



The Chapel of The Transfiguration

Sung Eucharist

Eighth Sunday after Trinity (NCC Sunday)

Sunday 26th July 2026
7.30 am



In what ways is God's kingdom like treasure in a field or a pearl of unique beauty and value? Jesus does not specify whether these objects represent the response of obedient faith which sees God's call as worth any sacrifice, or whether the treasure seeker and the merchant represent God, giving up all he can to acquire something so precious. The parable of the net certainly sees the kingdom as an active search for all who can be gathered in; but the process is not indiscriminate. As elsewhere, there is a future dimension involving a complete separation between good and bad.



Music before the Service

Liturgical Prelude No. 3

George Oldroyd (1887–1956)

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



**The God of Abraham praise
Who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days,
And God of love:
Jehovah, great I AM,
By earth and heaven confest;
we bow and bless the sacred name
for ever blest.**

**The goodly land we see,
With peace and plenty blest,
A land of sacred liberty
And endless rest;
There milk and honey flow,
And oil and wine abound,
And trees of life for ever grow
With mercy crowned.**

**There dwells the Lord our King,
The Lord our Righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,
The Prince of Peace:
On Sion's sacred height
His kingdom he maintains,
And glorious with his saints in light
For ever reigns.**

**The God who reigns on high
The great archangels sing,
And 'Holy, holy, holy' cry
'Almighty King!'
Who was, and is the same,
And evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Father, great I AM,
We worship thee.'**

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-99)
based on the Hebrew *Yigdal*

Tune: Leoni
Thomas Olivers

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.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where
moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal;”

- Matthew 6. 19

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.

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 sins of the world,
have mercy upon us. Thou 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 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.

All kneel.

Almighty Lord, and everlasting God,
We beseech thee to direct, sanctify, and govern
both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws,
and in the works of thy commandments;
that, through thy most mighty protection,
both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God,
world without end.

Amen.

All sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 29.15–28

Then Laban said to Jacob, ‘Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?’ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, ‘I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.’ Laban said, ‘It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.’ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, ‘Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.’ So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, ‘What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?’ Laban said, ‘This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.’ Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Remain seated. The Choir sings

Psalm 128

Blessed are all they that fear the Lord:
and walk in his ways.
For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands:
O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.
Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine:
upon the walls of thine house.
Thy children like the olive
branches round about thy table.

Lo, thus shall the man be blessed :

That feareth the Lord.

The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee :

That thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long.

Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children:

and peace upon Israel.

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.

All sit

New Testament Reading

Romans 8. 26–39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

All stand to sing

Gradual Hymn



**Thy kingdom come, O God,
thy rule, O Christ, begin;
break with thine iron rod
the tyrannies of sin.**

**Where is thy reign of peace
and purity and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
as in the realms above?**

**When comes the promised time
that war shall be no more,
and lust, oppression, crime
shall flee thy face before?**

**We pray thee, Lord, arise,
and come in thy great might;
revive our longing eyes,
which languish for thy sight.**

**Men scorn thy sacred name,
and wolves devour thy fold;
by many deeds of shame
we learn that love grows cold.**

**O'er lands both near and far
thick darkness broodeth yet:
arise, O Morning Star,
arise, and never set!**

Words: Lewis Hensley (1824–1905)

Tune: St. Cecilia
L. G. Hayne (1836–83)

Remain standing

The Gospel Reading

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All repeat:



Choir: Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. Matthew, 13th Chapter, beginning at the 31st verse

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?'

They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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'd. Rohitha de Silva

Methodist Minister

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. The Celebrant says

Greeting of Peace

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.

Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.

Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

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*



**My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O, who am I,
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?**

**He came from his blest throne,
Salvation to bestow:
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my Friend,
My Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!**

All upper voices

**Sometimes they strew his way,
And his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.**

All

**Then 'Crucify!'
Is all their breath,
And for his death
They thirst and cry.**

All lower voices

**They rise, and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
To suffering goes,
That he his foes
From thence might free.**

**Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend.**

Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-83)

Tune: Love Unknown

John Ireland (1879–1962)

Descant: Christopher Robinson (b.1936)

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
because thou art the source of light and life;
thou hast made us in thine own image
and hast called us to new life in him.

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

**Jesus, good above all other,
Gentle Child of gentle Mother,
In a stable born our Brother,
Give us grace to persevere.**

**Jesus, cradled in a manger,
For us facing every danger,
Living as a homeless stranger,
Make we thee our King most dear.**

**Jesus, for thy people dying,
Risen Master, death defying,
Lord in heaven, thy grace supplying,
Keep us to thy presence near.**

**Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,
All our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,
Thou to men the truth declarest;
Help us all thy truth to hear.**

**Lord, in all our doings guide us;
Pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;
We'll go on with thee beside us,
And with joy we'll persevere!**

Words: Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)

Tune: Quem Pastores
German, 14th cent. carol

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.

"A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace."
James 3.18

**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

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;
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.

All stand to sing

Recessional Hymn

during which the servers and clergy depart



**Thou whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray
Let there be light.**

**Thou who didst come to bring
On thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
Ah! now to all mankind
Let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth thy flight;
Move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light.**

**Blessèd and holy Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
Boundless as ocean's tide
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the world far and wide
Let there be light.**

Words: John Marriott, (1780–1825)

Tune: Moscow
William Gardiner (1770–1853)

Remain standing as the Choir moves out, then sit.

Music after the Service

Rondeau *from* 'Abdelazer'

Henry Purcell (1659–95)

Later today

A Special General Meeting will be held soon after this service.
All those whose names appear on the Electoral Roll are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday August 5th

6.00 pm

Choral Evensong

Eve of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

All are invited to attend.

Thursday August 6th

7.30 am

Festal Eucharist

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

All are invited to attend.

The Chapel Solidarity Fund

A solidarity fund had been set up many years ago to assist persons in need of financial support, which is administered by the Chaplain and the Finance Manager of the School. This fund has helped many over the past years and is now in need of replenishment.

Those who would like to contribute towards this fund please get in touch with the Chaplain or the Assistant Chaplain.



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