



The Chapel of
The Transfiguration

Sung Eucharist

Reformation Sunday
(The Last Sunday after Trinity)

Sunday 26th October 2025
7.30 am



Two colourful characters turn up at the temple to pray. One trusts in his own goodness, the other throws himself upon the mercy of God. The difference between them is the difference between pride and faith. The Pharisee believes he can justify himself by his own virtue; the tax-collector knows that only God can make him righteous. The Reformation recalled this same truth — that we are justified not by our works but by God's grace through faith in Christ. When we forget this, our religion becomes self-congratulation; when we remember it, our prayer becomes thanksgiving. For all who humble themselves will be exalted.



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



**To the name that brings salvation
honour, worship, laud we pay:
that for many a generation
hid in God's foreknowledge lay;
but to every tongue and nation
Holy Church proclaims today.**

**Name of gladness, name of pleasure,
by the tongue ineffable,
name of sweetness passing measure,
to the ear delectable;
'tis our safeguard and our treasure,
'tis our help 'gainst sin and hell.**

**'Tis the name of adoration,
'tis the name of victory;
'tis the name for meditation
in the vale of misery;
'tis the name for veneration
by the citizens on high.**

**'Tis the name that whoso preaches
Finds it music to the ear;
'Tis the name that whoso teaches
Finds more sweet than honey's cheer:
Who its perfect wisdom reaches
Makes his ghostly vision clear.**

Words: John Neale (1818–66)

Tune: Oriel

Casper Ett (1788–1847)

Descant: Alan Gray (1855–1935)

All remain standing. The celebrant continues

The Greeting

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

Amen.

“He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts” Mark 6.8

Silence is kept

Blessed be God.

Blessed be God's reign for ever. Amen.

All kneel. The lay assistant continues

Prayer of Preparation

[From the Reformed Book of Common Prayer of Thomas Cranmer of 1552 and 1662]

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

*[The Prayer of Confession and the Absolution are from 1539;
they were used by both John Calvin at Geneva and John Knox in Scotland.]*

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept

Almighty God, eternal Father,
**we acknowledge and confess to you
that we were born in unrighteousness.
Our life is full of sin and transgression;
we have not gladly believed your Word
nor followed your holy commandments.
For your goodness' sake and
for your name's sake, be gracious unto us,
we pray, and forgive us all our sin,
which is very great.
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.**

Silence is kept

The lay assistant continues

The Collect for the Day

[Adapted from the Reformed liturgy of Strasbourg by Martin Bucer (about 1540)]

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray

Almighty and ever-gracious God,
who through the preaching of thy servants, the blessed
Reformers, didst cause the light of the Gospel to shine forth:
Since all our salvation dependeth upon thy holy Word;
Grant, we beseech thee, that our hearts
may be set free from worldly things,
that we may with all diligence and faith hear thy Word,
rightly understand thy gracious will,
and in all sincerity live according to the same,
to thy praise and glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All sit

The Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus 35.12–17

Give to the Most High as he has given to you and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it, and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice, for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor, but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Remain seated

Responsorial Psalm

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: • at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house: • they will always be praising you.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, • in whose heart are the highways to Zion,

Who going through the barren valley find there a spring, • and the early rains will clothe it with blessing.

They will go from strength to strength • and appear before God in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; • listen, O God of Jacob.

**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 84

Remain seated

The New Testament Reading

A reading from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 4. 6–8, 16–18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand to sing

Gradual Hymn



**King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
And that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.**

**Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
And the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.**

**Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
To enrol thee:
E'en eternity's too short
To extol thee.**

Words: George Herbert (1593–1633)

Tune: Gwalchmai
Joseph Jones (1827–70)

Remain standing and face the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All repeat:



Choir: Speak Lord for thy 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 18th Chapter, beginning at the 9th verse

Glory be to thee, O Lord

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

St. Luke 18. 9–14

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

Mr. Yohesan Casie Chetty | Lay Assistant

A time for silent reflection is kept following the sermon

All stand to sing

Affirmation of Faith

[This version of the Creed was first used in Cranmer's Reformed Book of Common Prayer of 1552 and then later included in the 1662 version. Although no longer the standard it still forms a link with the Reformation that converted the Church IN England to the Church OF England in the 16th century]

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,
By 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

God will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.
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*



**A safe stronghold our God is still,
a trusty shield and weapon;
he'll keep us clear from all the ill
that hath us now o'ertaken.**
**The ancient prince of hell
hath risen with purpose fell;
strong mail of craft and power
he weareth in this hour;
on earth is not his fellow.**

**With force of arms we nothing can,
full soon were we down-ridden;
but for us fights the proper man,
whom God himself hath bidden.**
Ask ye, 'Who is this same?'
**Christ Jesus is his name,
the Lord Sabaoth's Son;
he, and no other one,
shall conquer in the battle.**

**God's word, for all their craft and force,
one moment will not linger,
but, spite of hell, shall have its course;
'tis written by his finger.**
**And though they take our life,
goods, honour, children, wife,
yet is their profit small;
these things shall vanish all:
the City of God remaineth.**

Words: Martin Luther (1483–1546)

Tune: Ein Feste Burg
Martin Luther

Written by Martin Luther around 1529, this hymn—based on Psalm 46—proclaims unwavering trust in God as our refuge and defender. A rallying cry of the Reformation, it affirms that our strength and salvation rest not in human power but in God alone.

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.

All kneel or sit. The celebrant continues

We do not come to this your table, O merciful Lord, **trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy; Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

[From the Book of Common Prayer Liturgy (1552 / 1662)]

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, O Lord, because thou hast given us the Holy Scriptures, to instruct us in the wisdom which leadeth to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whom in your tender mercy, gave your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, offering once for all his one sacrifice, of himself; he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death, until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood by the power of the Holy Spirit:

Who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave thanks; 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 way, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

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.

The choir sings

Anthem

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
And he shall give you another comforter,
That he may 'bide with you forever; E'en the sp'rit of truth.

Words: John 14.15–17

Music: Thomas Tallis (1505–85)

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505–1585) lived through the English Reformation, when services shifted from Latin to English. He wrote both Latin motets and English anthems, adapting to the changing church. If Ye Love Me (c. 1549) sets Christ's words from John in clear, flowing English, reflecting the Reformation's aim to make scripture understandable and accessible—similar to Martin Luther's reforms in Germany.

Remain seated or kneeling to sing

Communion Hymn



**Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of thy tone;
as thou hast sought, so let me seek
thy erring children lost and lone.**

**O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
thy hungering ones with manna sweet.**

**O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious things thou dost impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.**

Words: Frances Havergal (1836–1879)

Tune: The Holy Son
Peter Hurford (1930–2019)

After communion all kneel or remain seated as the celebrant says

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray

**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.**

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.

"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

St. Luke 11.28

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

The Blessing

[Adapted from Martin Luther, who started the Reformation in 1517]

May God be your safe stronghold still, a trusty shield and
weapon to help you clear from all the ill that may overtake you;
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



**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 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.*



Sunday Fellowship

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

November 2nd

All Saints' / All Souls' Day

7.30 am — Sung Eucharist

A service of thanksgiving for the great company of Saints, and of remembrance for those we love but see no longer, trusting in God's promise of eternal life.

Music will include

For all the saints - *Vaughan Williams*

Jerusalem the golden - *Ewing*

Crossing the bar - *Parry*

Elegy - *Thalben-Ball*

and more.

All are welcome to attend.

November 9th

Remembrance Sunday

7.30 am — Sung Eucharist

A service to honour and pray for all those who gave their lives in service, remembering their sacrifice with gratitude and reverence.

Music will include

O God, our help in ages past - *Croft*

Thy hand O God hath guided - *Harwood*

For the Fallen - *Guest*

Nimrod - *Elgar*

and more.

All are welcome to attend

Saturday 1st November

5.00 pm

Like a River Glorious

A Worship Musical

presented by the Choir of The Church of St. Francis of Assisi,
Mount Lavinia.

All are welcome.

More details can be found on the poster at the entrance.



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