

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 17

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

8:00 & 10:15 AM



THE MISSION OF CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION
IS TO BE A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY;
ACCEPTING AND INVITING ALL PERSONS TO SHARE IN WORSHIP,
WITNESS AND SERVICE; AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST
IN THE WORLD.

Welcome!

What a joy it is that we are worshipping together today. If Episcopal worship is unfamiliar, do not be nervous about what to do during the liturgy – relax – and let the service unfold for you. Together in song and prayer we celebrate our life together in Christ.

You are invited to sign the guest book located on the hutch at the entrance to the building. Please fill out a Visitors & Newcomers card and hand it to the priest or an usher. There are other informational pamphlets located in that area. Please feel free to take whatever is of interest to you.

If you are interested in the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, or being Received into the Episcopal Church please see Rev. Lu-Anne Conner.

Before you leave, please pray for us as we carry out the ministry of the love of God and service in our communities.

This congregation is committed to being an open, affirming and welcoming church to all who come here.

**The Church of the Transfiguration is a two-rule church
Love God, Love Each Other!**

Worship at 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

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Prelude

The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

Gathering Hymn “All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine” Hymnal, #477

The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. BCP, pg. 355
People *And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen*

The Celebrant then says the Collect for Purity BCP, pg. 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
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.

People *Amen.*

8:00 a.m.

The Gloria BCP, pg. 356

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

BCP, pg. 233

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The people may be seated.

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

2:4-13

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.
Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me
 that they went far from me,
and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, "Where is the LORD
 who brought us up from the land of Egypt,
who led us in the wilderness,
 in a land of deserts and pits,
in a land of drought and deep darkness,
 in a land that no one passes through,
 where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land
 to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land,
 and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?"
 Those who handle the law did not know me;
the rulers transgressed against me;
 the prophets prophesied by Baal,
 and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD,
and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has ever been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory
for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this,
be shocked, be utterly desolate,
says the LORD,

for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves,
cracked cisterns
that can hold no water.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Exultate Deo

BCP, pg. 704-5

1 Sing with joy to God our strength *

and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

10 I am the LORD your God,

who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *

"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, *

and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *

to follow their own devices.

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! *

that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.

15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

A Reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews

13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The people stand.

Gospel Hymn

"Gather Us In"

Renew, #14

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

14:1, 7-14

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

After the Gospel the Celebrant says

 The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon

The Rev. Lu-Anne Conner

The Nicene Creed

BCP, pg. 358

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit***

*he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Year C

Leader: Giver of all good things, we offer our prayers in gratitude for your gifts as we respond, “Hear our prayer.”

God of all goodness, help us follow where you have led the way, drinking from your living waters, and sharing in your sacrificial love; Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and all who serve the Church in ordained ministry, that they may proclaim the gospel with humility, and bear witness to earthly simplicity and spiritual riches; Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the grace to unite our lives with the prisoner, the outcast, addicts and transients, knowing that regardless of one’s station in life, God’s love is without distinction; Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For healing for the sick, and guidance and patience for those who care for those in hospitals, at home, in nursing homes, or temporary care shelters; Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for those who extend the hand of hospitality, in church and home, in workplaces and schools; Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

May Jesus, who is the same yesterday, today and forever, and who holds the souls of all the faithful departed in his hands, guide our hearts as we continue our prayers, either silently or aloud.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the people and ministry of the Episcopal Church of the Advent, Crestwood, and Marshall, their Interim Priest; in the Diocese of Lui in South Sudan we pray for Kasabere Parish, and Justin, their priest. We pray for those on our prayer list: ***Mike, Rich, Karen, Dan, Karen, Auggie, Jaime, Scott, Sarah, Diane, Judy, Mark, Fay, Joey, Sally, Jack, Don, Warren, Elsa, Anthony, Aleks, Susan, Dora, Linda, Caroline, Brian, Sherri, Wendy, Barb, Gary, Ron, Jim, Terry, Kaven, Kaleb, Brian, Toni, Joan, Colin, Rita, Diane, Dawn-Victoria, Jeremy, Bob, Kermit, Julie, and John.*** We give thanks for birthdays: John Harrell, Christopher Darden, Alex Okumu, Margaret Chopra, Tammy Schuster, and Mark Taliaferro; and anniversaries: Ann Ivory & Margaret Leip.

The Celebrant says a concluding collect.

Intercessions Year C: Keyed to the Themes of the Revised Common Lectionary © 2012 by GERALYN WOLF.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP, pg. 360

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and people

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name.

Amen

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***

*Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord
First greet visitors, then new friends, then old friends!*

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

The Celebrant says an offertory sentence.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offering of bread and wine to the altar.

Offertory Anthem

“Today I Awake”

John Bell

The people stand while money offerings are presented and placed on the altar. The following is said or sung when offerings are presented.

8:00 *Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord
People ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

10:15 **The Doxology** (*Please stand, as able*)

Tune: Old 100th

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heav'nly host!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, pg. 361

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: ***And also with you.***
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source for light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Celebrant and People

8:00 a.m.

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

10:15

Sanctus:

“Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus”

Hymnal, #S-125

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

BCP, pg. 364

Celebrant and People

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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP, pg. 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.
Then the following is said

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People ***Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 17
Sunday, September 1, 2019
Today's Ministers of Worship**

Celebrant & Preacher		The Rev. Lu-Anne Conner
Music Director		Dr. Thomas C. Lee
Lay Minister of the Day	8:00 a.m.	Jim Furgason
	10:15 a.m.	Nancy Rediger
Greeters		Larry Hopen, John Purcell
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Gordon White
	10:15 a.m.	George Kirby, Peggy Sloan
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Bette Hammond
	10:15 a.m.	Diane Schuster
Server/Acolyte	8:00 a.m.	Pam Fadler
	10:15 a.m.	Hazel Darden
Chalice Bearers	8:00 a.m.	Don Hammond
	10:15 a.m.	Carole Connors, Jon Sanders
Altar Guild		Carole Connors, Carolyn Daniels
Coffee Hour	8:00 a.m.	Henry Wasmer
	10:15 a.m.	Rosemary Bagin, Carol Moore
Counters		Marty Mares, Karen Modde
Eucharistic Visitors		Kate McCormick
Nursery Worker		Laurie Mercurio
Nursery Assistant		Alice Foster

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, September 1	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	9:45 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
		Nursery available today 10:00 a.m., infant to age 3
Monday, September 2	6:30 p.m.	Al-Anon Newcomers Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Al-Anon Family Group Meeting
Tuesday, September 3	5:00 p.m.	Laundry Love St. Charles
Wednesday, September 4	10:00 a.m.	Book Club
	3:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Saturday, September 7	9:30 a.m.	Choir Retreat
	8:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
Sunday, September 8		Calendar Summit after each service
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Forum
	9:45 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
		Nursery available today 10:00 a.m., infant to age 3
	11:30 a.m.	Ice Cream Social

Announcements

Anointing and Healing Prayer are offered at the altar immediately following each service.

All loose plate offering on the first Sunday of the month goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund to help those in need

Thinking about joining our choir? This upcoming workshop would be an excellent time to give it a try and see if this is a ministry you might enjoy. The only requirement for membership is the ability to match pitch (that is – carry a tune) and a love of singing. All are invited to join us for this day of singing and fun, but a commitment to joining the choir is optional.

Transfiguration Choir Retreat

Saturday, September 7

9:30 am – 2:30 pm

The day's schedule will include:

Morning Prayer

Fellowship

Workshops

- Music reading
- Vocal production
- Diction
- Choral artistry

Rehearsals to get a head start on music coming up this fall as well as a preview of music for Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. Lunch will be provided.

The **Annual Ice Cream Social** is scheduled for Welcome Back Sunday, September 8 at 11:30 a.m. There will also be a Calendar Summit after each service.

Adult Forum starts up again on Sunday September 8th at 9:00 am in the Allen Room.

Did you know that the Episcopal Church has its own rosary? Join the Rector as we learn about the Anglican Rosary, also known as Anglican Prayer Beads. We'll learn about its history and some different ways to use the beads to help us focus in prayer.

Prayer beads will be provided – just come and be ready to learn!!

Photo Directory Photos: Anyone interested in having their photo taken or retaken for the new church photo directory will have another opportunity to do so on Sunday, September 8th. Photos will be taken on that day from 7:30am until after the second service. Please feel free to contact Nicole Jones if you have any questions.

Training for New and Returning Acolytes on September 15 & 22: If you are currently an acolyte (i.e. server at the altar) or are interested in becoming one, please join Lu-Anne in the

sanctuary following the 8:00 and 10:15 services on Sundays September 15 OR 22 for a refresher and training course. This is a valuable ministry of leadership and service. Plus, you'll get to learn the difference between a ciborium and a cruet....We are in need of new acolytes for each service. Come join us!

Opportunity to Serve: Are you looking for a new or different way to give back here at Transfiguration? Fall stewardship season is nearly upon us and the vestry/stewardship committee are looking for someone or someones to head up this year's stewardship campaign. We invite anyone interested in helping us promote stewardship here at Transfiguration to please feel free to contact Mari Moody or Nicole Jones.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

September 3—John Harrell

September 4—Ann Ivory & Margaret Leip

September 4—Christopher Darden

September 4—Alex Okumu

September 6—Margaret Chopra

September 6—Tammy Schuster

September 7—Mark Taliaferro

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING

We are selecting one item each month that is sent to the deployed men and women of our military. For the month of **September**, we ask for **hand sanitizer (2 oz.)**. Please leave the item(s) in the container marked "Support Our Troops" on the shelving in the narthex. *(As a reminder we are always looking for hotel size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, and soap/body wash)*

For the month of **September**, we are collecting **women's razors** for our neighbors at LINC in Wentzville. Remember the children at Love Inc. Please bring in your donations and drop them in the designated box in the entry area.

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Church Prayer List:

Mike Parker, Rich Robison, Karen Proctor, Dan Loewe, Karen Owen, Auggie Powers, Jaime Lauck, Scott Leriche, Sarah Pryor, Diane Willard, Judy Kirby, Mark Ebert, Fay Wehmeyer, Joey Huber, Sally Klaskin, Jack Klaskin, Don Strom, Warren Opfer, Elsa Wiemerslage, Anthony Scorsone, Aleks Flowers, Susan Jackson, Dora Griffin, Linda Wasmer, Caroline Miles-Cobham, Brian Kelly, Sherri Richardson, Wendy Dennison, Barb Howden , Gary Jeffery, Ron Price, Jim Ebert, Terry Ebert, Kaven Hockenberry, Kaleb Hockenberry, Brian Kelly, Toni Pelton, Joan Fries, Colin and Rita McAdam, Diane Chappuis, Dawn-Victoria Mitchell, Jeremy Walkenhorst, Bob Otte, Kermit Forbes, Julie Forbes, and John McCormick.

Prayer List Policy: Names are published in the weekly bulletin for 4 weeks, after which time please call the church office to keep the name on the bulletin prayer list.

Pray for those who are in the service of our country:

Michael Wehmeyer, son of Bob and Fay Wehmeyer, serving in the United States Air Force.

Michael Ducar, son of Steve and Judy Ducar, serving in the Marine Corps.

Mary Putnam, granddaughter of Mike Millfelt, serving as an interpreter in the Marine Corps.

Seamus Garrett, nephew of Alice Foster, serving in The United States Army.

David Wright, son of Richard and Anne Wright and grandson of Bob and Fay Wehmeyer,
serving in the U.S. Air Force.

Shelby Aleksick, granddaughter of Roxane Jablonski, serving in the U.S. Army in San Antonio.

Bulletin announcements: Must be to the church office by **2:00 p.m. on Wednesday** in order to be included in the Sunday bulletin.

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