

The Episcopal Church *of the* Transfiguration

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 18, 2025

8:00 & 10:00 AM



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, RITE TWO

## THE WORD OF GOD

10:00 am THE GATHERING HYMN *All creatures of our God and King* Hymnal, #400

*Please rise in body or in spirit. The Celebrant says*

BCP, pg. 355

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People** ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia***

*The Celebrant 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.***

8:00 am THE GLORIA

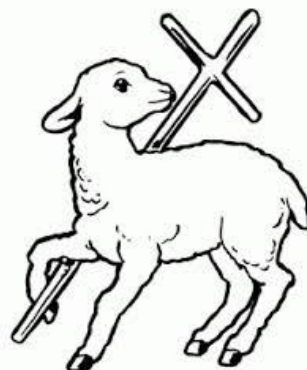
BCP, pg. 356

***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.***



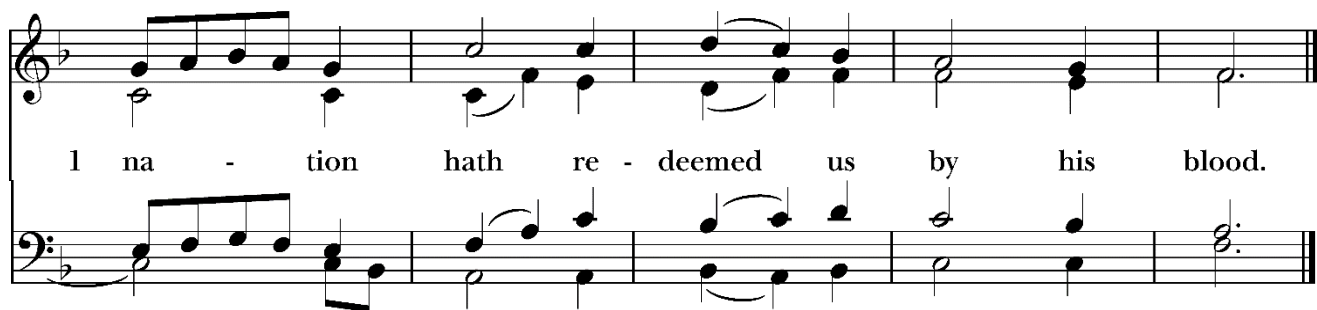
1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery



Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, pg. 225

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people may be seated.*

## THE READINGS

### A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.

He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

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

**PSALM 148**

*Laudate Dominum*

BCP, pg. 805-6

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;

- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

**A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN**

21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

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

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 13:31-35

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*After the Gospel the Celebrant says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **THE SERMON**

The Rev. Meg Goldstein

## **THE NICENE CREED**

*Enriching Our Worship, pg. 53-4*

***We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.***

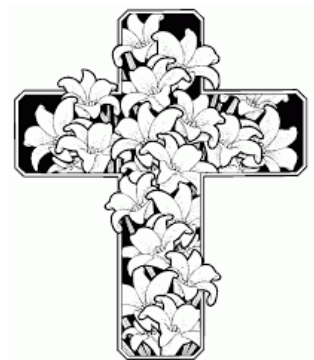
***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.***

***For us and for our salvation***

***he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.***

***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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C**

Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, be with us on our journey to the Father's love as we offer our prayers, responding, "Hear us, O risen Lord."

For Donald, our President, and all who exercise leadership in the nations of the world; that they may see themselves as servants of the common good and use their power to enrich the lives of others; let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, O risen Lord.***

For a greater understanding among people of all cultures and faiths, that by learning to see Christ in the one we distrusted, we may let go of violence and anger that create barriers between our love for each other; let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, O risen Lord.***

For the Anglican Communion throughout the world, especially remembering the newly baptized and confirmed with whom we share the grace of salvation and the promises of new life; let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, O risen Lord.***

For release from our fear of renewal, trusting that the Church, the whole people of God, shakes the dust off its feet when we are called to move forward; let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, O risen Lord.***

For students preparing for summer vacation, graduation, examinations, and employment, that they may be faithful in the midst of anxiety, and hopeful as they

embark on an unknown future; let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, O risen Lord.***

For those who have died, who have been washed in the blood of the Lamb, and whose tears have been wiped away; let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, O risen Lord.***

We set our hearts on the holy path of God's promises as we continue our prayers, either silently or aloud.

In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for those whom we serve at Highlander Laundromat this week and those who serve them through Laundry Love. May this ministry of being present and offering laundry supplies and quarters be a blessing of love and compassion to our neighbors.

We also pray for those who host and serve our guests at Third Tuesday this week and for all who come to be fed with lunch and fellowship. May all who participate in Third Tuesday be blessed to be a blessing to each other and take your love out into the world with them.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Sikeston and Edie, their Priest.

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for St. Timothy in Bayamón.

We pray for those on our prayer list: ***Karen, Joey, John, Maureen, Alice, Kyle, Kathy, Ray, Kensie, Janet, Karen, Fred, Becky, Lorna, Steve, Emily, Peggy, Charlene, Laura, Barb, Bill, Papa, Lisa, Molly, Carolyn, Kaitlyn, Ashley, Virginia, Mindy, Sherry, Kathleen, Regina, Sarah, Lisa, Brad, Patrick Elizabeth, Keith, Roma, William, Steve, Mary, Dani, Jerry, Mari, Ron, Toni, Lisa, Megan & John, Ryan, Hazel, Tammy, and Dillon.***

We give thanks for birthdays: Karen Haub and Abigail Rogers; and anniversaries: John Purcell & Larry Hopen.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect*

*Adapted from Intercessions Year C: Keyed to the Themes of the Revised Common Lectionary © 2012 by Geralyn Wolf.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, pg. 360

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and people*

***Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen***

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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 the Lord be always with you.

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

## BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS



## 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 on the Welcome Table as you depart today's service. We are grateful for your generous and ongoing support of the ministries of Transfiguration Church.*

10:00 am THE OFFERTORY HYMN      O Holy City seen of God      Hymnal, #583

8:00 am

*Celebrant*      All things come of thee, O Lord

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

10:00 am THE DOXOLOGY      Praise God, from whom all blessings flow      (Old Hundredth)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

BCP, pg. 369

*Please rise in body or in spirit. 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.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you forever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and gave us hearts and minds to love and serve you. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***By his blood, he reconciled us.***

***By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

***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*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the

presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray, 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.

*The Celebrant may add:* 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 and wine of the Eucharist, or a blessing if preferred. Please note that you may drink directly from the chalice – we do not allow self-intinction. If you do not wish to drink from the chalice you may simply return to your seat after receiving the bread. Please wait for the Usher to release the section where you are seated.*

**10:00 a.m. 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.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

BCP, pg. 365

*Please rise in body or in spirit. The Celebrant says*  
Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



*The Celebrant offers the Easter Blessing*

## THE EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**10:00 am** THE SENDING HYMN      *In Christ there is no east or west*      Hymnal, #529

## The Dismissal

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

**People**      ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

## ***First Sunday of the Month:***

*Anointing and Healing Prayer are offered at the altar immediately following the service.*

*All loose plate offering on the first Sunday of the month goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund to help those in need.*



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