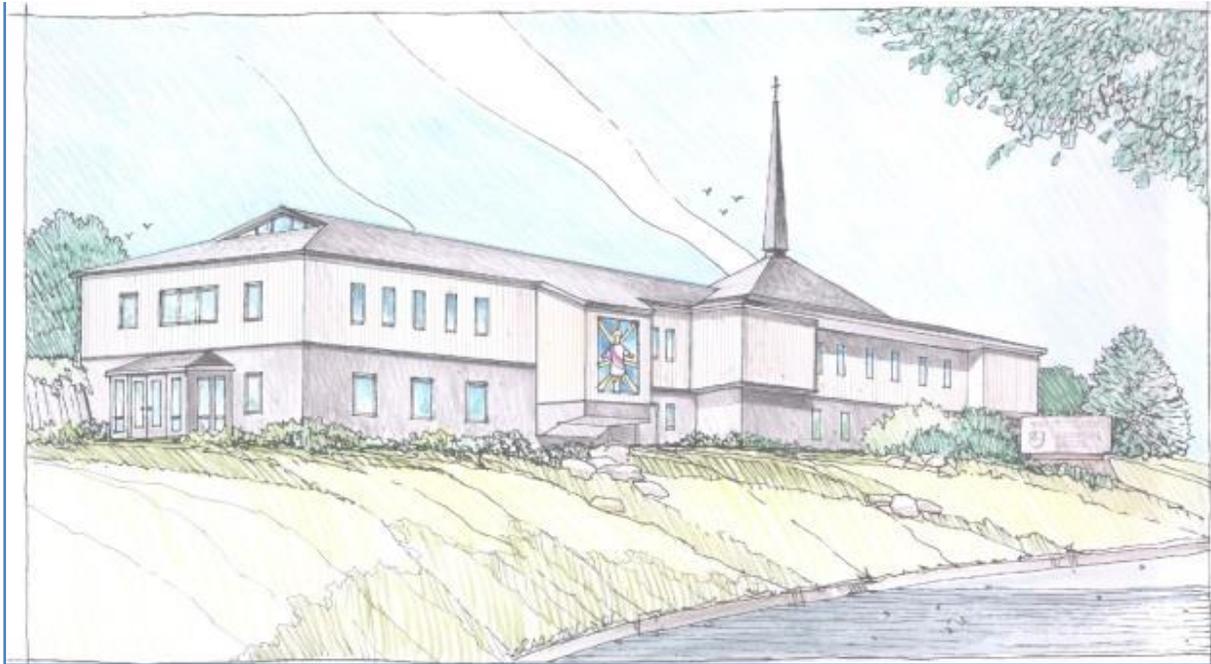


THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020



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 Improvisation on *America the Beautiful* Thomas Lee

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. 236

Officiant The Lord be with you.

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

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 Amos

Amos 5:18-24

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

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

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

- 1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O LORD, make haste to help me.
- 2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.
- 3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
- 4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the LORD!"
- 5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
- 6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O LORD, do not tarry.

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians

4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

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

The people stand.

Gospel Hymn

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Hymnal, #436

Text: George Weissel, tr. by Catherine Winkworth,

Music: Williams 'Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

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

25:1-13

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

Leader: We offer our prayers in the presence of Wisdom, who makes herself known to all who seek her gifts, responding, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

In thanksgiving for our Children’s Chapel leaders, who awaken in their students the mystery of faith: Yahweh’s great acts of deliverance, Christ’s victory of life over death, and the eternal light that breaks through every darkness; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep us ever watchful for your face shining through the faces of the poor and downtrodden, the wait staff and the salesperson, the toll collector and the crossing guard, lest that in missing them we may not see you; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Place your wisdom in the heart and mind of our President and Governor, that the decisions they make this year may bring righteousness and justice to all peoples everywhere; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Inspire us with a sense of urgency, that we may relate to others the joy of a Christ-centered life, welcoming others into our fold, and showing increase in the household of faith; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for those who have served in the armed forces, defending our country in times of war, and ensuring peace in places where there is instability; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for those who have died, especially Anne McCormick, mother of Kate McCormick, who died on Thursday; may all the faithful departed live with the Lord forever; 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.

As we await the coming of the Bridegroom, let us be attentive through the continuation of our prayers.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the people and ministry of the youth ministry in this diocese, and Whitney, Canon for Evangelism & Discipleship Development; we pray for Deon, our bishop; in our companion Diocese of Lui in South Sudan we pray for mission and evangelism in Lui Diocese and in the diaspora, Sosthen, Sylvastor, and Manesa.

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

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Celebrant: In anticipation of Veterans' Day on November 11, we will now read the names of veterans who are parishioners or family members at Transfiguration Church:

The Leader reads the names of the veterans

Derek Beattie
Bradley C. Beeman
John C. Beeman
Raymond Chitwood
William Clauberg
Malcolm A. Conner
Edward Connors
Linda Detring
Kyle Thomas Dewald
Michael Ducar
Stephen Ducar
Robert Lee Eilman
Richard J. Foster
Jim Furgason
William Henry
Jack Herr
Cara Kelly
Pat Kelly
John N. Klaskin
Martin H. Mares
Rick MacIvor
Anne McCormick
John McCormick
Richard Moody
William H. Murphy
Milbert (Mel) H. Price
John Purcell
Robert Brooks Ramsdell, Jr.
Harold Richardson
John C. Ruth
Nathan H. Ruth
Norman Gregory Schuster
Daniel Lee Smith
Dana Stewart
Walt Taliaferro
Ronald Walchshauser

Officiant: Let us pray.

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

(A Thanksgiving for Heroic Service, BCP p. 839)

Confession of Sin and Absolution

EOW p. 56

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.

Offertory Hymn

America the Beautiful

Hymnal, #719
text : Katherine Lee Bates
music: Samuel Augustus Ward

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,

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.***

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

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

African American Spiritual

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