

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 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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The Book of Occasional Services 2018, and Enriching Our Worship I

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Prelude

The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

Gathering Hymn

“Come Thou fount of every blessing”

Hymnal, # 686

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.

10:15 a.m. The Kyrie

Hymnal, #S-91

The Collect of the Day

BCP, pg. 218

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Exodus

17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

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

Psalm 95

Venite, exultemus

BCP, pg. 724-5

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled,

will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

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

The people stand.

Gospel Hymn

“Friend of the streetwalker”

Alfred Fedak

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

4:5-42

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

After the Gospel the Celebrant says

 The Gospel of the Lord.
People 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 Third Sunday in Lent, Year A

Leader: Come, let us adore Christ, who refreshes us with springs of living water and calls us to be a people of prayer and thanksgiving, as we respond, “Kyrie eleison.”

For the Church throughout the world, that all who lead the people of God during the present age may have courage to endure the disputes and sufferings of our time, and to have the vision to see the places in which God is revealing his presence in our midst; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

That we may not fear those whose ways are destructive to society, or who condemn the faith we cherish, or who commit acts which grieve the heart of Christ, that instead we may extend the hand of charity to all people, and witness to the power of transforming love; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

For leaders of government, that they may drink from the waters of holy peace and bring to the world’s peoples the hope of a new and more prosperous life; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

That we may extend the lamp of charity to all whom we have harmed and to all who have brought darkness to our souls, knowing that all have fallen short of God’s glory, and that all are invited into a redeemed and grace-filled life; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

For Christians throughout the world who are offering their finest gifts of bread and wine on the Sabbath day, that through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Body and Blood of Christ will be received across every distinction of race, class, and nationality; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

For an ever-deepening sense of God's presence in all our lives, but most especially in those who will receive rites of initiation this Easter season; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and those whose faith is known to God alone; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

Confident that we are all within reach of the saving embrace of Jesus, let us continue our prayers.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for for the people and ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church, DeSoto, and Gary, their priest; we pray for Wayne, our bishop, and Deon, our bishop-elect; in our companion Diocese of Lui in South Sudan we pray for Mata Parish, and Elisapa, 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: Tom Modde.

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.

Offertory Anthem

In All These You Welcomed Me

William Bradley Roberts

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: “The King of Love my shepherd is”

Hymnal, # 645

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, pg. 365

*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

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Sending Hymn

“The glory of these forty days”

Hymnal, # 143

The Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

**The Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 15, 2020
Today's Ministers of Worship**

Celebrant		The Rev. Lu-Anne Conner
Preacher		David J. Malek
Music Director		Dr. Thomas C. Lee
Lay Minister of the Day	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Kerry Quinlisk Sandy Taliaferro
Greeters		Nikki Medrow, Janet Morris
Ushers	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Pam Fadler George Kirby, John Purcell
Lectors	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Dawn Henry Joan D'Ambrose
Server/Acolyte	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Mary Ellen Antonio Paul Kirby
Altar Guild		Rosemary Bagin, Margaret Chopra, Roxane Jablonski
Counters		Bill Henry, Marty Mares
Children's Chapel Leader		Tammy Schuster
Children's Chapel Assistant		Cathy Murphy
Nursery Worker		Laurie Mercurio
Nursery Assistant		Roxane Jablonski

This Week's Calendar

- 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
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel
- 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- Nursery available today 10:00 a.m., infant to age 3
- Monday, March 16
- 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
- Wednesday, March 18
- 10:00 a.m. Book Club
- 3:00 p.m. Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice
- Saturday, March 21
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- Sunday, March 22
- The Fourth Sunday in Lent
- Calendar Planning after each service**
- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Forum – Episcopal 101 begins
- 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, from 9:00-10:00 a.m., we will have our annual Ministry Fair. 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. And, don’t forget, you have a chance to win a \$25 gift card to Target!

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March 11, 2020

Dear Friends,

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) is now a serious health threat around the world. As members and friends of Transfiguration Episcopal Church, there are things we can do, individually and as a parish community, to reduce the threat in our area. Bishop Smith and Bishop-elect Johnson have issued an advisory to parishes regarding our response to the Coronavirus (*go to the diocesan website, www.diocesemo.org, scroll down to the very bottom of the home page, and click on “All news” to access the advisory, as well as links to the CDC*).

Based on these recommendations I am instituting the following practices effective immediately, which will remain in place through Easter Sunday (April 12). These practices apply to parishioners, visitors, and staff alike. Please read carefully, as there may be special instructions for your particular ministry.

- If you are sick, think you might be sick, or in general are not feeling well, please stay home. This applies not only to Sunday worship services but also to meetings and other gatherings at the church during the week. If you are sick but just need to “quickly drop off a few things” at the church, please refrain from doing so.
- All Eucharistic visits are suspended. I ask that all Shepherds be in touch by phone with those in your flock who are shut-in, to assure them of our prayers and concern.
- Use of the common cup at communion is suspended. I will continue to consecrate a small amount of wine in a chalice, but it will remain on the altar during the distribution of the communion bread. Be assured that you will have received the full grace of Holy Communion by receiving just the bread. Chalice bearers will not be needed while this suspension is in effect. I ask the Altar Guild to switch back to using the silver chalice and paten rather than the ceramic set that we use during Lent. It is easier to clean and sanitize the silver set.
- Holy Water will no longer be available in the baptismal font during this time. I ask the Altar Guild to please remove the bowl containing Holy Water.
- Passing the Peace will consist of a bow, a nod, a wave, or a smile. Handshaking, hugging and fist-bumping are not recommended during this time.
- Coffee Hour and Third Tuesday Luncheons are suspended during this time.

- Groups that meet at the church during the week will decide for themselves whether or not to continue meeting during this time.
- Children’s Chapel and Nursery care will continue without interruption.

These temporary restrictions to our common life may seem draconian, but they will allow us to continue meeting together as the Body of Christ without unnecessarily endangering the health and well-being of anyone. Please keep in your prayers all those around the world who have been directly or indirectly affected by the Coronavirus.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding these temporary restrictions in the life of Transfiguration parish, please be in touch with me directly.

Faithfully yours,

The Rev. Lu-Anne Conner

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Next **Sunday, March 22**, calendar pages will be available in the narthex after each service for anyone who would like to reserve a date for an activity or event over the next several months. We do this in an effort to spread out parish activities and events, trying to avoid “over-booking”.

On **Sundays March 22, 29 and April 5** the Rector will offer a three-part “Episcopal 101” series for Adult Forum. All are invited, whether you are a newcomer to the Episcopal Church or are a “cradle Episcopalian.” This is a required course for anyone wishing to be baptized, confirmed, or received into the Episcopal Church. Bishop-Elect Deon Johnson will make his first visitation to Transfiguration on Sunday September 20, at which time he will offer these rites to those who have been prepared.

Easter Lilies: There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex for anyone who would like to purchase **Easter Lilies** at the cost of **\$12**. **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.

Spring Clean-Up Days:

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.** This is our opportunity to prepare for Holy Week and beautify our Church for the spring season. Sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex for the tasks (dusting, vacuuming, polishing) and your help is, as always, truly appreciated. ~Your Altar Guild.

Transfiguration **church grounds Spring Clean Up** Day is scheduled for **Saturday, April 11, 9AM - noon**. We need to do some light sweeping, leaf cleanup, bush trimming, and general tidy up the area stuff. We could sure use your assistance. Many hands make the task lighter. This will give us a nice clean and tidy outside for Easter. Please sign up on the sign-up

sheet on the bulletin board. Any questions, please see Jim Ferguson or Rick MacIvor. Thanks for your help.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

March 19—Tom Modde

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. *(As a reminder we are always looking for hotel size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, and soap/body wash)*

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. **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: 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.

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:

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, attached to the 531st Field Hospital and the 101st Airborne Division.

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.

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