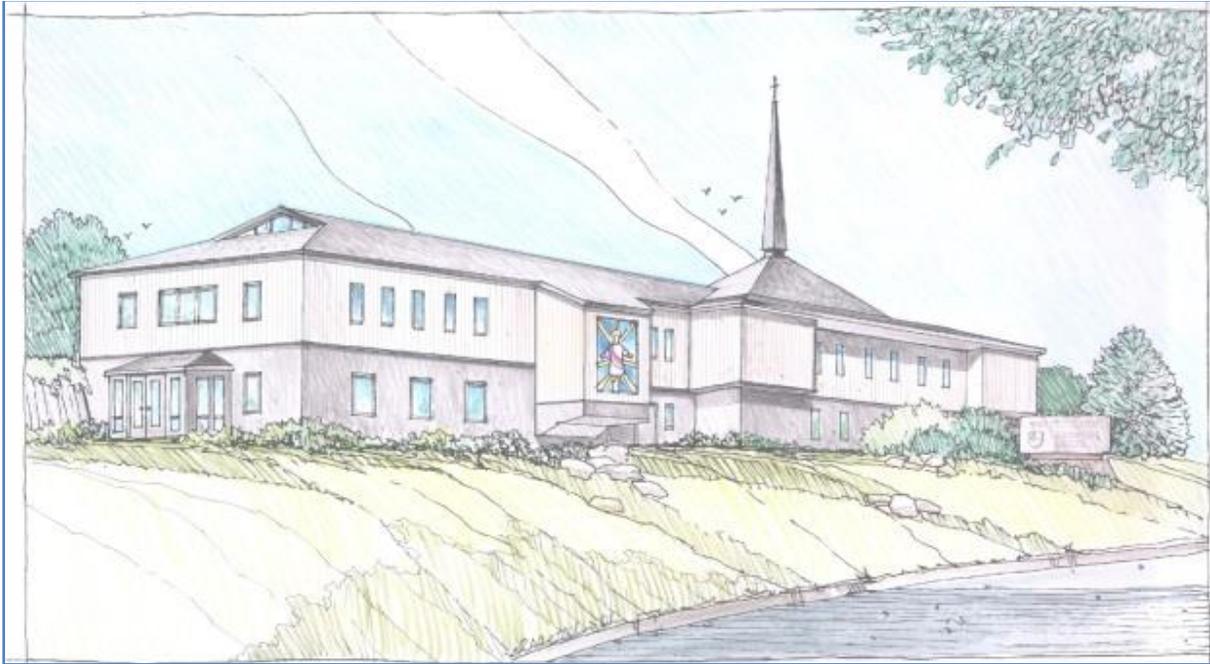


# The Episcopal Church *of the* Transfiguration

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 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

*America the Beautiful*

Arr. Thomas Lee  
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### 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. 230

*Officiant* God be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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

2:1-5

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

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

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

## Psalm 123

*Ad te levavi oculos meos*

BCP, pg. 780

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, \*  
until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,  
5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

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

12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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

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**Gospel Hymn**

*What Does the Lord Require*

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*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
*People* ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

6:1-13

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

*After the Gospel the Celebrant says*

*People* The Gospel of the Lord.  
***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Lu-Anne Conner

*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, Joey, Sally, Jack, Don, John, Diane, Ashley, Charley, Tyler, Kenzie, Kathryn, Geoff and Julia, Robyn and her family, Charley, Ed, Bob, Diane, Dorothy, David, Ken, Stephen, and Jean.*** 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 Jack Bergen, father of Jan Trendley, who died last Saturday. 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. Paul's Episcopal Church, Sikeston, and Annette, their Regional Missioner, 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: Lori Brown, Douglas Murphy, and Ramona Moyer; and anniversaries: Rick and Deb MacIvor.

*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.*

*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.*

#### **Offertory Hymn**

*Eternal Father Strong to Save* words in verses 1 & 4 by William Whiting  
and in verses 2 & 3 by Robert N. Spencer  
tune by John Bacchus Dykes.

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*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**

*As We Gather at your Table*

words by Carl P. Daw  
music att. B. F. White from *The Sacred Harp*

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**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 (*prayed by those who are watching the livestream feed*)

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.

**Postcommunion Prayer** (*said by all*)

EOW, pg. 69

*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**

*Stars and Stripes Forever*

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Proper 9  
Sunday, July 4, 2021  
Today's Ministers of Worship**

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