

# The Episcopal Church *of the* Transfiguration

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 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**

*Reverie*

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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**

*Officiant* God be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

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

*Eternal God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, and in whose sight is eternity; Guide and direct us as we seek a renewed vision for the Diocese of Missouri. We pray for an infectious enthusiasm for the future of our common life; for wisdom as we gather and make decisions; for unity as we seek consensus on what You desire; for necessary trust and openness to Your truth. Help us, we pray, to listen to one another and to hear the many voices that make up our rich diversity. Endow us with your creative spirit that we may find ways to accomplish Your mission; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

*The people may be seated.*

**A Reading from the Book of Amos**

7:7-15

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the LORD was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by;  
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.'

And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

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

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

**Psalm 85:8-13**

*Benedixisti, Domine*

BCP, pg. 709

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians**

1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we,

who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

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**Gospel Hymn**

*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Cry*

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*Please stand as you are able.*

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

6:14-29

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

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.

Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

*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**

*(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. 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 the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Town and Country; Earl, their Rector; Pamela their Assisting Priest; and 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: 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**

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

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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**

*Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts*

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**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Proper 10**

**Sunday, July 11, 2021**

**Today's Ministers of Worship**

<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	The Rev. Lu-Anne Conner
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