



The Order of Service
for the
INSTITUTION AND INSTALLATION
of
ASANKA SACHITH PERERA
as the
20th Warden
of
S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia
by
The Right Reverend Dushantha Rodrigo
16th Bishop of Colombo

The Chapel of the Transfiguration
Tuesday 20th January 2026
8.00 am

About This Service

Welcome to the Chapel of the Transfiguration and to this Service of Holy Eucharist, at which Asanka Perera is instituted and installed as the 20th Warden of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia.

Rooted in the worship and tradition of the Anglican Church, this service gathers the College community and its guests to give thanks to God, to pray for wisdom and guidance, and to commit the life and leadership of the College anew to God's gracious care.

The liturgy, music, and symbolism of this service reflect the calling of Christian education: that, under God who builds and guards all that is good, this College may continue to be a place of faith, learning, service, and hope for generations to come.

Please ensure that all mobile phones are on its silent setting

Please refrain from video recording or taking photographs during the service.

Please remain silent before the Service

Music before the Service

Fanfare	<i>Arthur Bliss (1891–1975)</i>
Two movements <i>from</i> Suite 'Laudate Dominium'	<i>Peter Hurford (1930–2019)</i>
Flourish for an occasion	<i>William Harris (1883–1973)</i>
Rhoysmedre	<i>Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)</i>
Intrada	<i>Grayston Ives (b.1948)</i>

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.

At 7.45 a.m. the staff and students enter the Chapel and take their places.

At 7.55 a.m. the procession of the Cross, the Servers, the Chaplains, the Sub Warden, the Warden Designate, the Manager of the College, and the Bishop of Colombo leaves the Sub Warden's office and make its way to the Chapel.

Remain seated as the Choir enters and takes their place.

Please stand as the Servers and Clergy enter from the west end of the Chapel.

Processional Hymn

during which the procession moves through the nave to their places

O WORSHIP the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
He will accept for the name that is dear;
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!**

Words: John Monsell (1811–75)

Tune: *Was Lebet*
Melody from the Rheinhardt MS (1754)
Descant: John Scott (1952–2015)

Remain standing. The Chaplain says

The Bidding

DEARLY beloved in Christ,
welcome to the Chapel of the Transfiguration.

We are gathered this day as a community of faith to ask God's blessing and wisdom upon Asanka Sachith Perera, as he is brought forward to be instituted and installed as the Twentieth Warden of this College.

As we come together as students and staff, governors, old boys, parents, friends, and family, we give thanks to almighty God for the many blessings bestowed upon this College: for the vision and example of James Chapman, first Anglican Bishop of Colombo and Founder of this institution.

We come as people of faith to pray for Asanka and for the members of his family, asking that God will grant him wisdom, humility, and strength, and that he may be sustained in his calling by the prayers, loyalty, and love of this whole community.

And so, as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Holy Eucharist and to take part in this sacred act of institution, let us kneel together as one family to confess our sins, and to seek God's forgiveness and renewal, as we commit ourselves anew to his service.

All kneel. A period of silence is kept for the confession of sins.

The Choir sings

KYRIE eleison
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison

*Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us*

The Bishop of Colombo gives the Absolution

May the God of love
bring you back to himself,
forgive you your sins,
and assure you of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All stand. The Choir sings

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 Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit

Let us pray

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole Body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear, we beseech thee, our prayer,
which we offer unto thee for all thy faithful people,
and especially for those whom thou hast called
to positions of leadership and trust;
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve thee in holiness and truth,
to the glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ 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

All sit. Lalani Muthuthanthri, Asanka's Grade 1 Teacher, reads

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 13. 8–12

THEN Abram said to Lot, 'Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herders and my herders; for we are kindred. Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left.' Lot looked about him, and saw that the plain of the Jordan was well watered everywhere like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar; this was before the Lord had destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.

So Lot chose for himself all the plain of the Jordan, and Lot journeyed eastwards; thus they separated from each other. Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the Plain and moved his tent as far as Sodom.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Remain seated. Radeeka Mendis, Sub Warden, leads

Psalm 131

R O Israel, trust in the Lord

OLORD, my heart is not proud;
my eyes are not raised in haughty looks.

I do not occupy myself with great matters,
with things that are too high for me. *R*

But I have quieted and stilled my soul,
like a weaned child on its mother's breast;
so my soul is quieted within me. *R*

O Israel, trust in the Lord,
from this time forth for evermore.

**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. Kieran Lawrence, Head Prefect, reads

New Testament Reading

1 Timothy 4. 9–16

THE saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Saviour of all people, especially of those who believe.

These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given

to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

LIGHT of the minds that know him,
May Christ be light to mine!
My sun in risen splendour,
My light of truth divine;
My guide in doubt and darkness,
My true and living way,
My clear light ever shining,
My dawn of heaven's day.

Strength of the wills that serve him,
May Christ be strength to me,
Who stilled the storm and tempest,
Who calmed the tossing sea;
His Spirit's power to move me,
His will to master mine,
His cross to carry daily
And conquer in his sign.

May it be ours to know him
That we may truly love,
And loving, fully serve him
As serve the saints above;
Till in that home of glory
with fadeless splendour bright,
We serve in perfect freedom
Our strength, our life, our light.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

Tune: *Aurelia*
Samuel Wesley (1810–76)

Remain standing and face the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

The Choir sings and all repeat

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Choir sings

“I am the light of the world,” says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.”

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
and with thy Spirit

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. Mark, 10th Chapter, beginning at the 35th verse

Glory be to thee, O Lord

JAMES and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, ‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’ And he said to them, ‘What is it you want me to do for you?’ And they said to him, ‘Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.’

But Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?’ They replied, ‘We are able.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.’

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

Rt. Rev'd. Dushantha Rodrigo

Bishop of Colombo and Visitor to the College

All stand

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm together the common faith of the Church

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

All kneel or sit. Chamodh de Silva, Lay Assistant, leads,

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to almighty God for the Church and for the world,
and let us thank him for his goodness.

For the Church

ALMIGHTY God, we pray for the holy Church throughout the
world: for unity in faith, steadfastness in hope, and charity in
love. We pray for this Diocese of Colombo, for our Bishop and
clergy, and for all who serve Christ in places of learning and formation.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the Warden Designate

WE pray especially for Asanka Perera,
called to serve as Warden of this College.
Grant him wisdom and sound judgement in leadership;
strength and courage in times of challenge;
humility of heart and compassion in the care of others.
Guide him by your light in all his decisions,
and uphold him with your grace,
that this College may be faithfully built up and wisely guarded
under his care.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For those in need

WE pray for our college community and for all communities
known to us. We commend to your loving care the sick, the
suffering, the distressed, the vulnerable, and all who are in need
of your healing. Be near to those affected by disaster, hardship,
or fear, and grant comfort, strength, and hope.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The Sub Warden is invited to the chancel steps where the Bishop will pray over her saying:

GRACIOUS and loving God,
we give thanks for your servant Radeeka Mendis,
called to serve as Sub Warden of this College.
Grant her wisdom in leadership,
faithfulness in duty, and compassion in care;
that in the guidance of academic life,
in the nurture of students, and in the pastoral life
of this community she may serve with patience,
integrity, and grace. Strengthen her by your Holy Spirit,
that working in partnership and trust she may help this College to
flourish in truth, learning, and generous living; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Chaplain continues

For the College

FATHER, who has through many years,
and by many bountiful servants,
blessed this College to be a house of faith and fruitful study;
grant us likewise in this place so to learn truth
as to bear its light along all our ways,
and so to learn Christ as ever to be found in him;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
world without end.

Amen.

The Chaplain concludes by saying

HASTEN O Father, the coming of your Kingdom,
and grant that we and all your servants,
being strengthened together in the eternal fellowship
of the Holy Spirit, may with joy behold your Son at this coming again
in glorious Majesty, even Jesus Christ our only Mediator.

Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

All stand.

The Liturgy of Institution and Installation

The Rev'd Marc Billimoria, Former Warden; David Ponniah, Former Warden; the Sub Warden and the Manager of the College come forward to present Asanka Perera to the Bishop of Colombo.

The Presentation

RIGHT Reverend Dushantha,
we present to you Asanka Sachith Perera,
who, having been lawfully chosen and duly appointed,
is now to be instituted and installed as the Twentieth Warden
of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia, in the Name of God.

The Institution

SISTERS and brothers, inasmuch as the care, nurture,
and education of the young is a solemn and sacred trust,
let us pray earnestly that God will grant to his servant, Asanka,
grace and wisdom to discharge faithfully the duties of this office.

Then addressing the Warden Designate the Bishop says

ASANKA,
in the presence of God,
before these witnesses and this congregation,
I now ask you to answer these questions freely and faithfully,
trusting in the grace of God.

YOU have been duly chosen and appointed the Warden of this
College. Do you believe that it is God who has called you to
this service?

Warden Designate: I so believe.

ARE you willing in God's name and for the care and nurture
of students to undertake this office?

Warden Designate: I am.

WILL you seek by the grace of God, to fulfill this sacred office committed to you with faithfulness and diligence, ever seeking to love our Lord with your whole heart and to witness to God in word and deed?

Warden Designate: I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

WILL you watch over this College with faith, hope, love, humility, and courage; sustaining the vision of its Founder, upholding its traditions, and furthering its ideals; and will you strive to maintain within it a high standard of learning, formation, and life, that it may bear witness to the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ, through the grace of the Holy Spirit?

Warden Designate: I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

WILL you maintain and provide for mutual dignity, respect and understanding among all those with whom you will work, encouraging all to bear one another's burdens and being strengthened by one another's presence?

Warden Designate: I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

WILL you tenderly guide and faithfully protect the hearts, minds and identities of the students of this College that they may all experience the grace of God and be nurtured to become integrated persons?

Warden Designate: I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Then addressing the congregation the Bishop calls them to prayer

PEOPLE of God, let us pray together that Asanka may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit in this ministry, and that we ourselves may be empowered to support him with faithfulness, solidarity, and dedication.

The Bishop, the Warden Designate and congregation kneel for prayer.

A period of silence is kept.

CHRIST be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ above me, Christ beneath me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Words: St. Patrick's Breastplate
Tr. Cecil Alexander (1818–95)

Music: Sir John Rutter CBE (b.1945)

The Bishop, taking the Warden's hands within his own, institutes him to the charge of those within the College, saying:

WE, Dushantha Rodrigo, by divine permission sixteenth Bishop of the Diocese of Colombo, and Visitor to this College, on behalf of the Church of Ceylon and of the Board of Governors of this College, do hereby institute and commission you, Asanka Perera, as the Twentieth Warden of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The family of the new Warden kneel beside him and the Bishop prays over them

GRACIOUS God, bless Asanka and the members of his family who share in this calling. Surround them with your love, grant them strength, peace, and joy, and make their home a place of encouragement and hope; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Installation

All stand and face west as the new Warden will be led to his stall by the Chaplains, the Sub Warden, the Manager of the College, and the Bishop of Colombo.

The new Warden places his hand on the Bible and says

I, Asanka Sachith Perera, called by God to be the twentieth Warden of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia, do solemnly and sincerely promise that I will administer, nurture, and serve this School and its community to the best of my ability; with faith, hope, love, and courage; in accordance with the vision of our Founder; in full conformity with the Holy Scriptures; and in obedience to the Rules of the Board of Governors, now in force or lawfully modified hereafter. So help me God.

The Bishop continues

ASANKA, take your place as Warden of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia. Remember those who have laboured before you; guard the trust now committed to you with faithfulness and joy. And may the Lord preserve your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and for evermore.

Amen.

The Warden then kneels and says the Lord's Prayer.

The Bishop says

The Welcome

PEOPLE of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia, I present to you Asanka Sachith Perera, now instituted and installed as Warden of this College. Receive him with prayer, loyalty, and goodwill; support him in his ministry among you; and work together with him in faith and trust, to the glory of God.

The congregation applauds. The Chapel Bell is tolled and the drums are sounded.

The procession moves to the Oil Lamp.

Student representatives of the four religious societies of the College present symbols of welcome, representing the living faith communities that together form the Thomian family.

The Choir sings

Anthem

during which the procession moves to the chancel steps

MAY wisdom and knowledge be the stability of your times,
and the fear of the Lord your treasure.

Words: Isaiah 33.6

Music: Malcolm Archer (b.1952)

Remain standing

The clergy along with the newly appointed Warden lead the greeting of peace.

The Greeting of Peace

THE Apostle Paul said:
‘Aim for perfection,
be of one mind, live in peace.
Greet one another with a holy kiss.’
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

During the singing of the offertory hymns, the Head Prefect presents the College Flag at the altar as a sign of the College’s re-dedication to the glory of God, after which the Bread, Wine, and Water for the Holy Eucharist are brought in procession.

An Offertory is received in aid of the Chapel Solidarity Fund.

ALL people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

Choir only:

For why? the Lord our God is good:
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the Angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.**

Words: William Kethe (d.1594)

Tune: *Old Hundredth*
Arranged by Ralph V. Williams

CHRISt is made the sure Foundation,
And the precious Corner-stone,
Who, the two walls underlying,
Bound in each, binds both in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

**To this temple, where we call thee,
 Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
 With thy wonted loving-kindness,
 Hear thy people as they pray;
 And thy fullest benediction
 Shed within its walls for ay.**

**Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
 What they supplicate to gain;
 Here to have and hold for ever,
 Those good things their prayers obtain,
 And hereafter in thy glory,
 With thy blessed ones to reign.**

**Laud and honour to the Father,
 Laud and honour to the Son,
 Laud and honour to the Spirit,
 Ever Three and ever One,
 Consubstantial, co-eternal,
 While unending ages run. Amen.**

Words: 7th cent.
 Tr. J. M. Neale (1818–66)

Tune: *Westminster Abbey*
 Henry Purcell (1659–95)
 Descant: Christopher Robinson (b.1933)

Remain standing to sing

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The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

IT is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

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
and for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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.

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,
**which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
in earth as it is in heaven.**
Give us this day our daily bread.
**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them 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

All sing

Agnus Dei

உலகின் பாவங்களை சுமக்கும் தெய்வாட்டுக்குட்டியே:
எங்களுக்கு இரங்கும் எங்களுக்கு இரங்கும்.

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சாந்தி தந்தருளும் சாந்தி தந்தருளும்.

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 Warden and his family receive Holy Communion first, followed by the Sub Warden
and her family, and thereafter the Choir and members of the congregation.
Please remain seated until invited to move forward by a College Prefect.*

ALLELUIA, sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia, his the triumph,
His the victory alone:
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
Hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia, he is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how:
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, Bread of Angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia, here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia, born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic feast.

BE thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought, in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art;
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Tr. Mary E. Byrne (1880–1931)

Music: Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

All kneel after Communion as the Chaplain says

Prayers after Communion

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious.

God's mercy endures forever.

“Whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father
through him.”

Colossians 3.17

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 Bishop of Colombo gives

The Blessing

GO forth into the world in peace:
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint hearted;
support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit be upon you, and remain with you always.

The Choir sings

Amen.

Orlando Gibbons (1563–88)

All stand

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

O PRAISE ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word,
Ye angels of light;
Ye heavens adore him
By whom ye were made,
And worship before him,
In brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
In tuneful accord,
Ye sons of new birth;
Praise him who has brought you
His grace from above,
Praise him who has taught you
To sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord,
Re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory
Forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story
Of what he has done.

O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured
All ages along:
For love in creation,
For heaven restored,
For grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!
Amen, amen.

Music after the Service

Ceremonial March

Herbert Sumsion (1899–1995)

The congregation leaves the Chapel, following the direction of the Prefects, and proceeds to the Quadrangle, where the Warden will hoist the College Flag

The congregation is then invited to the College Hall for a short assembly, at which the Warden will be introduced to the College Community.

Thereafter, the congregation is invited to a time of fellowship and refreshments in the College Sports Complex. Please follow the directions of the Prefects.



Please take this order of service with you to reflect on the prayers and readings
and as a reminder of your visit

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