



The Chapel of The Transfiguration

Sung Eucharist

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 10th May 2026
7.30 am



Jesus repeatedly connects obedience with love, and love with unity – unity with one another and with God. Obeying Jesus' commandments cannot be separated from loving Jesus, and this in turn is bound up with the promise that we will be more and more drawn into the love of God. The promise of the Holy Spirit is therefore not only the guarantee that we may continue to abide in God (and God in us) but is also what makes our obedience possible, and that enables God's love to manifest itself in our daily lives.



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



**At thy feet, O Christ, we lay
thine own gift of this new day;
doubt of what it holds in store
makes us crave thine aid the more;
lest it prove a time of loss,
mark it, Saviour, with thy cross.**

**If it flow on calm and bright,
be thyself our chief delight:
if it bring unknown distress,
good is all that thou canst bless;
only, while its hours begin,
pray we, keep them clear of sin.**

**We in part our weakness know,
and in part discern our foe;
well for us, before thine eyes
all our danger open lies;
turn not from us, while we plead
thy compassions and our need.**

**Fain would we thy word embrace,
live each moment on thy grace,
all our selves to thee consign,
fold up all our wills in thine,
think and speak and do and be
simply that which pleases thee.**

**Hear us, Lord, and that right soon;
hear, and grant the choicest boon
that thy love can e'er impart,
loyal singleness of heart:
do shall this and all our days,
Christ our God, show forth thy praise.**

Words: William Bright (1824–1901)

Tune: Sunrise
Trier Gesangbuch, 1695

All remain standing.

The celebrant continues

The Greeting

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

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.”

John 16.13

Blessed be God

Blessed be God’s reign for ever. Amen.

The celebrant 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 celebrant invites all to confess their sins

Prayers of Penitence

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.

Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

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 sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins 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 Ghost,
art the Most High, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Silence is kept.

The celebrant continues

The Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray

Almighty God, our Redeemer, who hast delivered us from the
power of darkness and hast brought us into the kingdom of
thy Son: Grant, we beseech thee, that as by his death he hath
restored us unto life, so by his continual presence in us he may
raise us unto eternal joy; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son
our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

Acts 17. 22–31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

from Psalm 66

Bless our God, O you peoples, make the voice of his praise to be heard, who holds our souls in life, and suffers not our feet to slip.

**For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.**

You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs;
you let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of liberty.

**Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.**

I called out to him with my mouth,
and his praise was on my tongue.

**If I had nursed evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me.**

But in truth God has heard me;
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.

**Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer
nor withheld his loving mercy from me.**

**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.**

The Epistle

I Peter 3. 13–end

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand to sing

Gradual Hymn



**God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of thy face;
shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
fill thy church with light divine;
and thy saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.**

**Let the people praise thee, Lord;
be by all that live adored;
let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour King;
at thy feet their tribute pay,
and thy holy will obey.**

**Let the people praise thee, Lord;
earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to man his blessing give,
man to God devoted live;
all below, and all above,
one in joy and light and love.**

Words: H. F. Lyte (1793–1847)

Tune: Heathlands
Henry Smart (1813–79)

Remain standing and face the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All repeat:



Choir: Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us then feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia.

The Lord be with you

And with thy spirit

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. John, 14th Chapter, beginning at the 15th verse

Glory be to thee, O Lord

Jesus said, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

At the end

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

Praise be to thee, O Christ

Sermon

given by

Ven. Samuel Ponniah

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,
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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.
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.**

**The 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 Grant (1779–1838)

Tune: Hanover
William Croft (1678–1727)
Descant: Alan Gray (1855–1935)

Remain standing. The celebrant invites all to say,

**All things come from you and of your own do we give you, Creator and Lord of the universe, ever adored by the holy Angels. Accept these gifts of bread and wine and these offerings which we present at your holy table and with them the dedication of our lives for your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Remain standing. The 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 by his victory over the grave a new age hath dawned; the long reign of sin is ended, the broken world is being renewed, and mankind is restored again to wholeness;

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.

All sit or kneel

Holy indeed are you Almighty Father eternal Sovereign, who in all your gifts and works manifests your holiness to all humanity. Holy is your Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ, through whom you did order the universe. And Holy is your ever blessed Spirit who reveals all things, even the deep things of you O God. Just as you yourself are holy, so also you created us in your own image that we might live in holy fellowship.

And when we disobeyed your commandments, you did not abandon us but you guided us as a merciful Father; you revealed yourself to us through the Sages, the Law and the Prophets, and through your redeeming acts in history, and when the time was ripe, you came among us through your Son Jesus, whom you sent into the world to share our human nature in order that the Lord Jesus might revive your own image in us.

**Generous God, Jesus loves us
and sacrificed himself for us
and heralded the new life
in breaking bread with companions.**

On the very night that he was betrayed to suffer death upon the cross for us, the Lord Jesus took bread and when he had given thanks to you Almighty Father, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same manner after supper, he took the cup also, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them saying:

Drink, all of you from this,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

The Lord Jesus Christ is Saviour

**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so Father, we present this bread and cup in communion with your whole church, in fellowship with Blessed Mary, St. Thomas 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,
**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

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 Perry (1942–96)

Tune: Old Yeaving
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.

“For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”

I Corinthians 12.13

**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

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
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 the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Recessional Hymn
during which the servers and clergy depart



**Rejoice, the Lord is King,
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:**

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

**Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above:**

**His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:**

**He sits at God's right hand
Till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command,
And fall beneath his feet:**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88)

Tune: Darwall's 148th
John Darwall (1731–89)

*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.*



Notices

Sunday Fellowship

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



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