

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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.

## The Holy Eucharist, Enriching Our Worship

### Rector's welcome and announcements

**Prelude**

*Allegro from Sonata in A*

Thomas Arne

### The Word of God

*The people standing, the Officiant says*

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

EOW p. 50

**People**     *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

*The Officiant 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.*

### 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. 235

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 Prophet Isaiah

45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him--  
and the gates shall not be closed:  
I will go before you and level the mountains,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,  
I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.  
For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.  
I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,  
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.  
I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the LORD do all these things.

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

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

**Psalm 96:1-9**

*Cantate Domino*

BCP, pg. 725-6

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

**A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians**

1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and

to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

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

**Gospel Hymn**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

Hymn # 594

Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick

Music: John Hughes

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

22:15-22

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

*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 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, Year A**

*Leader:* In the Name of Jesus, let us offer our prayers, responding, “Lord, hear our prayer.”  
For the desire to reflect God’s abundant treasures, freely giving for the mission of the Church in  
the world, our faithful commitment to the poor and those in need; let us pray.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

In thanksgiving for missionaries who serve in foreign lands; may they proclaim the gospel  
message of hope to those who live in places of instability, and reveal to us at home their  
extraordinary faith and charity; let us pray.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

In thanksgiving for those who serve in our government, especially those unseen workers who  
toil in federal and state offices, and who attend to the details of daily responsibilities; let us  
pray.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

In thanksgiving for our Creator who formed the darkness and formed the light, leading us  
through both, so that we may be transformed into a holy people;  
let us pray.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all the faithful departed, may they rest in peace through the mercy of God; let us pray.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who suffer from COVID-19, for their families and friends, and those who care for them. May suffering be relieved and health restored; and may we have the courage to curtail our usual daily activities so that lives might continue to be saved; let us pray.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Continuing in the Holy Name of Jesus, let us add to these prayers.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the people and ministry of The Deaconess Anne House, and Michaelene, their director; we pray for Deon, our bishop; in our companion Diocese of Lui in South Sudan we pray for Kulundu Parish, and Lexition, their priest.

We pray for those on our prayer list: *Karen, Judy, Joey, Sally, Jack, Don, Carl, Annette, Ed, Verla, Richard, Charley, Matthew, Audra, Dan, Nicole, Toni, Jim, Kathy, John, Terry, the Brinker family, Laura, Meghan, Mike, Mack, Andrew, MaryBeth, Robyn, Bob, Dan, Ron, Betty, and Rick.* We give thanks for birthdays: Carole Connors; and anniversaries: Stephen & Judy Ducar and Ed & Nicole Jones.

The altar flowers are given by Lu-Anne Conner and Kate McCormick in loving memory of Lu-Anne's mother, Joan Conner, on her birthday.

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*The Officiant says a concluding collect.*

## **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

BCP, pg. 360

*The Officiant says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and people*

**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 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*

### **The Peace**

*Officiant*     The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People*        *And also with you.*

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The Offertory**

*The Officiant says an offertory sentence.*

#### **Vestry Stewardship Witness**

Rick MacIvor

#### **Offertory Hymn**

*All People That on Earth do Dwell*

Hymnal, #594  
text by: William Kethe  
music by: Louis Bourgeois

*Celebrant*     All things come of thee, O Lord

*People*        *And of thine own have we given thee.*

#### **The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer 2**

EOW pp. 60-62

*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 our thanks and praise.***

*Celebrant*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,  
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep  
and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children,

you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us

to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels  
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,  
lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

*Celebrant and People*

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

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death

and to reveal the riches of your grace,

you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,

that she might conceive and bear a son,

Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,

healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself

yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross

the sacrifice of his life,  
and to be glorified by you.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us,  
Jesus was at table with his friends.  
He took bread, gave thanks to you,  
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:  
“Take, eat:  
This is my Body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”  
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
Again, he gave thanks to you,  
gave it to them, and said:  
“Drink this, all of you:  
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,  
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,  
who was and is and is to come,  
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,  
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.  
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth  
and make us your new creation,  
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.  
In the fullness of time bring us,  
with all your saints,  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
to feast at the banquet prepared  
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

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*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.**

### **Music for Contemplation**

Thomas Lee

### **A Prayer of Thanksgiving** *(said by all)*

*Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.*

### **The Blessing**

### **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

*Voluntary on Old Hundredth*

Henry Purcell

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