

The Episcopal Church *of the* Transfiguration

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 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

But the Lord is Mindful of His Own

Felix Mendelssohn

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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*Officiant* God be with you.*People* ***And also with you.****Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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*)

Gracious and loving God, you have guided us in the past and journey with us in the present. Empower us once more as your people who make up the Diocese of Missouri with a vision of your future. Send forth your Holy Spirit to guide and direct our visioning process. Open, we pray, our hearts and minds, so that our vision may reflect your dreams, and our communities may be equipped in the years to come. Direct us in our dreaming, doing, and daring to form and be formed in service to you and others. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Savior. Amen.

*The people may be seated.***A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon**

1:13-15; 2:23-24

God did not make death,
 And he does not delight in the death of the living.
 For he created all things so that they might exist;
 the generative forces of the world are wholesome,
 and there is no destructive poison in them,
 and the dominion of Hades is not on earth.
 For righteousness is immortal.

God created us for incorruption,
 and made us in the image of his own eternity,
 but through the devil's envy death entered the world,
 and those who belong to his company experience it.

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

Psalm 30

Exaltabo te, Domine

BCP, pg. 621-2

- 1 I will exalt you, O LORD,
because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed. *
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"
- 11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
O LORD, be my helper."
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

8:7-15

As you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you-- so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something-- now finish doing it, so that

your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has-- not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

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

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.

Gospel Hymn ***The Church's One Foundation***
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Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 5:21-43
People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” He looked all around to see who had done it. But the

woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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, 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, 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 St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Mark their Rector, and Jerre, 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: David Wasem and Jodie Sanders; and anniversaries: Terry & Karen Haub and Russ & Carole Price.

Flowers today were given by Steve and Judy Ducar, in thanksgiving for yesterday's wedding of Deborah Anne Ducar and Matthew Parker Starnes.

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

Presentation of Diocesan ECW Scholarship to Abby Robertson
by Ms. Kay Fletcher, Diocesan ECW Scholarship Chairperson

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

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

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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.

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Communion Hymn

As We Gather at your Table

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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

Andante from Sonata II

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The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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Sunday, June 27, 2021

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