The Chapel *of*
The Transfiguration

Sung Eucharist

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

(Education Sunday)

Sunday 4th October 2026
7.30 am

About This Service

Welcome to the Chapel of the Transfiguration and to this special service of Holy Eucharist, in which we welcome Mr. Harin Amirthanathan and the choir of S. Thomas' Preparatory School, Kollupitiya, who will sing alongside our Chapel Choir to lead our music today.

On this 18th Sunday after Trinity, we also mark *Education Sunday* — a day of thanksgiving for schools, colleges, and universities, and for all who teach and learn within them. We give thanks for the gift of wisdom, and pray for God's guidance upon children and young people as they grow in knowledge and faith.

How fitting it is that two choirs sing together on this day, reminding us that learning and worship alike are best undertaken in community, and that in both, we seek the light of Christ, who is our teacher and guide.

The Preacher this morning is
Mr. Yohesan Casie Chetty
Former Headmaster of S. Thomas' Preparatory School, Kollupitiya

The Celebrant is
The Rev'd. Suren Watson
Assistant Chaplain, S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia

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

Please ensure that all mobile phones are on their silent setting

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

Please remain silent before the service

Music before the Service

Psalm Prelude Set 1 No. 1 — Herbert Howells (1892–1983)
Voluntary in A — William Selby (1738–98)

Music after the Service

Fantasia in E flat — Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921)

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 and take their place

The Choirs sing

Introit

during which the Servers and Clergy enter and move to the Sanctuary
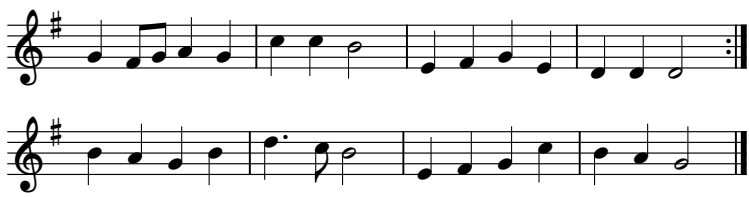
TEACH me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes,
and I will keep them unto the end.

Words: Psalm 119.33 Music: Thomas Attwood (1765–1838)

All stand to sing

Hymn

during which the Altar is censed



WHO can measure heaven and earth?
God was present at their birth;
Who can number seeds or sands?
Every grain is in his hands:
Through creation's countless days
Every dawn sings out his praise.

Who can tell what wisdom brings,
First of all created things?
One alone is truly wise,
Hidden from our earthbound eyes:
Knowledge lies in him alone
God, the Lord upon his throne!

Wisdom in his plans he laid,
Planted her in all he made;
Granted her to humankind,
Sowed her truth in every mind:
But with richest wisdom blessed
Those who love him first and best.

Wisdom gives the surest wealth,
Brings her children life and health;
Teaches us to fear the Lord,
Marks a universe restored:
Heaven and earth she will outlast
Happy those who hold her fast!

Words: Christopher Idle (b.1938)

Tune: DIX
Conrad Kocher (1786–1872)

Remain standing. The Assistant Chaplain continues

The Greeting

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight."

- Proverbs 9.10

Blessed be God
Blessed be God's reign for ever. Amen.

All kneel and the Leader 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 gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.
As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

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 Choirs sing

KYRIE Eleison — *Lord, have mercy upon us*
Christe Eleison — *Christ, have mercy upon us*
Kyrie Eleison — *Lord, have mercy upon us*

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 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 Leader continues

The Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit

Let us pray.

All kneel or sit

OGOD, who by thy providence
dost begin and sustain all progress in thy kingdom,
bless our schools, colleges, and places of learning;
that through them thy children may receive wisdom and virtue,
and be fitted for the perfect citizenship of thy heavenly realm;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee
and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

THE beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom,
and whatever else you get, get insight.
Prize her highly, and she will exalt you;
she will honour you if you embrace her.
She will place on your head a fair garland;
she will bestow on you a beautiful crown.'
Hear, my child, and accept my words,
that the years of your life may be many.
I have taught you the way of wisdom;
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.
When you walk, your step will not be hampered;
and if you run, you will not stumble.
Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;
guard her, for she is your life.

Proverbs 4.7–13

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Remain seated. The Choirs sing

from Psalm 19

THE heavens declare the glory of God;
and the firmament showeth his handiwork.
One day telleth another;
and one night certifieth another.
There is neither speech nor language;
but their voices are heard among them.
Their sound is gone out into all lands;
and their words into the ends of the world.
In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun; which cometh forth as a
bridegroom out of his chamber,
and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.
It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven,
and runneth about unto the end of it again;
and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure,
and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

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: Thomas Attwood

All sit

New Testament Reading
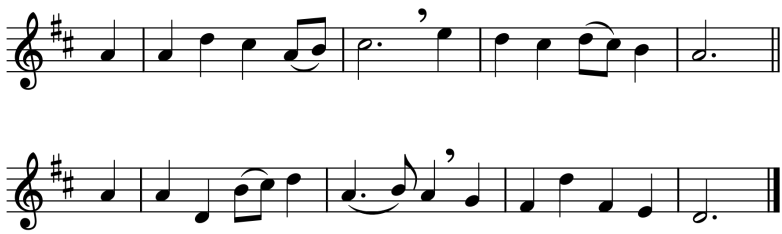
FINALLY, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4.8–9

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All stand to sing

Gradual Hymn



TEACH me, my God and King,
In all things thee to see;
And what I do in anything
To do it as for thee!

A man that looks on glass,
On it may stay his eye;
Or if he pleaseth, through it pass,
And then the heaven espy.

All may of thee partake;
Nothing can be so mean,
Which, with this tincture, 'for thy sake',
Will not grow bright and clean.

A servant with this clause
Makes drudgery divine;
Who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,
Makes that and the action fine.

This is the famous stone
That turneth all to gold;
For that which God doth touch and own
Cannot for less be told.
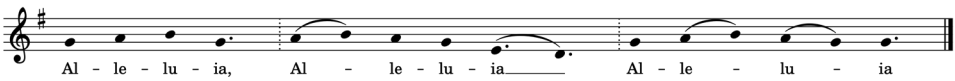
Words: George Herbert (1593–1633)

Tune: SANDYS
William Sandys' Christmas Carols (1833)

Remain standing and face the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
All repeat:



Choir: Speak, Lord, for thy 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, 7th Chapter, beginning at the 24th verse
Glory be to thee, O Lord

'EVERYONE then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall,

because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!'

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

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

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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
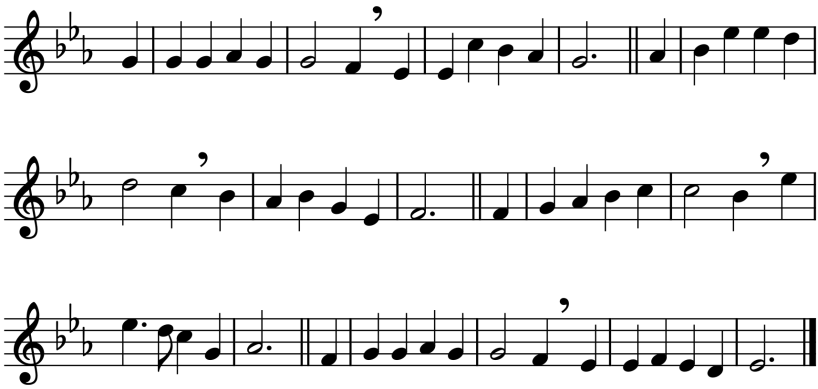
All stand

The Greeting of Peace

THE Apostle Paul said:
'Aim for perfection, be of one mind, live in peace.
Greet one another with a holy kiss.'
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 brought in procession and placed upon the altar, while a collection is taken for the work of the Chapel.



**LIGHT of the minds that know him,
may Christ be light to mine!
my sun in risen splendour,
my light of truth divine;
my guide in doubt and darkness,
my true and living way,
my clear light ever shining,
my dawn of heaven's day.**

**Life of the souls that love him,
may Christ be ours indeed!
the living bread from heaven
on whom our spirits feed;**

who died for love of sinners
to bear our guilty load,
and make of life's brief journey
a new Emmaus road.

Strength of the wills that serve him,
may Christ be strength to me,
who stilled the storm and tempest,
who calmed the tossing sea;
his Spirit's power to move me,
his will to master mine,
his cross to carry daily
and conquer in his sign.

May it be ours to know him
that we may truly love,
and loving, fully serve him
as serve the saints above;
till in that home of glory
with fadeless splendour bright,
we serve in perfect freedom
our strength, our life, our light.

Words: Timothy Dudley–Smith (1926–2024)

Tune: AURELIA
Samuel Wesley (1766–1837)

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 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 hast entrusted us with the gift of learning,
and dost guide thy children in wisdom and understanding;
that they may serve thee faithfully all the days of their life.

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 Choirs 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.

Great is the mystery of faith
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 that 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 Choirs 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

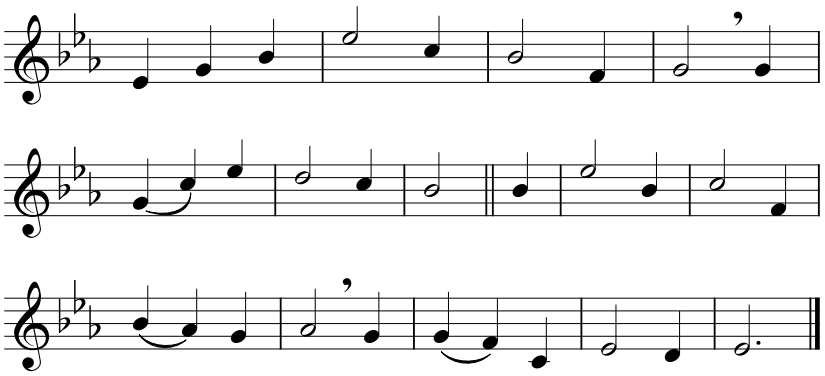
The Celebrant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion, saying

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 to sing

Communion Hymn



LORD, I have made thy word my choice,
My lasting heritage:
There shall my noblest powers rejoice,
My warmest thoughts engage.

I'll read the histories of thy love,
And keep thy laws in sight,
While through thy promises I rove
With ever-fresh delight.

'Tis a broad land of wealth unknown,
Where springs of life arise,
Seeds of immortal bliss are sown,
And hidden glory lies.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748)
from Psalm 119

Tune: BILLING
R. R. Terry (1865–1938)

After communion all kneel as the Chaplain says

Prayers after Communion

GIVE thanks to the Lord for God is gracious.
God's mercy endures forever.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;
teach and admonish one another in all wisdom." - Colossians 3.16

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

PUREST and highest, wisest and most just,
there is no truth save only in thy trust;
thou dost the mind from earthly dreams recall,
and bring, through Christ, to him for whom are all.

Eternal glory, all men thee adore,
who art and shalt be worshipped evermore:
us whom thou madest, comfort with thy might,
and lead us to enjoy thy heavenly light.

Words: Robert Bridges (1844–1930) Music: Charles Stanford (1852–1924)

The Dismissal

All kneel. The Celebrant gives the

Blessing
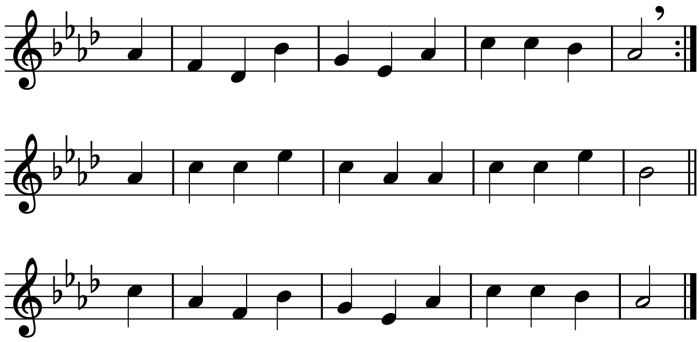
MAY Christ, the true Teacher, open our hearts to learning,
and may the Holy Spirit inspire curiosity, patience, and love.
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

All stand

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

during which the Clergy and Servers depart



IMMORTAL, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908)

Tune: ST. DENIO
Welsh Traditional Melody

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.

Thank you for worshipping with us.
Please take this order of service away with you to reflect on the prayers, hymns and readings and as a reminder of your visit

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