

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020
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.

Biblical Texts are from The New Revised Standard Version

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Prelude

The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

Gathering Hymn

“How firm a foundation”

Hymnal, # 637

The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

BCP, pg. 355

People *God’s mercy endures forever.*

The Celebrant says to the people

BCP, pg. 116

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People together, kneeling or seated

God of all mercy,

***we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.***

***We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.***

***We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,***

and the evil done on our behalf.

***Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.***

The Celebrant stands and says

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

Amen.

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8:00 a.m. The Kyrie (spoken)

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

BCP, pg. 356

People ***Christ, have mercy.***

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

BCP, pg. 218

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

Levavi oculos

BCP, pg. 779

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

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

The people stand.

Gospel Hymn

“If thou but trust in God to guide thee”

Hymnal, # 635

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

3:1-17

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”

Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

After the Gospel the Celebrant says

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

The Sermon

David J. Malek

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 Second Sunday in Lent, Year A

Leader: Let us pray to the one who renews our life and restores our fortunes, as we respond, “Kyrie eleison.”

That we may be willing to make extraordinary journeys in response to the gospel, leaving behind old patterns of living, and embracing the new path that God is setting before us, knowing that he will watch over us and preserve us from the Evil One; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

For the grace to recognize the power of envy and jealousy that reside in our hearts, and to dispel the demons that masquerade as their glory, trusting that God’s transforming hand will conform us to the Body of Christ; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

That we may honor the worker, paying a fair wage for honest labor; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

That we may see our salvation through the lens of faith, focusing on the endless mercy of Jesus Christ, through whom we have been justified and given the gift of everlasting life; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

For all who have died, and for all who are afraid to die to the memories which enslave them to the past, that stones may be removed from every tomb which keeps us from sharing in Christ’s promise of abundant life; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

That this Eucharistic Meal may strengthen us in our Lenten resolve to live more deeply into the heart of God’s word; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

That candidates for baptism and confirmation and their families may marvel at the presence of God throughout history and in the midst of our current age; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

As a people born of water and the Spirit, let us join in the continuation of our prayers.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the people and ministry of Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, University City, Mike, their Rector; Laurie, their Assistant Rector; Chester, their Deacon; and Marc, their Priest Associate; we pray for Wayne, our bishop, and Deon, our bishop-elect; in our companion Diocese of Lui in South Sudan we pray for Kasabere Parish, and Justin, their priest. We pray for those on our prayer list: ***Karen, Judy, Joey, Sally, Jack, Don, Carl, Warren, Carole, Tori, Robert, Kobe, Riley, Greg, Lisa, Bob, Cathrine, Daniel, Stephen, Leonard, Annette, and Scott.*** We give thanks for birthdays: Audra Notgrass; and anniversaries: John & Audra Notgrass.

The Celebrant says a concluding collect.

Intercessions Year A: Keyed to the Themes of the Revised Common Lectionary © 2011 by Geralyn Wolf.

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.

10:15 a.m.

Offertory Anthem

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

Medieval Hymn
Arr. Arlen Clarke

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 a.m.

“All Things Are Thine”

The Hymnal 1940, #227

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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. Sanctus (spoken)

***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 a.m. Sanctus:

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

Hymnal, #S-124

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

8:00 a.m. *Agnus Dei* (spoken)

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.***

10:15 a.m.

“O Lamb of God”

Hymnal, #S-158

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: “Lord make us servants of your peace”

Hymnal, # 593

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, pg. 366

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
***Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out***

*to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

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

The Blessing

In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used, as follows:

The Celebrant says

Let us bow down before the Lord

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”

Hymnal, # 473

The Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

**The Second Sunday in Lent
 Sunday, March 8, 2020
 Today's Ministers of Worship**

Celebrant		The Rev. Richard Tudor
Preacher		David J. Malek
Music Director		Dr. Thomas C. Lee
Lay Minister of the Day	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Rick MacIvor Mari Moody
Greeters		John Notgrass, Diane Schuster
Ushers	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Gordon White Brad Young, Mary Young
Lectors	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Jim Furgason Nancy Rediger
Server/Acolyte	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Ann Ivory Lynda Wilmott
Chalice Bearers	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Ann Ivory Carole Connors, Steve Ducar
Altar Guild		Karen Modde, Janice Trendley
Coffee Hour	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Henry Wasmer Nancy Dunlap, Sandy Rafferty
Counters		Steve Ducar, Kerry Quinlisk
Eucharistic Visitor		Carole Connors
Children's Chapel Leader		Alice Foster
Children's Chapel Assistant		Caroline Moore
Nursery Worker		Joan D'Ambrose
Nursery Assistant		Jeanette Hollmann

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, March 8	The Second Sunday in Lent 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, March 9	11:00 a.m. Holy Chair Yoga 2:00 p.m. Golf Committee Planning Meeting 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, March 10	Election Day 5:00 p.m. Laundry Love—Wentzville
Wednesday, March 11	10:00 a.m. Book Club 3:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Saturday, March 14	8:00 p.m. AA Meeting
Sunday, March 15	The Third Sunday in Lent 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II 9:00 a.m. Ministry Fair 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

Announcements

Today we welcome The Rev. Richard Tudor as our celebrant. Our seminarian, Dave Malek, will preach.

Today is the deadline for including ministries and special events in the upcoming Ministry Fair. Please contact Alice Foster so that a spot can be reserved for your ministry or special event!

March 10 is the Presidential Preference Primary and Transfiguration volunteers are needed to work shifts throughout the day. A sign-up sheet for 2-hour shifts is in the narthex.

Ministry Fair: On **Sunday, March 15**, from 9:00-10:00 a.m., representatives from Transfiguration's various ministries and events will fill the Narthex. This is a great opportunity to learn about the many ways we serve the community and each other. This is also a perfect time for you to look for new ways to serve your church or the community.

Spring Clean-Up Day: Be sure to mark your calendars for the Sanctuary Spring Clean-Up day on **Monday, April 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex for the tasks and your help is, as always, truly appreciated.

Easter Lilies: If you would like to purchase **Easter Lilies**, please sign-up no later than **April 5th** so we can acknowledge your gift in the Easter bulletin. The Easter flower donation envelopes are on the Coffee bar in the Narthex. Easter Lilies cost \$12.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

March 9—Audra Notgrass

March 14—John & Audra Notgrass

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 **March**, we ask for **travel size tissue packs**. Please leave the item(s) in the container marked "Support Our Troops" on the shelving in the narthex.

For the month of **March**, we are collecting **toothbrushes** for our neighbors at LINC in Wentzville. Please bring in your donations and drop them in the designated box in the entry area.

Church Prayer List: Karen Owen, Judy Kirby, Joey Huber, Sally Klaskin, Jack Klaskin, Don Strom, Carl Schmidt, Warren Opfer, Carole Price, Tori Sohm, Robert Renaud, Kobe Yee, Riley Kirk, Greg Barnett, Lisa Bowman, Bob Otte, Cathrine Frosh, Daniel Smith, Stephen Secor, Leonard Thompson, Annette Wilmott Ferrara, and Scott Volzer.

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

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.

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

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

Jon Wichlan, grandson of a friend of Sandy Laney who is a Marine serving in the Middle East.

David Wright, son of Richard & Anne Wright, serving in the U.S. Air Force.

The following is advice from the Diocese of Missouri in response to the Coronavirus. I commend it to you. ~ Lu-Anne

COVID-19 / Coronavirus: Awareness and Response

The emergence of cases of COVID-19 (the “coronavirus”) in Europe, and recent deaths in northern Italy associated with the virus, should be a matter of concern to all of our communities.

There are basic steps each of our communities can follow to minimize risks to all of our people and the ministries to which they contribute or by which they are served.

First, the best advice on precautions to take is provided on the website of the World Health Organization (<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>). Information is available in English, French, and Spanish.

To summarize the WHO suggestions:

- Wash your hands frequently, using soap and water or an alcohol-based rub. All eucharistic ministers should use an alcohol-based rub before the distribution of the sacrament, whether in the context of the liturgy or in visiting someone at home or in the hospital.
- Practice respiratory hygiene. Cover your mouth when sneezing or coughing; discard tissues immediately in closed bins.
- Practice social distancing. In general, maintain a distance of a meter between you and others, particular those who are coughing, sneezing, or evidently ill.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Any parishes involved in ministries in which food is served should give particular attention to The WHO recommendations regarding food safety.
- Needless to say, we should send a clear message that if anyone feels ill or unwell, they should, as a general rule, seek medical care immediately and not attend parish events.
- Related to this, if someone who is elderly or lives alone does not appear at church in what would otherwise be a regular function, create systems for wellness checks.

Caring for each other and for all the people of God means being careful in the midst of an epidemic. With a reasonable amount of caution we can keep our people, our communities, and those we serve healthy—and continue to minister to those who are ill and in need of our care.



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