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FOR ALL WE HAVE AND ARE

The Chapel *of* The Transfiguration

Sung Eucharist

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 11th October 2026
7.30 am

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It is hard to imagine that anyone would reject an invitation to a wedding banquet thrown by God. Surely all are welcome. But this parable suggests that some people will turn God down. They won't value the invitation or be prepared to wear the wedding robe, perhaps a metaphor for clothing ourselves with love. Psalm 23 reminds us of the God who is with us and prepares a place for us. The promise is that we are welcome – the choice to accept the invitation is up to us.

Music before the Service

Cornet Voluntary — John Travers (1703–58)

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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
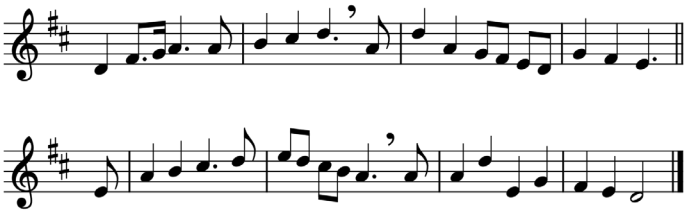
The Gathering

Remain seated as the Choir enters and takes their place

All stand as the servers and clergy enter and move to the Sanctuary

Processional Hymn

during which the Altar is censed



Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the long Amen.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

Tune: Truro
Musica Sacra, 1778

All remain standing. The Celebrant continues

The Greeting

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

"Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." - Revelation 19.9

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

All kneel. 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

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord,
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	*Lord, have mercy*
Christe Eleison	*Christ, have mercy*
Kyrie Eleison	*Lord, have mercy*

The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.
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

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceaseth
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust in thee
and to receive the gifts of thy love,
new every morning,
through Jesus Christ 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 32.1–14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"' The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.'

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever."' And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people..

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

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; • therefore can I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures •
and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul •
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death, I will fear no evil; • for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; • you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.
Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life, •
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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

Philippians 4.1–9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.
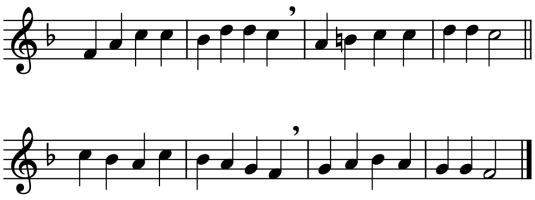
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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.

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

All stand to sing

Gradual Hymn



Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, 'Christian, follow me':

As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred
leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
that we love him more than these.

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Saviour, make us hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.
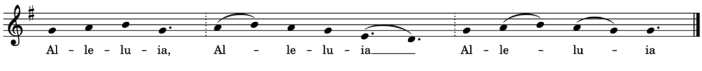
Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–95) Tune: Merton
W. H. Monk (1823–89)

Remain standing and face the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All repeat:



Choir: God has spoken to us through his Son,
through whom he created the worlds.
Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew 22nd Chapter, beginning at the 1st verse
Glory be to thee, O Lord

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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

Ven. Samuel Ponniah | *Chaplain*

All stand

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
who made the world?
I believe and trust in God

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
Jesus Christ, who redeemed humankind?
I believe and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God?
I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit

This is the faith of the Church
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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
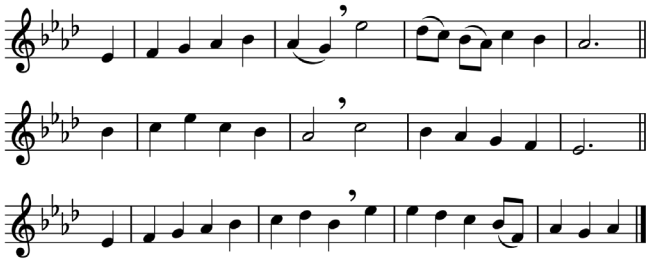
Greeting of Peace

The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating
and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy
in the Holy Spirit.
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



Beyond all mortal praise
God's name be ever blest,
unsearchable his ways,
his glory manifest;
from his high throne
in power and might
by wisdom's light
he rules alone.

Our times are in his hand
to whom all flesh is grass,
while as their Maker planned
the changing seasons pass.
He orders all:
before his eyes
earth's empires rise,
her kingdoms fall.

He gives to humankind,
dividing as he will,
all powers of heart and mind,
of spirit, strength and skill:
nor dark nor night
but must lay bare
its secrets, where
he dwells in light.

To God the only Lord,
our fathers' God, be praise;
his holy name adored
through everlasting days.
His mercies trace
in answered prayer,
in love and care,
and gifts of grace.

Words: Timothy Dudley Smith (1926–2024) Tune: Harewood
S. Wesley (1766–1837)

Remain standing. The Celebrant says,

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord God of the universe,
you are the giver of this bread,
fruit of the earth and of human labour,
let it become the bread of life.
Blessed be God forever!

Blessed are you, Lord God of the universe,
you are the giver of this wine,
fruit of the vine and of human work,
let it become the cup of the eternal kingdom.
Blessed be God forever!

Blessed are you, Lord God of the universe,
through your goodness we have our lives to offer,
fruit of the womb and work of human love,
let us become your instruments in the world.
Blessed be God for ever!

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in this bread and wine,
so Lord, may your church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.
Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

Remain standing. The Celebrant continues

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 on the first day of the week
he overcameth death and the grave
and opened to us the way of everlasting 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 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 sit or kneel

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.
Christ is the Bread of Life
When we eat this bread and drink this cup
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.

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.
All sing: **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

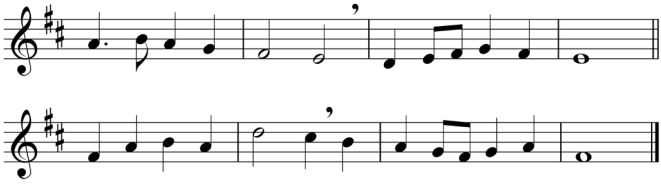
Draw near with faith and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

All sit. If you receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to do so here.

Remain seated or kneeling to sing

Communion Hymn



Faithful Shepherd, feed me
In the pastures green;
Faithful Shepherd, lead me
Where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me
In the narrow way;
So, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer
To the heavenly shore;
May my faith grow clearer,
May I love thee more.

Hallow every pleasure,
Every gift and pain;
Be thyself my treasure,
Though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me
As thou seest best,
Then let angels bear me
To thy promised rest.

Words: Thomas Benson Pollock (1836–96)

Tune: Pastor Pastorum
Friedrich Silcher (1789–1860)

All kneel or remain seated

Prayers after Communion

The Celebrant says,

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

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."
Romans 10.13

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.

Remain kneeling or seated

The Dismissal
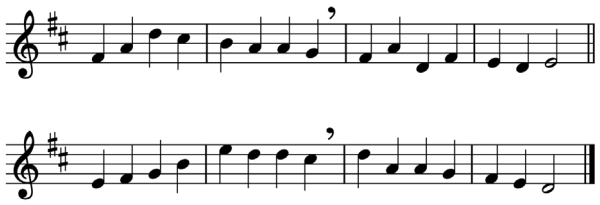
The Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you and give you 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 serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

during which the servers and clergy depart



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 dost give us sweet content;
There, dear Saviour, we receive thee
In thy holy 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 shall be,
Till at last the flock is 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 as the Choir moves out, then sit.

You are invited to be seated for the playing of the organ voluntary or you may leave quietly at this point.

Music after the Service

Fugue in c BWV 537 — *J. S. Bach (1685–1750)*

Notices

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

Sunday October 18
6.00 pm
Evensong
The Chapel Choir will sing Evensong
at The Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Polwatte

Music will include
If ye love me - *Wilby*
Responses - *Leighton*
Collegium Regale - *Howells*
and more.

All are welcome to attend.

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