

# The Episcopal Church *of the* Transfiguration

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021



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

*Thank you for wearing a mask and practicing social distancing.  
These are signs of the hospitality, love, and respect that we share as we worship together.*

**Prelude**

*Prelude*

Robert Schumann

*Please note: Diocesan guidelines permit liturgical leaders (i.e. priest and lector), to remove their masks while speaking, provided they are fully vaccinated and maintain 12 feet of distance from others.*

**Rector's welcome and announcements**

### 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.*

**A Song of Ezekiel** (*Ezekiel 36:24-28*)

EOW p. 34

*I will take you from among all nations; \*  
and gather you from all lands to bring you home.  
I will sprinkle clean water upon you; \*  
and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.*

*A new heart I will give you\*  
and a new spirit put within you.  
I will take the stone heart from your chest\*  
and give you a heart of flesh.*

*I will help you walk in my laws\*  
and cherish my commandments and do them.  
You shall be my people,\*  
and I will be your God.*

**The Collect of the Day**

BCP, pg. 229

*Officiant* God be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

**A Collect for Diocesan Visioning** (*said together*)

***O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come: You have journeyed with your people Israel and we pray you, journey with us now, in this time of dreaming, daring, and doing. Walk beside us on the road that is ahead, calm our fears, awaken our hope, and open our hearts, as together we seek your guidance. Inspire us to discern your will for the Diocese of Missouri. May we put our whole trust in you as we look to Christ, the great shepherd of our souls; who together with the Holy Spirit is alive and reigns now and forever. Amen.***

*The people may be seated.*

**A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel**

17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;  
I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.  
I the LORD have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

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

**Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14**

*Bonum est confiteri*

BCP, pg. 720-1

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;
- 14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

**A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

5:6-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so

that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

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

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### **Gospel Hymn**

*For the Fruits of All Creation*

text: Fred Pratt Green

music: Welsh Melody, arr. Rosalee Elser

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

4:26-34

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

*After the Gospel the Celebrant says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Canon Doris Westfall

**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**

*(prepared by Bishop Deon for use in this season of diocesan strategic visioning)*

*Leader:* Let us offer our prayers and petitions to Almighty God.

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Engage us O God in the renewal of this Diocese towards your Christ-centered vision. Help us to realize that we are bound to one to another in our common life and ministry. Spirit of God;  
***We are listening.***

Empower us, O God, to energize the ministry of all the baptized, making our communities of faith healthy and holy places of your presence that reach out in compassion and hope in Christ's name. Spirit of God;  
***We are listening.***

Unite us, O God, to be compassionate and not competitive, to be consoling and not controlling, to be faithful and not fearful as we continue to build relationships in communities centered on the vision of your reign. Spirit of God;  
***We are listening.***

Guide us, O God, to be responsible stewards here on earth, to prophetically witness to your reign. We pray especially for members of the United Nations, for Joseph our President, for Michael our Governor, and all civic leaders; that they may do justice and love mercy. Spirit of God;  
***We are listening.***

Deliver us, O God, from mistrust of one another and the misuse of our gifts. Help us to see in our worshiping communities, large and small, growing and struggling, your grace and promise. Spirit of God;  
***We are listening.***

Heal us, O God, in our communities, our families, and in the hidden places in our hearts. We pray especially for those in this community who are ill or in any kind of need, particularly those on our prayer list: ***Karen, Judy, Joey, Sally, Jack, Don, Dan, Ron, Betty, Rick, Ann, Russ, Carole, John, Paul, Diane, Ashley, Charley, Tyler, Kenzie, Beth, Ron, Kathryn, Emily, Kathy, Geoff and Julia, Robyn and her family, Charley, Larry, Linda, Rosemary, George, Cleaver, Ed, Bob, Diane and Dorothy.*** Give us the courage and the grace to be your presence among them. Spirit of God;  
***We are listening.***

Comfort us, O God, as we remember all those saints who have gone before us in light and have finished their course in faith. We remember especially Sargent Major Robert L. Eilman, uncle of Pam Fadler, who died on June 8th at the age of 94. Give to the departed the comfort of your promise and presence. Spirit of God;

*We are listening.*

Support us, O God, as we support each other. We pray especially for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Deon our Bishop, and Lu-Anne, our priest. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the people and ministry of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Manchester, for Earl their rector, Pamela their Assisting Priest, Dayna, their Deacon, and all who minister in witness in your Church. Spirit of God;

*We are listening.*

Teach us, O God, as we journey through the Christian life to continually engage each other, young and old, in spiritual formation, discernment, discipleship and stewardship. Spirit of God;

*We are listening.*

We give thanks for birthdays: Larry Hopen and Diane Willard; and anniversaries: Ken & Maureen Dobert, and Rich & Mari Moody.

The flowers on the altar are given by Alice Foster in thanksgiving for the faithfulness of our Transfiguration Family.

*The Celebrant says a concluding collect.*

## **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

EOW, pg. 56

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant 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**

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

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

*The Passing of the Peace is best accomplished by a nod, a wave, or a peace sign, given from your seat. No hugging or handshaking at this time, except with members of your household.*

## **Brief announcements by the Rector**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory**

*The Celebrant says an offertory sentence.*

*An offering plate will not be passed at this service. You are invited to leave your gift in the offering plate in the Narthex near the Welcome Table as you depart today's service. We are grateful for your generous and ongoing support of the ministries of Transfiguration Church.*

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### **Offertory Hymn**

*We Know that Christ is Raised*

text by: John Brownlow Geyer  
music by: Charles Villiers Stanford

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord

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

## The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer 3

EOW pp. 62-65

*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*

All thanks and praise  
are yours at all times and in all places,  
our true and loving God;  
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,  
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.  
You laid the foundations of the world  
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;  
You brought forth all creatures of the earth  
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,  
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;  
And so as the morning stars sing your praises  
we join the heavenly beings and all creation  
as we shout with joy:

*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 are yours, Creator of all,  
your Word has never been silent;  
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,  
you delivered them from bondage

and led them to a land of promise.  
Of your grace, you gave Jesus  
to be human, to share our life,  
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign  
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
you have freed us from sin,  
brought us into your life,  
reconciled us to you,  
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us  
Jesus took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,  
gave it to his friends and said:  
“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,  
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:  
“Drink this, all of you:  
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,  
poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:  
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,  
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,  
and presenting to you these gifts  
your earth has formed and human hands have made,  
we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Celebrant and People*

***Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!***

*The Celebrant continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts of bread and wine

that they may be to us  
the Body and Blood of your Christ.  
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,  
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,  
and in the fullness of time gather us  
with all your people  
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
we worship you our God and Creator  
in voices of unending praise.

*Celebrant and People*

***Blessed are you 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* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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 of the Eucharist, or a blessing if preferred. Please wait for the Usher to release the section where you are seated.*

*Please keep your mask on when receiving the bread. You may then take it back to your seat and consume it there, preferably by slipping it under your mask.*

*Please remain seated. Congregational singing is not permitted at this time. The following hymn will be played quietly. You are invited to hum along with the tune, or use this time for reflection and meditation on the text.*

**Communion Hymn**                      **Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated**                      text: John B. Dykes  
music: Frances H. Havergal

**Prayer of Spiritual Communion** (*while those present are coming forward to receive the bread, a leader addresses those who are watching the livestream feed*)

*Leader:* The Resurrected Christ has gathered us to feast at the Table of Remembrance, yet circumstances make it difficult for some to gather physically around Christ's altar and receive Christ's eucharistic body. Wherever you are, you are offered God's grace by spiritually receiving Christ in your heart.

Please pray with me

***In union, O Lord,***  
***with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated,***  
***I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.***  
***I present to you my soul and body***  
***with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you.***  
***And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,***  
***I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart.***  
***I unite myself with you and embrace you with all the love of my soul.***  
***Let nothing ever separate you from me.***  
***May I live in you, and may you live in me,***  
***both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.***

*God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

*Credo*

Franz Joseph Hayden

*Biblical Texts are from The New Revised Standard Version  
Liturgical texts are from The Book of Common Prayer, Enriching Our Worship 1, prayers  
composed by Bishop Deon Johnson, and prayers from our Diocesan website.*

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**The Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 6  
Sunday, June 13, 2021  
Today's Ministers of Worship**

<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>		The Rev. Canon Doris Westfall
<b>Music Director</b>		Dr. Thomas C. Lee
<b>Greeter</b>		Lisa Anderson
<b>Usher</b>		Ed Jones
<b>Lector</b>		Rick MacIvor
<b>Videographers</b>		John Notgrass and Nicole Jones
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Louise Howden and Jan Trendley
<b>Coffee Hour Host</b>	11:30 a.m. (on Zoom)	tbd