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FOR ALL WE HAVE AND ARE

The Chapel *of* The Transfiguration

Sung Eucharist

Luke the Evangelist

Sunday 18th October 2026
7.30 am

Luke, traditionally believed to be the author of the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts and a beloved companion of St Paul, is remembered and celebrated as an evangelist, one who shares the good news. The sending out of the seventy reminds us to work collaboratively to share the good news that the kingdom of God has come near. We share peace with our communities, we receive hospitality and we pray for healing and wholeness. We share the love of God with anyone willing to receive it. This good news of Jesus Christ is for everyone.

Music before the Service

Voluntary in D — Jonathan Battishill (1738–1801)

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
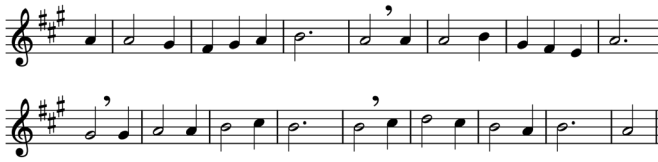
The Gathering

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



A brighter dawn is breaking,
And earth with praise is waking;
For thou, O King most highest,
The power of death defiest;

And thou hast come victorious,
With risen Body glorious,
Who now for ever livest,
And life abundant givest.

O free the world from blindness,
And fill the world with kindness,
Give sinners resurrection,
Bring striving to perfection;

In sickness give us healing,
In doubt thy clear revealing,
That praise to thee be given
In earth as in thy heaven.

Words: Percy Dearmer (1867–1936) Tune: Nun Lasst Uns Gott
Selnecker's Christliche Psalmen, Leipzig, 1587

All remain standing. The Celebrant continues

The Greeting

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

The Celebrant introduces the service

Christ taught his disciples to love one another. In his community of love, in praying together, in sharing all things and in caring for the sick, they recalled his words: 'In so far as you did this to one of these, you did it to me.'

We gather today to witness to this teaching and to pray in the name of Jesus the healer that the sick may be restored to health and that all among us may know his saving power.

"and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal." - Luke 9.2

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

All kneel. 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

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 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 Lay Assistant continues

The Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray

All kneel

Almighty God, who didst call Luke the Physician,
whose praise is in the Gospel,
to be an Evangelist and Physician of the soul:
by the grace of thy Holy Spirit,
and through the wholesome medicine of the Gospel,
grant unto thy Church the same love and power to heal;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.
Amen.

All sit

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35.3–6

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

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

from Psalm 147

How good it is to make music for our God, •
how joyful to honour him with praise.
The Lord builds up Jerusalem •
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted •
and binds up all their wounds.
He counts the number of the stars •
and calls them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; •
his wisdom is beyond all telling.
The Lord lifts up the poor, •
but casts down the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; •
make music to our God upon the lyre;

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
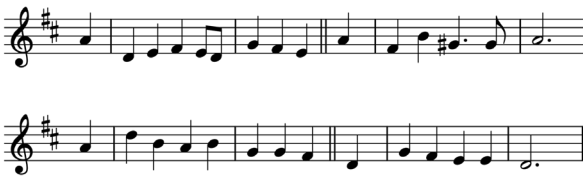
2 Timothy 4.5–17

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

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

All stand to sing

Gradual Hymn



Lord, I would own thy tender care,
and all thy love to me;
the food I eat, the clothes I wear,
are all bestowed by thee.

'Tis thou preservest me from death
and dangers every hour;
I cannot draw another breath
unless thou give me power.

Kind angels guard me every night,
as round my bed they stay;
nor am I absent from thy sight
in darkness or by day.

My health and friends and parents dear
to me by God are given;
I have not any blessing here
but what is sent from heaven.

Such goodness, Lord, and constant care
A child can ne'er repay;
but may it be my daily prayer,
to love thee and obey.
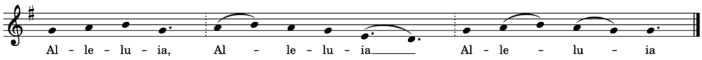
Words: Jane Taylor (1783–1824) Tune: St. Bernard
Tochter Sion (Köln, Germany: 1741)

Remain standing and face the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All repeat:



Choir: Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord
Remember, I am with you always,
to the end of the age.
Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke 10th Chapter, beginning at the 1st verse
Glory be to thee, O Lord

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road.
Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.
Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

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

Dr. Mevan Induruwa | National Hospital

All stand

Affirmation of Faith

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
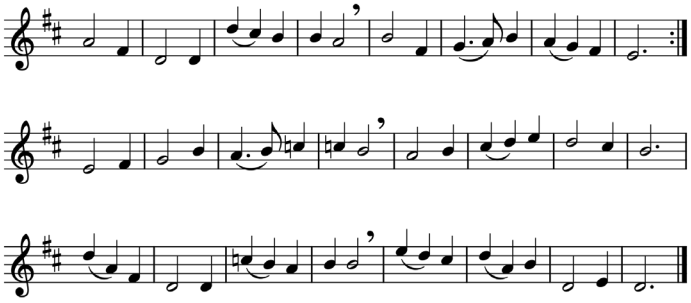
Greeting of Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.
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



Lord, you give the great commission:
'Heal the sick and preach the word.'
Lest the Church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:
'In my name baptize and teach.'
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us
closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy:
'This my body, this my blood.'
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:
'I am with you to the end.'
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Words: Jeffery W. Rowthorn (1934–2025)

Tune: Abbot's Leigh
Cyril V. Taylor (1907–91)

Remain standing. The Celebrant says,

Offertory Prayer

All things come from you
and for 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 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 thy Son Jesus Christ, after his resurrection,
sent forth his apostles and evangelists
to preach the Gospel to all nations
and to teach us the way of truth.

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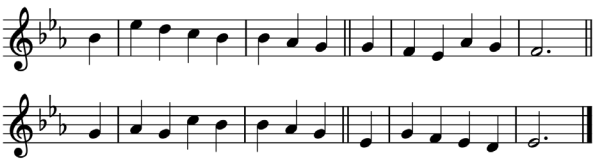
The Celebrant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion, saying

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



How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.

All lower voices

Dear name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury filled
with boundless stores of grace.

All upper voices

Jesus! my Shepherd, Husband, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.

Words: John Newton (1725–1807)

Tune: St. Peter
Alexander Reinagle (1799–1877)

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.

"Cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

Luke 10.9

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
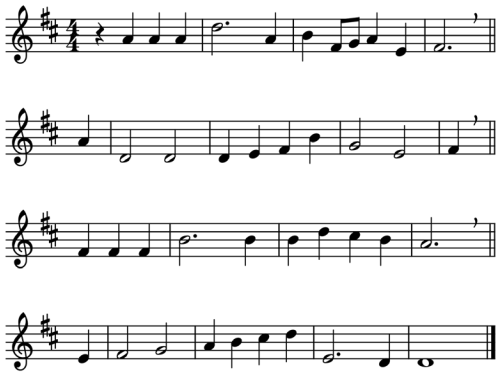
May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit be with you
and guide you on your way at every change and turn;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

All stand

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

Recessional Hymn

during which the servers and clergy depart



Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take:
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King,
that all the world his glorious praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all,
he will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts — let no one be denied;
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and King for evermore.

Words: James E. Seddon (1915–83)

Tune: Woodlands
Walter Greatorex (1877–1949)

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

Trumpet Tune in E flat — *David Johnson(1922–87)*

Notices

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

Later today
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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