

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
(CHRIST THE KING)

PROPER 29

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 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

“Crown him with many crowns”

Hymnal, #494

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. 236

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The people may be seated.

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

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

Psalm 46

Deus noster refugium

BCP, pg. 649-50

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

- 4 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

A Reading from the Letter to the Colossians

1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

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

The people stand.

Gospel Hymn

“At the name of Jesus”

Hymnal, #435

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

23:33-43

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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 Last Sunday after Pentecost, Year C

Leader: Dear God, free us from the bondage of our sins, and hear the prayers which we offer to you this day, as we respond, "Help us choose life."

In thanksgiving for the crown of life which adorns all living things, may we be steadfast stewards of God's marvelous creation; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

In thanksgiving for the crown of justice, may we respond to those throughout the world who suffer from anxiety, violence, hopelessness, abandonment, and all that injures the human soul; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

In thanksgiving for the word of truth, may we continue to spread its message locally and globally through the ministry of the Church; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

In thanksgiving for the abundance of bread which sustains our lives, may we commit ourselves to assisting the homeless, hungry, and deprived to provide for their needs; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

In thanksgiving for those who have shared our earthly journey and who now reside in the communion of saints; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

In thanksgiving for God's forgiveness and restoration, that through his love we may be worthy to share in his cross and to wear an eternal crown upon our head; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

In thanksgiving for the great community of faith, joined together with Christ in baptism, and called to bring peace and reconciliation to the world; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

As we continue our prayers, let us prepare our hearts to receive in faith the Holy Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

In the Diocese of Lui in South Sudan we pray for Sunday School for the youth of Lui Diocese. 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, Anthony, Gary, Ron, Jim, Toni, Colin, Rita, Diane, Kermit, Julie, John, Ashley, Mary Sue, Linda, David, Diane, Daniel, the Reed family, the Scaggs family, and Isaac Anthony.*** We give thanks for birthdays: Jane Pace and Mary Ellen Antonio.

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

“How lovely is thy dwelling place”

Thomas Lee

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 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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-130

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 Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive the bread and wine of the Eucharist.

Communion Hymn: “We the Lord’s people” Hymnal, #51

Post Communion Prayer BCP, pg. 365

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

The Eucharistic Visitors are invited to the altar to receive their kits.

The Blessing

Sending Hymn “Jesus shall reign where’er the sun” Hymnal, #544

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

The Last Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 29
Christ the King
Sunday, November 24, 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.	Mari Moody
Greeters		Derek Beattie, Diane Schuster
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Bill Moyer
	10:15 a.m.	Brad Young, Mary Young
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Deb MacIvor
	10:15 a.m.	Rich Moody
Server/Acolyte	8:00 a.m.	Dawn Henry
	10:15 a.m.	Tyler Brown
Chalice Bearers	8:00 a.m.	Pam Fadler
	10:15 a.m.	Jon Sanders, Anne Wright
Altar Guild		Lori Brown, Carole Connors
Coffee Hour	8:00 a.m.	Henry Wasmer
	10:15 a.m.	Lisa Bowman, Kathleen Okumu
Counters		Bill Henry, Marty Mares
Eucharistic Visitor		Kate McCormick
Children's Chapel Leader		Alice Foster
Children's Chapel Assistant		Janice Trendley
Nursery Worker		Laurie Mercurio
Nursery Assistant		Kathleen Okumu

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, November 24	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II 9:00 a.m. Adult Forum 9:45 a.m. Choir Practice 10:15 a.m. Children's Chapel 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II Nursery available today 10:00 a.m., infant to age 3
Monday, November 25	6:30 p.m. Al-Anon Newcomers Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choral Arts Practice 7:30 p.m. Al-Anon Family Group Meeting
Tuesday, November 26	5:30 p.m. Laundry Love—O'Fallon
Wednesday, November 27	Pie Pick-up (time to be announced) 3:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service
Thursday, November 28	Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed
Saturday,	8:00 p.m. AA Meeting
Sunday, December 1	The First Sunday of Advent 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II 9:00 a.m. Adult Forum 9:45 a.m. Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II Nursery available today 10:00 a.m., infant to age 3

Announcements

Pledge cards are due today, November 24.

Adult Forum today, Nov. 24: today we will discuss Americans United for Separation of Church and State's Oct. 2019 article about a case currently before the US Supreme Court that could allow states to use federal tax money to pay for religious education in state public schools.

Pie Sale pick-up is on Wednesday, November 27. Time to be announced.

Thanksgiving Eve Service at Transfiguration Church: Our long-standing custom has been to join with our neighbors from Trinity Church in St. Charles for a combined Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist. This year the service will be held at Transfiguration on **Wednesday November 27 at 7:00 pm.** The combined choirs will offer musical leadership under the direction of Tom Lee. Please come and bring your family, your neighbors, and any out-of-town guests who have arrived early for the next day's feast.

Hanging of the Greens: Thursday, December 5th from 6 – 8 p.m. Please join us to help hang the Garlands and Wreaths and decorate the Church for Christmas. A light supper and beverages will be provided afterwards and Christmas cookies to share would be truly appreciated. The Sign Up sheet is on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your support. Louise Howden and the Altar Guild.

Cleaning of the Sanctuary and Nave for Christmas: Tuesday, December 10th, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. The Altar Guild appreciate any and all volunteers to beautify the Church for the Christmas season. Dusting, vacuuming in the Nave and Sanctuary and polishing of the Silver and Brass are on the agenda. Light food and beverages will be provided. The Sign Up sheet is on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your support.

Christmas for Children in St Charles County: Keep the children warm in our county by donating hats, mittens, gloves, scarfs, & earmuffs for Christmas. Red & green containers will be in the Narthex to deposit your donations. All items are due by **December 15th.**

Come join the fun at this year's **ECM Gift Wrapping Party! Monday, December 16, 2019** from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm at Emmanuel Church (9 S. Bompert Avenue, Webster Groves, 63119). A light lunch will be provided; Please let Tammy Schuster know if you plan to attend. She will RSVP for Transfiguration.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

November 25—Jane Pace

November 29—Mary Ellen Antonio

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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 **November**, we ask for **purse-sized tissues**. 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 **November**, we are collecting **feminine hygiene products** 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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Bulletin announcements: Must be to the church office by **2:00 p.m. on Wednesday** in order to be included in the Sunday bulletin.

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, Anthony Scorsone, Gary Jeffery, Ron Price, Jim Ebert, Toni Pelton, Colin McAdam, Rita McAdam, Diane Chappuis, Kermit Forbes, Julie Forbes, John McCormick, Ashley Kintz, Mary Sue Robertson, Linda Wasmer, David Wasem, Diane Palagi, Daniel Smith, the Reed family, the Scaggs family, and Isaac Anthony Mach Perez.

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.

Adam Smith, son of Daniel Smith, serving in the Missouri National Guard.

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