

The Chapel *of*
The Transfiguration

A Liturgy *for* The Laying on *of* Hands & Eucharist

Tuesday 6th October 2026
7.45 am

About This Service

We are delighted to welcome to the Chapel of the Transfiguration the candidates for confirmation, together with their families and friends, for this Service of Confirmation. We rejoice with them at this important step in their journey of faith.

Baptism marks the beginning of a life with God, a response to his love in Christ. It is a joyful moment as candidates, parents, godparents, and sponsors give thanks, make promises, and declare their faith, surrounded by the support and prayers of the wider Church community. It also gives us all the chance to remember our own baptism and reflect on our calling as Christians.

In this service we are reminded of the signs of our faith: the cross of Christ, water that speaks of dying to sin and rising to new life, and light that conquers darkness.
Confirmation is the moment when those who have been baptised affirm their faith for themselves, and the bishop, through prayer and the laying on of hands, asks God to strengthen them with the gift of the Holy Spirit, that they may live as faithful disciples of Christ.

Jesus said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

John 10:10

The Preacher and Celebrarnt this morning is
The Rt. Rev'd. Dushantha Rodrigo, *Bishop of Colombo*

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

Voluntary in A — William Selby (1738–98)
Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott *(Come, holy Ghost)* — Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)
Rhosymedre — Ralph V. Williams (1872–1958)

Order of Service

The Confirmands, together with the Clergy and the Bishop of Colombo, gather at the West Door.

The Congregation stands as the Cross appears from the west end of the Chapel.

The Bishop of Colombo says,

"IN Samaria, the Spirit had not come upon them; they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit."

Acts 8.16–17

Blessed be God
Blessed be God's reign forever. Amen.

The candidates say,

HAVING had instructions in the faith we who have been baptised as full members of the Church of God, and now having come to an age of reason, seek Holy Confirmation and reception in responsible membership of the church, and to live as authentic disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Bishop continues,

MY dear children, by God's own initiative and grace in Christ, through the sign of baptism and in the power of the Holy Spirit we become God's people, the Church. Today, of your own free will, you will publicly renounce evil and profess your faith in Christ and the Holy Trinity and by the sign of the laying on of hands and anointing in Holy Confirmation; the Holy Spirit is stirred within us to strengthen us to a new life to be witnesses of Christ's Good News.

The candidates say,

We accept the offer of God's grace
and for our own growth within the Christian Community.

Processional Hymn

during which the Bishop invites the Confirmands to come to the font and sign themselves with water, with the sign of the cross. The procession moves through the Nave to their places and the altar is censed.



ALL creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:

O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice;
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire, so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light:

Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show:

Let all things their creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One:

Words: Francis of Assisi (1182–1226)

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN
German Origin, 1623
Descant: Christopher Gower (b.1939)

Remain standing as the Oil Lamp is lit by the Bishop and the candidates to symbolise the light of Christ.

Remain standing as the Chaplain welcomes the congregation.

All kneel

Prayers of Penitence

GOD the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.
Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

Silence is kept

WE confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy

WE confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

WE confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Bishop 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 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

Remain standing. The Chaplain continues

The Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit

Let us pray.

All kneel

HEAVENLY Father,
who by thy Holy Spirit
dost give new life unto thy faithful people
in the water of Baptism: strengthen us, we beseech thee,
with the same Spirit; that being born again,
we may serve thee in faith and love,
and grow into the full stature of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit,
one God, world without end.
Amen.

All sit

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

THEN Job answered the Lord:
'I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
"Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?"
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
"Hear, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you declare to me."
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;
therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes.'

Job 42.1–6

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

New Testament Reading

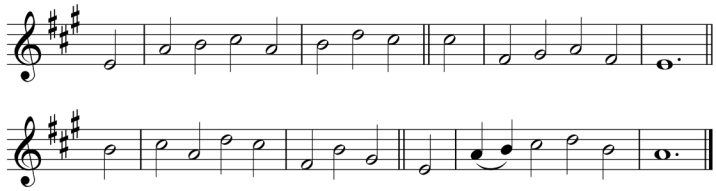
SO then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Ephesians 2.19–22

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

All stand to sing

Gradual Hymn



MY God, accept my heart this day,
and make it always thine,
that I from thee no more may stray,
no more from thee decline.

Before the cross of him who died,
behold, I prostrate fall;
let every sin be crucified,
and Christ be all in all.

Anoint me with thy heavenly grace,
and seal me for thine own;
that I may see thy glorious face,
and worship near thy throne.

Let every thought and work and word
to thee be ever given:
Then life shall be thy service, Lord,
and death the gate of heaven.

All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run. Amen.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800–94)

Tune: St. James
Raphael Courteville (d.1772)

Remain standing and face the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All repeat:



Choir: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. John, 20th Chapter, beginning at the 24th verse
Glory be to thee, O Lord

BUT Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

John 20.24–31

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

The Liturgy of Confirmation

Presentation of the Candidates

Remain seated as the candidates stand.

The Chaplain and the Assistant Chaplain present the candidates to the Bishop saying,

BISHOP Dushantha,
we present these candidates for the laying on of hands.

The Bishop says,

YOU are now to be confirmed: in love God will clothe you in a new life; As a sign that you are ready to commit yourself in Faith to the service of Christ and the Church after having attained an age of reason. I urge you and others here present, to declare your Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Faith in which every Christian is initiated into the Universal Church, to love God with your very being, to fight against the power of evil, and to repent of all your past lapses.

Do you turn to Christ?
Candidates: **I turn to Christ**

Do you repent of your sins?
Candidates: **I repent of my sins**

Do you renounce evil?
Candidates: **I renounce evil**

Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments and walk in the same all the days of your life?
Candidates: **I will, by God's help**

All stand and the Bishop addresses the congregation

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 sit or kneel. The Bishop says

LET us pray in silence, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon these God's Children who have declared their commitment to Christ and God's Church.

A lengthy period of silence is kept

Remain kneeling. The Choir sings

The Litany of the Holy Spirit

COME, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our mortal sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of both, to be but one;
That through the ages all along
This may be our endless song:

Praise to thine eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Words: Latin
Paraphrased by John Cosin (1594–1672)

Music: Mode viii

All sit

Confirmation

The Bishop and Clergy extend their hands towards those to be confirmed.

The Bishop says

DEFEND, O Lord, these your children with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more,
until they come to your everlasting Kingdom.
Amen.

As the candidates move up to be confirmed, the parents and godparents, together with the Warden and Sub Warden accompany the candidate to the Bishop.

The Bishop sits and then lays his right hand on each candidate's head, anointing them with chrism oil and saying

SERVANT of God, *N.*, be sealed and strengthened daily
with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

After all have been confirmed, the congregation kneels

Prayers of Intercession

during which the following response is used:
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

All sit. The newly confirmed stand and face the congregation.

The Bishop says

The Welcome

I PRESENT to you:

Sanuga Ariapala
Dishon Dinesh
Divinesh Ebenezer
Caleb Fox
Nevan Muthutantri
Stefan Paiva
Joash Peiris
Revantha Perera
Theodore Perera
Rashein Perera
Danistan Ratnam Amuthan
Jeyvon Reginold
Yanik Samarasinghe

the newly confirmed disciples of Jesus and the members of the Body of Christ. Alleluia!

WE welcome you in the fellowship of faith,
we children of the same heavenly Father.
We welcome you!

The bells are rung and the congregation greets the newly confirmed with applause.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

The 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 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, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
First-begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong defender,
Liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluya,
Jesu, true and living Bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we;
Here in loving reverence bow;
Here for Faith's discernment pray we,
Lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluya,
Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluya,
We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished
Once for all when thou wast slain,
In its fullness undiminished
Shall for evermore remain,
Alleluya,
Cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
Stricken Rock with streaming side,
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna
Worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluya,
Risen, ascended, glorified!

Words: G. H. Bourne (1840–1925)

Tune: St Helen
George Martin (1844–1916)

Remain standing to sing

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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 by water and the Holy Spirit
thou hast made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord,
thou dost raise us to new life in him
and renew in us the image of thy glory.

Therefore with Angels, and Archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee,
and saying:

All 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.

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 Celebrarnt continues

THE peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The gifts of God for the people of God

All sing

Benedictus

BLESSED is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Deep Silence

All sing

Agnus Dei

உலகின் பாவங்களை சுமக்கும் தெய்வாட்டுக்குட்டியே:
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Giving of Communion

The Celebrarnt 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.

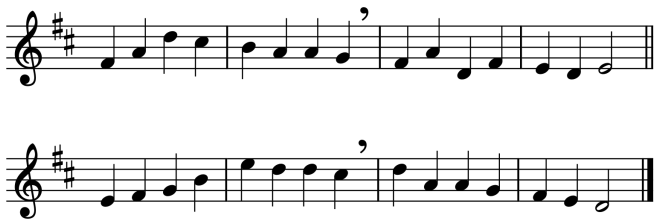
All sit.

The newly confirmed will move forward to receive communion first.

If you receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to do so here.
Please remain seated until invited to move out for communion by a college prefect.

Remain seated to sing

Communion Hymn



HOLY Spirit, come, confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
We have faith and understanding
through your helping gifts alone.

Holy Spirit, come, console us,
come as advocate to plead;
Loving Spirit stand beside us,
grant in Christ the help we need.

Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
come yourself to make us live;
Make us holy through your presence,
holy through the gifts you give.

Holy Spirit, come, fulfill us,
you the love of Three in One;
Bring our lives to full completion
through your work in us begun.

Words: Brian Foley (1919–2020)

Tune: Cross of Jesus
John Stainer (1840–1901)

During communion the Choir sings

Anthem

IF ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father,
And he shall give you another comforter,
That he may abide with you forever:
Even the spirit of truth.

And ye know him,
for he dwelleth with you,
And shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless.
I will come to you.

Words: John 14. 15–18 Music: Philip Wilby (b.1949)

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.

WHATEVER you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

- Colossians 3.17

ALMIGHTY God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through Christ we offer you ourselves to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live
and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Dismissal

Blessing

GO forth into the world in peace: be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted;
honour everyone; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit be upon you, and remain with you always.

The Choir sings
Amen.
Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

All stand

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

Recessional Hymn

during which the procession of candidates and clergy moves to the West Door



**LORD, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926–2024)

Tune: Lord of the years
Michael Baughen (b.1930)
Descant: John Barnard (b.1948)

Remain standing as the Choir move out, then sit.

Please be seated until invited to move out by a College Prefect.

Organ Voluntary

Grand Choeur in B flat — Théodore Dubois (1837–1924)

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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