

The Chapel of The Transfiguration

Sung Eucharist and Holy Baptism

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 13th September 2026
7.30 am



Jesus' previous teaching on forgiveness and reconciliation evidently prompted Peter to suggest what he thought was a generous stance towards those who wronged him. Instead of affirming this, Jesus raises the standard impossibly high. The subsequent parable reinforces the point, showing our mutual indebtedness as utterly inconsequential compared to our standing before God. The implication is that anyone unwilling freely to offer mercy has failed to understand their own need for mercy, in effect closing themselves off from receiving it.

This is essentially what Jesus taught us to pray:
'Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven ...'

Music before the service

Meditation from 'Laudate Dominum' Peter Hurford, 1930–2019



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



**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven.
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!.**

Words: H. F. Lyte, 1793-1847

Tune: Praise my soul
John Goss, 1800-1880
Descant: Christopher Gray

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.

“The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.” - Psalm 103.8

Blessed be God

Blessed be God’s reign for ever. Amen.

All kneel and the Celebrant continues

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God,
**to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets
are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Celebrant invites all to confess their sins

Prayers of Penitence

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,
though we have rebelled against him. Let us then renounce our
wilfulness and ask his mercy by confessing 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	<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 Celebrant continues

The Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit

Let us pray

All kneel

O God, who of thy great mercy
didst send the Holy Spirit upon thy Church
in the burning fire of thy love;
Grant that thy people, abiding ever in thee,
may be fervent in the fellowship of the Gospel,
steadfast in faith, and diligent in thy service;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, one God,
world without end.

Amen.

All sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 14. 19–31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

- ¹ When Israel came out of Egypt, •
the house of Jacob from a people of a strange tongue,
² **Judah became his sanctuary, • Israel his dominion.**
³ The sea saw that, and fled; • Jordan was driven back.
⁴ **The mountains skipped like rams, •**
the little hills like young sheep.
⁵ What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? •
O Jordan, that you were driven back?
⁶ **You mountains, that you skipped like rams, •**
you little hills like young sheep?
⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, • at the
presence of the God of Jacob,
⁸ **Who turns the hard rock into a pool of water, •**
the flint-stone into a springing well.

***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

Romans 14. 1–12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

All stand to sing

Gradual Hymn



**“Forgive our sins as we forgive,”
You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But you alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.**

**How can your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs, and will not let
Old bitterness depart?**

**In blazing light your Cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew,
How small the debts men owe to us,
How great our debt to you.**

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,
And bid resentment cease;
Then, reconciled to God and man,
Our lives will spread Your peace.**

Words: Rosamond Herklots, b.1905

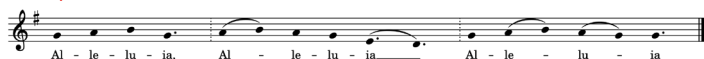
Tune: Caithness
Melody from Scottish Psalter, 1635

Remain standing

The Gospel Reading

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All repeat:



Choir: O Lord, your word is everlasting;
it stands firm for ever in the heavens.
Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. Matthew, 18th Chapter, beginning at the 21th verse
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him

ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.

So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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

Ven. Samuel Ponniah

Chaplain

The Liturgy of Baptism

All stand as the Servers and Clergy make their way to the Font.

All turn to face the Font. The Candidate for Baptism is brought forward by the Parents and Godparents to the Chaplain.

The Presentation of the Candidate

The Chaplain addresses the whole congregation

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome this child and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The Chaplain then addresses the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, the Church receives this child with joy. Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith.

Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism this child begins his journey in faith.

You speak for him today.

Will you care for him,

and help him to take his place

within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

The Chaplain addresses the parents and godparents on behalf of the Child

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

Signing with the Cross and Anointing

The Chaplain makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidate, saying

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

The Chaplain continues

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All say **Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

The Chaplain anoints the candidate on the breast or forehead with the oil of catechumens saying:

We anoint you with the oil of salvation in the name of Christ our Saviour; may he strengthen you with his power, who lives and reigns for ever. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

The Chaplain addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with this candidate

the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known to the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

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

Baptism

The Chaplain pours the blessed water on the candidate, saying

Mateo, I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Chaplain anoints the child on the crown of the head with the holy chrism, saying:

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

Amen.

Giving of a Lighted Candle

The Chaplain gives the newly baptized a lighted candle, saying

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life. Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

Hymn

during which the Clergy and the Family move through the Nave to the Chancel steps



**Child of blessing, Child of Promise,
God's you are, from God you came.
In this sacrament God claims you:
live as one who bears Christ's name.**

**Child of God, you bear God's image,
learn to listen for God's call;
grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.**

Words: Ronald Cole-Turner, b. 1948

Tune: Shipston
English Traditional Melody

Remain standing. At the Chancel steps, the Chaplain continues

The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Mateo, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.
**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

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

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.

The peace of 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*



**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.**

**O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!**

**Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.**

**Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.**

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier, 1807-1892

Tune: Repton
Charles H. Parry, 1848-1918

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 image
and 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.

The people may prayerfully sit, kneel or remain standing

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



**I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.**

**The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.**

**Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.**

Words: Brian Wren, b.1936

Tune: St. Botolph
Gordon Slater, 1896–1979

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.

"But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us."

Romans 5.8

**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 Celebrant continues

The Dismissal

Blessing

The Lord God almighty, the holy and undivided Trinity,
guard you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly city,
where he lives and reigns for ever;
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*



**King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and, that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.**

**Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.**

**Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.**

Words: George Herbert, 1593-1633

Tune: Gwalchmai
Joseph David Jones, 1827-1870

Remain standing as the Choir moves out, then sit

Music after the Service

Grand Choeur in B flat

Theodore Dubois, 1837–1924

*You are invited to be seated for the playing of the Organ Voluntary
or to leave quietly at this point*



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