



## The Chapel of The Transfiguration

# Sung Eucharist

## Creation Sunday

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025

7.30 am



The theme for the Season of Creation 2025 is 'Peace with Creation', based on Isaiah 32:14-18. The prophet Isaiah pictured the desolated Creation without peace because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between people and God. This description of devastated cities and wastelands reveals how human destructive behaviours have a negative impact on the Earth.

Our hope: Creation will find peace when justice is restored. There is still hope and the expectation for a peaceful Earth. To hope does not mean to stand still and quiet, but to act, pray, change, and reconcile with Creation and the Creator in unity, repentance and solidarity.



### Music before the Service

Voluntary in B flat

John Battishill (1738–1801)

## 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 of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia*

*Please remain silent before the service*

# The Gathering

*Remain seated as the choir enters and takes their place*

*All stand as the altar party enters*

Processional Hymn  
*during which the altar is censed*



**Praise to the Lord,  
the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him,  
for he is thy health and salvation:  
Come ye who hear,  
Brothers and sisters draw near,  
Praise him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord,  
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings,  
yea, so gently sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen  
All that is needful hath been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord,  
who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness  
and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew  
All the Almighty can do,  
He who with love doth befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord!  
O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life  
and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from his people again:  
Gladly for ay we adore him.**

Words: J. Neander (1650–80)

Tune: Lobe den Herren  
German Melody

*All remain standing. The celebrant continues*

## The Greeting

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

**Amen.**

“Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, our own God, will bless us.”

Psalm 67.6

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

Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for God’s redemption. We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

*All kneel and 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	Lord, have mercy
Christe Eleison	Christ, have mercy
Kyrie Eleison	Lord, have mercy

*The celebrant pronounces the Absolution*

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive you of your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world, 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*

Creator God, who hast made the goodness of the earth,  
the treasures of the sea,  
and the ordered rhythm of the seasons:  
Grant that, as we give thee thanks for the harvest,  
we may learn to cherish the bounty of thy creation  
and to honour this planet and its peoples;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*All sit*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy 26. 1–11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated*

## Responsorial Psalm

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.**

**Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

**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 100

*Remain seated*

## The New Testament Reading

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Philippians 4. 4–9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*All stand to sing*

## Gradual Hymn



**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

Words: W. Chalmers Smith (1824–1908)

Tune: St. Denio  
Welsh Traditional Tune

*Remain standing and face the Gospel*

## The Gospel Reading

*Choir:* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*All repeat:*



*Choir:* God has spoken to us through his Son,  
through whom he created the worlds.  
**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you  
**And with thy spirit**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St. John 6 Chapter, beginning at the 25<sup>th</sup> verse

**Glory be to thee, O Lord**

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you

saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

St. John 6. 25–35

*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. 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*

### Greeting of Peace

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy,  
peace, patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.  
The peace of the Lord 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*



**O worship the King  
All glorious above;  
O gratefully sing  
His power and his love:  
Our Shield and Defender,  
The Ancient of days,  
Pavilioned in splendour,  
And girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might,  
O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light,  
Whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath  
The deep thunder-clouds form,  
And dark is his path  
On the wings of the storm.**

**This earth, with its store  
Of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power  
Hath founded of old:  
Hath stablished it fast  
By a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast,  
Like a mantle, the sea.**

**Thy bountiful care  
What tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air,  
It shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills,  
It descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distils  
In the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust,  
And feeble as frail,  
In thee do we trust,  
Nor find thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender!  
How firm to the end!  
Our Maker, Defender,  
Redeemer, and Friend.**

**O measureless Might,  
Ineffable Love,  
While angels delight  
To hymn thee above,  
Thy humbler creation,  
Though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration  
Shall sing to thy praise.**

Words: Robert Gant (1779–1838)

Tune: Hanover  
Dr.W. Croft (1678–1727)

*Remain standing. The celebrant invites all to say,*

Blessed are you, Lord God of the universe,  
you are the giver of this bread,  
fruit of the earth and of human labour,  
let it become the bread of life.

**Blessed be God forever!**

Blessed are you, Lord God of the universe,  
you are the giver of this wine,  
fruit of the vine and of human work,  
let it become the cup of the eternal kingdom.

**Blessed be God forever!**

Blessed are you, Lord God of the universe,  
through your goodness we have our lives to offer,  
fruit of the womb and work of human love,  
let us become your instruments in the world.

**Blessed be God for ever!**

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited on this table in this bread and wine,  
so Lord, may your church soon be gathered together  
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

**Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!**

*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 thou hast made us stewards of thy creation,  
to praise thee day by day  
for the marvels of thy wisdom and power.

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 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.**

*All sing:* **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.**

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

*Remain seated or kneeling to sing*

## Communion Hymn



**Like a mighty river flowing,  
like a flower in beauty growing,  
far beyond all human knowing  
is the perfect peace of God.**

**Like the hills serene and even,  
like the coursing clouds of heaven,  
like the heart that's been forgiven  
is the perfect peace of God.**

**Like the summer breezes playing,  
like the tall trees softly swaying,  
like the lips of silent praying  
is the perfect peace of God.**

**Like the morning sun ascended,  
like the scents of evening blended,  
like a friendship never ended  
is the perfect peace of God.**

**Like the azure ocean swelling,  
like the jewel all-excelling,  
far beyond our human telling  
is the perfect peace of God.**

Words: Michael A. Perry (1942–96)

Tune: Old Yeavinging  
Noël Tredinnick (b.1949)

*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.**

“The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few;  
therefore ask the Lord of the harvest  
to send out labourers into his harvest.”

Matthew 9.37b,38

**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.**

*Remain kneeling or seated*

## The Dismissal

## The Blessing

May God our creator,  
who clothes the lilies of the field  
and feeds the birds of the air, bestow on you his care  
and increase the harvest of your righteousness  
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 serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Recessional Hymn  
*during which the servers and clergy depart*



**All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam:**

***O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice;  
ye lights of evening, find a voice:**

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou fire, so masterful and bright,  
that givest man both warmth and light:**

*Choir only:*

Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
let them his glory also show:

**Let all things their creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness;  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:**

Words: Francis of Assisi (1182–1226)

Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

German Origin, 1623

Descant: Christopher Gower (b.1939)

*Remain standing as the choir moves 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

Paeon from 'Five short Pieces'

Percy Whitlock (1903–46)

## Notices

### Sunday Fellowship

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

### Sunday October 5

7.30 am

### Sung Eucharist

with the Choirs of S. Thomas' Preparatory School, Kollupitiya,  
and S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia

*Music will include*

Ubi Caritas - Durufle

O Praise God - Campbell

Psalm 137 - Lloyd *and more*

All are welcome to attend.



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