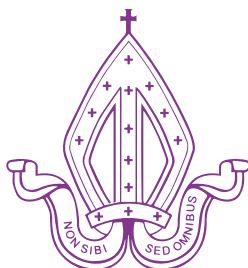
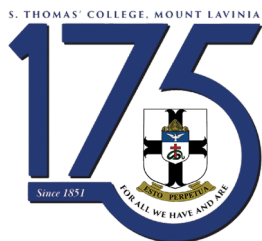


THE CHAPEL *of*
THE TRANSFIGURATION



SUNG EUCHARIST
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
(*Music Sunday*)

SUNDAY 14TH JUNE 2026
7.30 A.M.

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Welcome to the Chapel of the Transfiguration, and to this special service on the Second Sunday after Trinity.

We are especially delighted to welcome once again the Choir of Bishop's College, Colombo, who join our own College Chapel Choir in leading the music this morning.

Today we also observe Music Sunday, a day introduced by the Royal School of Church Music, whose work is to encourage church music and musicians so that, through music, people may be drawn closer to God in worship. We give thanks for the gift of music: for choristers, choir trainers, organists, composers, poets, instrumentalists, and for all who use their gifts to lift the hearts of God's people in praise.

As part of Music Sunday, the choristers were given the opportunity to choose one of the hymns for this service. They have chosen the Communion hymn, 'O thou who camest from above', as a prayer that the flame of God's love may burn within us and shape our lives in his service.

The Preacher this morning is

The Ven. Samuel Ponniah

Chaplain, S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia

The Celebrant is

The Ven. Christopher Balraj

Archdeacon of Colombo

Chaplain, Bishop's College, Colombo

After this service you are all invited to a time of fellowship on the chapel steps.

Please ensure that all mobile phones are on its silent setting.

Please refrain from video recording or taking photographs of any parts of the service.

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Andante Tranquillo *from* 5 short pieces

Percy Whitlock (1903–46)

MUSIC AFTER THE SERVICE

Tuba Tune

Norman Cocker (1889–1953)

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.

Remain seated as the Choirs enter from the west end of the Chapel and take their places in the choir stalls.

As the Servers and Clergy enter all stand and the Choir sings

JUBILATE DEO

during which the altar is censed

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise;
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,
and his truth endureth from generation to generation,
his truth endureth!

Words: Psalm 100

Music: *from* Morning Canticles in B flat
Charles V. Stanford (1852-1924)



**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 Celebrant continues

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

“And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, ‘Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.’”
- Revelation 4.8

Blessed be God
Blessed be 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

We have too often exchanged the worship of the living God for idols of our own imagining. As we gather to offer our praises to the holy and undivided Trinity, and to worship him in spirit and in truth, let us call to mind our sins.

Silence is kept. After-which the Choirs sing

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

The Celebrant gives the Absolution

May the Father forgive you by the death of his Son
and strengthen you to live in the power of the Spirit all your days.
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 COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray

All kneel.

O Lord, who hast taught us
that all our doings without charity are nothing worth:
Send thy Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity,
the very bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee.
Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, ever one God,
world without end.
Amen.

All sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' The Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

Genesis 18. 1–15

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Remain seated. The Choirs sing

PSALM 150

O praise God in his holiness *
Praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts *
Praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet *
Praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances *
Praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals *
Praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let every thing that hath breath *
Praise the Lord.

All stand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son * and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be *
world without end. Amen.

Chant: Robert Goodenough (1775–1826)

All sit.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Romans 8. 1–5

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN



**Songs of praise the angels sang,
Heaven with alleluyas rang,
When creation was begun,
When God spake and it was done.**

**Songs of praise awoke the morn
When the Prince of Peace was born;
Songs of praise arose when he
Captive led captivity.**

**Heaven and earth must pass away,
Songs of praise shall crown that day;
God will make new heavens and earth,
Songs of praise shall hail their birth.**

**And will man alone be dumb
Till that glorious kingdom come?
No, the Church delights to raise
Psalms and hymns and songs of praise.**

**Saints below, with heart and voice,
Still in songs of praise rejoice;
Learning here, by faith and love,
Songs of praise to sing above.**

**Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise;
Jesu, glory unto thee,
Ever with the Spirit be. Amen.**

Remain standing and face the Gospel

THE GOSPEL READING

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All repeat:



Choir: I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord.
No one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. Matthew, 9th Chapter, beginning at the 35th verse
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

All stand. The Celebrant invites all to say

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God the Father,
**from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

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

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you are called to peace.
The peace of the triune God 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.*



**Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness,
Wake your noblest, sweetest strain,
With the praises of your Saviour
Let his house resound again;
Him let all your music honour,
And your songs exalt his reign.**

**Sing how he came forth from heaven,
Bowed himself to Bethlehem's cave,
Stooped to wear the servant's vesture,
Bore the pain, the cross, the grave,
Passed within the gates of darkness,
Thence his banished ones to save.**

**So, he tasted death for all men,
He, of all mankind the head,
Sinless one, among the sinful,
Prince of life, among the dead;
Thus he wrought the full redemption,
And the captor captive led.**

**Now on high, yet ever with us,
From his Father's throne the Son
Rules and guides the world he ransomed,
Till the appointed work be done,
Till he see, renewed and perfect,
All things gathered into one.**

**Alleluya to the Father,
Alleluya to the Son,
Alleluya to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one,
One in love and one in glory,
While unending ages run. Amen.**

Words: John Ellerton (1826–93)

Tune: *Neander*
Joachim Neander (1650–80)
Descant: John Barnard (b.1948)

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.**

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, most gracious God, holy and undivided Trinity; because thou hast given us the light of the knowledge of thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ; that we, beholding him, may be transformed into his likeness, and changed from glory unto glory.

Therefore with Angels, and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee, and saying:

All sing

**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 or sit.

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, St. Agnes 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.**

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

All sing

BENEDICTUS

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

DEEP SILENCE

The Choirs sing

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



**O thou who camest from above,
The pure celestial fire 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 my sacrifice complete.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88)

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

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.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will make music to my God while I have my being.

Psalm 104.35

**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.**

All sit. The Choirs sing

ANTHEM

O thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light
Of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day
In fellowship with thee, transforming clay
To souls ere-while unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Words: H. R. Bramley (1833–1917)

Music: Charles Wood (1866–1926)

THE DISMISSAL

All kneel. The Celebrant pronounces the

BLESSING

May the songs of the angels sustain you,
may the praises of the saints inspire you,
may the silent music of the Unseen Trinity be in your heart,
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 love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

during which the Servers and Clergy depart



**Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
As of that Rose the Stem;
The Root whence mercy ever flows,
The Babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
Where everlasting waves
Reflect his throne—the Infinite!
Who lives—and loves—and saves.**

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800–94)

Tune: *Diademata*
George Elvey (1816–60)

Remain standing as the Choirs move out to the vestry, then sit. You are invited to be seated for the playing of the organ voluntary or you may leave quietly at this point.

Please take this order of service away with you to reflect upon the music, readings and prayers, and as a reminder of your visit.