



The Chapel of  
The Transfiguration

Sung Eucharist  
Day of Pentecost  
(Whit Sunday)



Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
7.30 am

In John's Gospel the Holy Spirit is given with a breath – the same breath of God that brooded over the waters and stirred the void into life now brings Jesus' disciples back to life as they huddle in the upper room. This breath is a breath of peace for their troubled hearts, but it is also a deep breath of courage for all that is to come. From this upper room the disciples will emerge as apostles, and begin the task of building the church and continuing Christ's loving work in the world.



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*

*Please remain silent before the service*

The Gathering

*Please remain seated as the Choir enters and takes their place*

*As the Servers and Clergy enter and move to the sanctuary the Choir sings*

Introit

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.

*The Celebrant sings*

Let us proceed in peace

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Processional Hymn



**Come, Thou holy Paraclete,  
And from Thy celestial seat  
Send Thy light and brilliancy:  
Father of the poor, draw near;  
Giver of all gifts, be here;  
Come, the soul's true radiancy.**

**Come, of comforters the best,  
Of the soul the sweetest guest,  
Come in toil refreshingly:  
Thou in labour rest most sweet,  
Thou art shadow from the heat,  
Comfort in adversity.**

**O thou Light, most pure and blest,  
Shine within the inmost breast  
Of thy faithful company.  
Where thou art not, man hath naught;  
Every holy deed and thought  
Comes from Thy divinity.**

**What is soiled, make Thou pure;  
What is wounded, work its cure;  
What is parchèd, fructify;  
What is rigid, gently bend;  
What is frozen, warmly tend;  
Strengthen what goes erringly.**

**Fill Thy faithful, who confide  
In Thy power to guard and guide,  
With Thy sevenfold mystery.  
Here Thy grace and virtue send:  
Grant salvation to the end,  
And in Heav'n felicity.**

Words: Based on 'Veni, Sancte Spiritus'  
Tr. J. M. Neale

Music: Veni Sancte Spiritus  
Samuel Webbe (1740–1816)

*Remain standing. The Celebrant continues*

## 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!**

“And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” - Romans 5.5

Blessed be God

**Blessed by God’s reign for ever. Amen.**

*All kneel and 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.**

## Prayers of Penitence

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and  
knows our every word and deed.

Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in  
penitence and faith.

*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 gives the Absolution*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
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,  
Jesu 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*

Collect for the Day

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

Let us pray

God, who as at this time  
taught the hearts of thy faithful people  
by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement  
in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## The Pentecost Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 2.1–21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem.

And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*Remain seated*

*from Psalm 104*

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**There is the sea, spread far and wide,  
and there move creatures beyond number, both  
small and great.**

There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan  
which you have made to play in the deep.

**All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.**

When you give it them, they gather it;  
you open your hand and they are filled with good.

**When you hide your face they are troubled;  
when you take away their breath, they die and  
return again to the dust.**

When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.

**May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works;**

**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.*

Epistle  
1 Corinthians 12: 3b–13

No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*All stand to sing*

## Gradual Hymn



**Spirit of mercy, truth, and love,  
Shed thy blest influence from above,  
And still from age to age convey  
The wonders of this sacred day.**

**In every clime, in every tongue,  
Be God's eternal praises sung;  
Through all the listening earth be taught  
The acts our great Redeemer wrought.**

**Unfailing comfort, heavenly guide,  
Over thy favoured Church preside;  
Still let mankind thy blessings prove,  
Spirit of mercy, truth and love.**

Words: Foundling Hospital Collection (1774)

Tune: Melcombe

Samuel Webb the elder (1740–1816)

*Remain standing and face the Gospel*

## Gospel Reading

*Choir:* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*All repeat:*



*Choir:* Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

**And with thy spirit**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St. John, 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter, beginning at the 19<sup>th</sup> verse

**Glory be to thee, O Lord**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

*At the end,*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

**Praise be to thee, O Christ**

*Remain standing until invited to be seated*

Sermon  
*given by*  
Rev. Suren Watson  
*Assistant Chaplain*

*All stand to sing*

## Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God,  
**the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten  
of his Father before all worlds,**

**God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
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 has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

**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*



**Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1734)

Tune: Down Ampney  
R. Vaughan-Williams (1872–1958)

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

**All things come from you  
and for 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.**

## 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 the Holy Spirit thou leadest us into all truth, and givest us power to proclaim thy Gospel unto the nations, and to serve thee as a royal priesthood.

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 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.  
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.**

## 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.**

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

*During communion please remain seated or kneel to sing*

### Communion Hymn



**O King enthroned on high,  
thou Comforter divine,  
blest Spirit of all truth, be nigh  
and make us thine.**

**Thou art the source of life,  
thou art our treasure-store;  
give us thy peace and end our strife  
for evermore.**

**Descend, O heavenly Dove,  
abide with us always;  
and in the fullness of thy love  
cleanse us, we pray.**

Words: John Brownlie (1857–1925)

Tune: Temple  
Walford Davis (1869–1941)

*After communion all kneel as the Celebrant says*

### Prayers after Communion

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious.

**God's mercy endures forever.**

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15.13

**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.**

# The Dismissal

## Blessing of Light

*Remain seated as the Choir sings*

### Hymn

*during which the clergy move to the vestry to change from red vestments to green, symbolising the end of the fifty days of Eastertide and the beginning of Ordinary Time.*

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
and lighten with celestial fire;  
thou the anointing Spirit art,  
who dost thy seven-fold gifts impart:

thy blessèd unction from above  
is comfort, life, and fire of love;  
enable with perpetual light  
the dullness of our blinded sight:

anoint and cheer our soilèd face  
with the abundance of thy grace:  
keep far our foes, give peace at home;  
where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and thee, of both, to be but one;  
that through the ages all along  
this may be our endless song,

Praise to thy eternal merit,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Words: John Cosin (1594–1672) ’

Tune: ‘Veni Creator’

*As the Easter Candle is taken down the Lay Assistant says*

Come, Holy Spirit:  
come, breath of life,  
come, fire of love,  
come, power of hope,  
come, catalyst of God’s kingdom,  
come, heavenly friend.  
Come and confront us with the truth from which we turn;  
come and reveal to us  
the way of Christ we dimly see;  
come and nurture in us the spiritual gifts  
on which life in all its fullness relies.  
**Amen.**

All stand to sing

Hymn

during which the procession moves to the font



**O thou who camest from above  
the fire celestial to impart,  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
on the mean altar of my heart!**

**There let it for thy glory burn  
with inextinguishable blaze,  
and trembling to its source return  
in humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
to work, and speak, and think for thee;  
still let me guard the holy fire,  
and still stir up the gift in me.**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,  
my acts of faith and love repeat;  
till death thy endless mercies seal,  
and make the sacrifice complete.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88)

Tune: Hereford  
Samuel Wesley (1810–76)

All turn to face the font. The Celebrant says

Commission

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us. As part of God's Church here in Sri Lanka, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

**By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

**We will.**

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

**We will.**

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

**We will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

**We will.**

*The Easter Candle is extinguished*

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessing

May the Spirit,  
who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,  
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Filled with the Spirit's power,  
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Remain standing as the Choir and clergy depart,  
then sit or leave quietly at this point*

*Remain standing as the Choir moves out, then sit*



Notices

### **Sunday Fellowship**

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

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

**7.30 am**

#### **Music Sunday**

Sung Eucharist with the Choirs of  
S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia and  
Bishop's College, Colombo  
All are welcome to attend

**9.00 am**

The Annual General Meeting of the Chapel.  
All are encouraged to attend.



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