



The Chapel of The Transfiguration

Sung Eucharist

Corpus Christi

Sunday 7th June 2026
7.30 am



John's account of the Last Supper does not need to mention the bread and wine, because he has already reflected extensively on bread here in chapter 6 and wine in chapter 2. As such, the whole Gospel is infused with Eucharistic significance, and the presence of Jesus' earthly body 'in the flesh' is interwoven with his mystical presence. Here, the offering of Christ's own body as food for the world is an invitation to partake of the very life of God, the ultimate abiding the ultimate abiding that begins now and lasts for all eternity.



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

Please stand as the Servers and Clergy enter

Processional Hymn
during which the altar is censed



**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
First-begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong defender,
Liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluya, Alleluya!
Jesu, true and living Bread!**

**Here our humblest homage pay we;
Here in loving reverence bow;
Here for Faith's discernment pray we,
Lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluya, Alleluya!
Thou art here, we ask not how.**

**Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluya, Alleluya!
We in worship join with them.**

**Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished
Once for all when thou wast slain,
In its fullness undiminished
Shall for evermore remain,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
Cleansing souls from every stain.**

**Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
Stricken Rock with streaming side,
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna
Worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
Risen, ascended, glorified!**

Words: George Bourne (1840–1925)

Tune: St. Helen
George Martin (1844–1916)

Please remain standing. The Celebrant continues

The Greeting

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

Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim
the Lord’s death until he comes.”

1 Corinthians 11. 26

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.**

The Lay Assistant invites all to confess their sins

Prayers of Penitence

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of God’s love,
revealed in Word and Sacrament, let us call to mind our sins.

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

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

The Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit

Let us pray

Lord Jesus Christ,
we thank thee that in this wonderful sacrament
thou hast given unto us the memorial of thy Passion:
grant us so to reverence these holy mysteries
of thy Body and Blood,
that we may know within ourselves,
and show forth in our lives,
the fruits of thy redemption;
who livest and reignest with the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

All sit

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Book of Genesis Chapter 12. 1–9

Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, ‘To your offspring I will give this land.’ So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Remain seated

from Psalm 116

How shall I repay the Lord •

for all the benefits he has given to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation and
call upon the name of the Lord.**

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

**Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his
faithful servants.**

O Lord, I am your servant, • your servant, the child of your
handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

**I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord • in the presence of all his people,
**In the courts of the house of the Lord, in the midst
of you, O Jerusalem.**

***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.***

New Testament Reading

Corinthians 11. 23–26

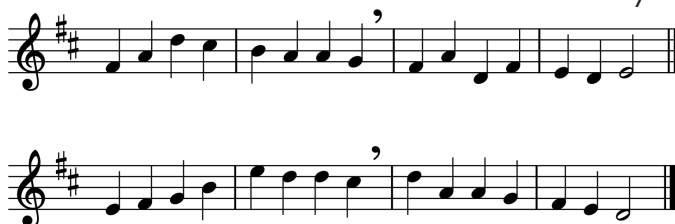
For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

All stand to sing

Gradual Hymn



**All for Jesus! all for Jesus!
This our song shall ever be;
For we have not hope nor Saviour
If we have not hope in thee.**

**All for Jesus! thou wilt give us
Strength to serve thee hour by hour:
None can move us from thy presence
While we trust thy love and power.**

**All for Jesus! at thine altar
Thou wilt give us sweet content;
There, dear Lord, we shall receive thee
In the solemn sacrament.**

**All for Jesus! thou hast loved us,
All for Jesus! thou hast died,
All for Jesus! thou art with us,
All for Jesus, glorified!**

**All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
This the church's song must be,
Till, at last, we all are gathered,
One in love and one in thee.**

Words: W. J. Sparrow-Simpson (1859–1952)

Tune: All for Jesus
John Stainer (1840–1901)

Remain standing

The Gospel Reading

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All repeat:



Choir: I am the living bread that came down from heaven,
says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live for
ever.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you

And with thy spirit

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. John, 6th Chapter, beginning at the 51st verse

Glory be to thee, O Lord

‘I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.’ The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ So Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.’

At the end,

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

Praise be to thee, O Christ

Remain standing until invited to be seated

Sermon

given by

Mr. Asanka Perera

Warden

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

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

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*



**We pray thee, heavenly Father,
to hear us in thy love,
and pour upon thy children
the unction from above;
that so in love abiding,
from all defilement free,
we may in pureness offer
our Eucharist to thee.**

**Be thou our guide and helper,
O Jesus Christ, we pray;
so may we well approach thee,
if thou wilt be the Way:
thou, very Truth, hast promised
to help us in our strife,
food of the weary pilgrim,
eternal source of Life.**

**And thou, creator Spirit,
look on us, we are thine;
renew in us thy graces,
upon our darkness shine;
that, with thy benediction
upon our souls outpoured,
we may receive in gladness
the body of the Lord.**

**O Trinity of Persons,
O Unity most high,
on thee alone relying
thy servants would draw nigh:
unworthy in our weakness,
on thee our hope is stayed,
and blessed by thy forgiveness
we will not be afraid.**

Words: Vincent Coles (1845–1929)

Tune: Crüger
Johann Crüger (1598–1662)

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 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,
for that when his hour was come,
in his great love he did give this supper unto his disciples,
that we might proclaim his death,
and feast with him in his kingdom.

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 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 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

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.*

Remain seated to sing

Communion Hymn



**Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water flowing from thy side.**

**Strength and protection may thy Passion be,
O blessèd Jesu, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.**

**Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
in death's dread moments make me only thine;
call me and bid me come to thee on high
where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.**

Words: Pope John XXII
Tr. J. Hegarty (d. 1834)

Tune: Anima Christi
William Maher (1823–1877)

After communion please remain kneeling or seated as the Celebrant says

Prayers after Communion

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious.

God's mercy endures forever.

"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me,
and I in them."

1 Corinthians 6. 56

**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 kneel

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

*On the Feast of Corpus Christi the usual blessing may be replaced
by the sign of the cross being made over the people with the
Blessed Sacrament as Jesus Christ Himself, not the priest, blesses
the people. As this is done, a bell is rung three times, and the
Thurifer censes the sacrament with three triple swings.*

*The faithful will remain kneeling as the sign of the cross is made
over them with the Sacrament.*

The Celebrant says

Divine Praises

BLESSED be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

**Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of
the Altar.**

Blessed be the Holy Spirit the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary Most Holy.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

**Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ in the most
Holy Sacrament.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Amen.

All stand

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen.

All stand to sing

Recessional Hymn
during which the Servers and Clergy depart



**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.**

Words: William Williams (1717–91)

Tune: Cwm Rhondda
John Hughes (1873–1932)

Remain standing as the choir moves out, then sit

Sunday Fellowship

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

Sunday 14th June

7.30 am

Music Sunday

Sung Eucharist with the Choirs of
S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia and
Bishop's College, Colombo

Music will include:

Come to us, creative spirit (*Guiting Power*)
Jubilate in B Flat - *Stanford*
O thou the central orb - *Wood*
Songs of Praise the angels sang (*Northampton*)
and more

All are welcome to attend

9.00 am

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

Sunday 28th June 2026

6.00 pm | Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour

'O Clap Your Hands'

A Festival Service of Thanksgiving
celebrating 175 Years of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia.

Music will be led by a massed choir drawn from eight schools
and the College Chapel Choir.

Music by

Herbert Howells, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Charles Stanford
and more

Gustav Mahler Brass Ensemble, Vidhurinda Samaraweera, *Leader*
Harin Amirthanathan, *Conductor*
Denham Pereira, *Organ*

All are welcome to attend



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