

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

THE TWENTY-FOURTH 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**

*Sonata in F Major - Larghetto*

George Frideric Handel

### 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**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 Zephaniah**

1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;

the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,  
he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the people

who rest complacently on their dregs,  
those who say in their hearts,

“The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do harm.”

Their wealth shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,  
the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath,  
a day of distress and anguish,

a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry

against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.  
I will bring such distress upon people  
that they shall walk like the blind;  
because they have sinned against the LORD,  
their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
and their flesh like dung.  
Neither their silver nor their gold  
will be able to save them  
on the day of the LORD's wrath;  
in the fire of his passion  
the whole earth shall be consumed;  
for a full, a terrible end  
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

**Psalm 90:1-12**

*Domine, refugium*

BCP, pg. 717-8

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge \*  
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born, \*  
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, \*  
"Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \*  
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; \*  
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; \*  
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, \*  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; \*  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The span of our life is seventy years,  
perhaps in strength even eighty; \*  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,  
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

11 Who regards the power of your wrath? \*  
who rightly fears your indignation?

12 So teach us to number our days \*  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

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

5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

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

*The people stand.*

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

25:14-30

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven will be as when a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

*After the Gospel the Celebrant says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.*****The Sermon**

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-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Year A**

Let us rise from our spiritual complacency and offer our prayers to God, responding, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

That our local and federal judges may have the wisdom of the prophet Deborah, whose strength was revealed in passing judgment for condemnation when necessary and for growth when warranted; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That we may clothe each other with faith and love, hope and salvation, encouraging one another in discipleship and building up one another for the growth of Christ's Body, the Church; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That we may expose our gifts to the light of day, using them as instruments of salvation for those who live on the margins of society, and for those who though rich, have an emptiness too painful to expose; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That our treasures of time and money may be used wisely, to our personal benefit and for the betterment of our Church and society; 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.***

That all who have died may come to the glory of that place where the noise of daily life has given way to the peace of eternal rest, especially Dorothy Lang, sister of Bob Daniels, who died last Friday; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Trusting in the One who sweeps away our sins and invites us to begin again, let us continue our prayers.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the people and ministry and leadership of the Convention of the Diocese of Missouri; we pray for Deon, our bishop; in our companion Diocese of Lui in South Sudan we pray for theological education for the people of Lui Diocese.

We pray for those on our prayer list: ***Karen, Judy, Joey, Sally, Jack, Don, Carl, Toni, Dan, Ron, Betty, Rick, Todd, Don, Ann, Russ, Carole, Jon, Beth, Avery, Lucy, Queen, and Paris.*** We give thanks for birthdays: Jan Munro, Lu-Anne Conner, and Dani Taliaferro.

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*The Officiant says a concluding collect.*

## **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**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Hymnal, #324

text: Liturgy of St. James, 4th cent.; para. by Gerard Moultrie

music: Chansons populaires des Provinces de France, 1860

*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**

*Sonata in F Major - Allegro*

George Frideric Handel

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