



The Chapel of
The Transfiguration

Sung Eucharist

Last Sunday of Creationtide

Sunday 28th 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

Folk Song

Armstrong Gibbs (1889–1960)

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



**Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where his feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day!**

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965)

Tune: Bussuaen
Gaelic 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.

“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease.

Genesis 8.22

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	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>
Christe Eleison	<i>Christ, have mercy</i>
Kyrie Eleison	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>

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

O God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit doth well up within thy Church:
Grant that by the gifts of the same Spirit
we may be armed to live the Gospel of Christ,
and made ready with a glad heart to do thy will;
that with all thy creation we may rejoice
in the joys of life eternal;
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.

All sit

The Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Book of Genesis 9. 8–17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ‘As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’ God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.’ God said to Noah, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Remain seated

Responsorial Psalm

May God be gracious to us and bless us

and make his face to shine upon us,

**that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide
the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

**The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God,
has blessed us.**

May God continue to bless us;

let all the ends of the earth revere him.

**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

The New Testament Reading

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 10. 23–31

'All things are lawful', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful', but not all things build up. Do not seek your own advantage, but that of others. Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience, for 'the earth and its fullness are the Lord's.' If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. But if someone says to you, 'This has been offered in sacrifice', then do not eat it, out of consideration for the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience— I mean the other's conscience, not your own. For why should my liberty be subject to the judgement of someone else's conscience? If I partake with thankfulness, why should I be denounced because of that for which I give thanks? So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand to sing

Gradual Hymn



**For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.**

***Christ our God, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.***

**For the beauty of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:**

**For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:**

**For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:**

Words: F.S. Pierpoint (1835–1917)

Tune: Dix
Conrad Kocher (1786–1872)

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. Matthew 5th Chapter, beginning at the 43rd verse

Glory be to thee, O Lord

‘You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.” But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

St. Matthew 5. 43–48

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

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*



**Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
shewn in earth and sky and sea,
burning sun and moonlight tender,
hill and river, flower and tree:
lest we fail our praise to render
touch our eyes that they may see.**

**Lord of wisdom, whom obeying
mighty waters ebb and flow,
while unhasting, undelaying,
planets on their courses go:
in thy laws thyself displaying,
teach our minds thyself to know.**

**Lord of life, alone sustaining
all below and all above,
Lord of love, by whose ordaining
sun and stars sublimely move:
in our earthly spirits reigning,
lift our hearts that we may love.**

**Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide,
till as Love our hearts enthrone thee,
and, with vision purified,
Lord of all, when all have known thee,
thou in all art glorified.**

Words: Cyril Alington (1772–1855)

Tune: Westminster Abbey
Henry Purcell (1659–95)

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



**Little drops of water,
Little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean
And the beautiful land.**

**And the little moments
humble though they be,
Make the mighty ages
of eternity**

**Little deeds of kindness,
little words of love,
make our earth an Eden,
like the heaven above.**

**So our little errors,
Lead the soul away,
from the paths of virtue
into sin to stray**

**Little seeds of mercy
Sown by youthful hands,
Grow to bless the nations
Far in heathen lands.**

**Glory then for ever
Be the God on high,
Beautiful and loving,
to eternity. Amen.**

Words: Mrs. J. Carney (1823–1908)

Tune: Eudoxia
S. Baring–Gould (1834–1924)

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.

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

Psalm 107.1

**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



**O God beyond all praising,
We worship you today
And sing the love amazing
That songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder
At ev'ry gift you send,
At blessings without number
And mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you
And wait upon your word,
We honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.**

**Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
Accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favour
May serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows
Be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows
And rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty
And glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty
Our sacrifice of praise.**

Words: Michael A. Perry (1942–96)

Tune: Thaxted
Gustav Holst (1874–1934)

*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

Choral Song

Samuel Wesley (1766–1837)

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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