

The Episcopal Church *of the* Transfiguration

THE SEVENTH AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 27, 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, ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

Please rise in body or in spirit.

10:00 am **THE GATHERING HYMN**

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Hymnal, #559

THE WORD OF GOD

The celebrant invites the people to a few moments of intentional breathing.

The Celebrant says

EOW p. 50

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***

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 **Glory to God**

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 Now Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er One with God the

Fa - ther and the Son, pour forth in - to our

hearts, we pray, the full - ness of your grace to - day.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, pg. 231

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE READINGS

(see the insert)

The LORD said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 138*Confitebor tibi*

BCP, pg. 793

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.

- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

A READING FROM THE LETTER FROM PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS

2:6-19

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

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 Luke

11:1-13

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

EOW, 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 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Father of all mercies, holy and mighty, holy, immortal One, we offer you our prayers and thanksgivings, responding, "Receive our prayer.

Keeper of the kingdom, show us how to reveal its riches to those who are spiritually hungry, who seek solace in material goods, or who put their trust in false gods; Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

Giver of bread and daily sustenance, send us into the marketplace of your creation proclaiming the good news of salvation, bearing witness to a life of gratitude and generosity; Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

Bearer of our sins, give us the humility to forgive those who have sinned against us, and the maturity to receive the forgiveness that others offer; Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

Blessed Savior, deliver us from the allure of the world's temptations, remain with us through the trials of daily life, and encompass us with the fullness of your love; Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

God of glory and power, make us ever thankful that you have liberated us from the yoke of sin, and given us a share in the building of your kingdom; Lord, in your mercy,
Receive our prayer.

Builder of community, grant that the people of St. Louis be renewed in spirit as they seek to rebuild their homes, their lives, and their livelihoods after the May 16 tornado; and may all who labor with them be blessed and strengthened in their efforts; for this we pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Risen Christ, be with those who have passed through this temporal life, that they may find rest in the company of angels, archangels, saints, and all the company of heaven; Lord, in your mercy,
Receive our prayer.

Enfolded in the One who opens the door of life and calls us friends, we continue our prayers, either silently or aloud.

In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for the youth who are in detention and the chaplains who minister to them. May the chaplains of the Episcopal City Mission and the monthly birthday parties be means for these youth to experience your love and compassion.

We also pray for all those who will attend Camp Firebird this week, especially Kaleb and Felix from this parish; and we ask your blessing upon all who will minister to the campers during their time together.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Grace African Christians Connection in Saint Louis and Mtipe, their Priest.

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for The Center of Care and Integral Development in San Justo.

We pray for those on our prayer list: ***Karen, Joey, John, Maureen, Kyle, Kathy, Ray, Kensie, Janet, Karen, Fred, Becky, Lorna, Steve, Emily, Peggy, Charlene, Laura, Barb, Bill, Papa, Lisa, 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, Dillon, Joan, Paul, Carole, Marcia, Jeanette, and Hudson.***

We give thanks for birthdays: Nicole Jones.

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The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING OF CAMP FIREBIRD CAMPERS

Leader: Today Kaleb and Felix begin a week at Camp Firebird. They will pray, play, worship, and serve. These activities foster community and belonging and help us experience God more fully. We give thanks for the gift of community, the gift of church as the Body of Christ, and to send these campers on their way with God's blessing.

The Leader addresses the Campers: Kaleb and Felix, in nature and community, we find God at work and the love of Christ revealed. As you leave for Camp Firebird, we pray it will be a life-changing experience. We pray that your time will be filled with loud, action-packed adventures. We pray that your time will be filled with quiet, awe-inspiring moments.

Campers, Transfiguration Church sends you out with love and commissions you:

Will you participate as fully and openly in the life of the camp as you are able?

Campers: **We will, with God's help.**

Will you endeavor to listen gently for God's word in nature, in scripture and in others?

Campers: **We will, with God's help.**

Will you allow God to work through you to care for others?

Campers: **We will, with God's help.**

Will you bring back your experiences to help us know God through you?

Campers: **We will, with God's help.**

The Leader addresses the People: Now, I commission you, people of Transfiguration, with these responsibilities:

Will you pray for Kaleb and Felix and their counselors?

People: **We will, with God's help**

Will you welcome Kaleb and Felix with joy upon their return, and listen to their new learnings and excitement?

People: **We will, with God's help**

Will you allow God to nourish your faith through their camp experiences?

People: **We will, with God's help**

Let us pray. God of love, you invite us to come away to a quiet place. A place set apart for new learning, for new friends, and new experiences. Bless these campers as they set out for a week at Camp Firebird. Give them courage and energy, surround them with laughter and love. Encourage the staff of Camp Firebird with powerful moments of revelation and vulnerable moments of connection. And in all these things, reveal the great love of your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Adapted from Lutherhill Camp Sunday Blessing (<https://lutherhill.org/wp-content/uploads/Camper-Blessing.pdf>)

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.**

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT PARISH LIFE

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**

Seek ye first

Hymnal, #711

Please rise in body or in spirit.

8:00 am

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord

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

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1

EOW, pg 57-59

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 It is truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

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

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards

and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image
in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
and so we violated your creation,
abused one another,
and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets
to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, 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.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.
Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your children,
that with all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

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

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.**

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 am 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

EOW, pg 69

Please rise in body or in spirit. The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 Celebrant offers the Blessing

THE BLESSING

EOW, pg 71

The Wisdom of God
the Love of God
and the Grace of God
strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

10:00 am SENDING HYMN

Now thank we all our God

Hymnal, #397

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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