choose my lot:
I would not, if I might;
Choose thou for me, my God,
So shall I walk aright.**

**The kingdom that I seek
Is thine: so let the way
That leads to it be Thine,
Else I must surely stray.**

**Take thou my cup, and it
With joy or sorrow fill,
As best to thee may seem;
Choose thou my good and ill.**

**Choose thou for me my friends,
My sickness or my health;
Choose thou my cares for me,
My poverty or wealth.**

**Not mine, not mine, the choice,
In things or great or small;
Be thou my Guide, my Strength,
My Wisdom, and my All.**

Words: H. Bonar (1808–89)

Tune: St. Cecilia
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



**In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no pride of birth;
the chosen family God has blessed
now spans the whole wide earth.**

**For God in Christ has made us one
from every land and race;
has reconciled us through the Son,
and met us all with grace.**

**It is by grace we are assured
that we belong to him:
the love we share in Christ our Lord,
the Spirit's work within.**

**So brothers, sisters, praise his name
who died to set us free
from sin, division, hate and shame,
from spite and enmity!**

**In Christ there is no east or west -
he breaks all barriers down:
by Christ redeemed, by Christ possessed,
in Christ we live as one.**

Words: Michael Perry (1942–96)

Tune: Kilmarnock
Neil Dougail (1776–1862)

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.

“For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 14.17

**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



**Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.**

**O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.**

Words: Martin Rinkart (1586–1649)

Tune: Nun Dunket
Johann Crüger (1598–1662)

Remain standing as the choir moves out, then sit

Music after the Service

Nun Dunket Alle Gott Op. 65 No. 13 Sigfird Karg Elert (1877–1933)

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

Sunday Fellowship

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

Celebrating the Feast of our Chapel

Tuesday 5th August 6.00 pm
Choral Evensong
Eve of The Transfiguration of Our Lord
Sung by the Chapel Choir
All are welcome to attend.

Wednesday 6th August 7.30 am
Sung Eucharist
The Transfiguration of Our Lord
Celebrant and Preacher:
Rt. Revd. Dhiloraj Canagasabey
Former Bishop of Colombo

Sunday Services

Our next Sunday Eucharist Service will be on Sunday 14th September 2025 at 7.30 am.

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



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