

The Episcopal Church *of the* Transfiguration

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 2025

8:00 & 10:00 AM

Honoring God's Creation



Transfiguration window, located in the stairwell

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 II



10:00 am **THE GATHERING HYMN**

When morning gilds the skies

Hymnal, # 427

THE WORD OF GOD

Please rise in body or in spirit. The celebrant invites the people to a few moments of intentional breathing.

The Officiant says

Ps 118:24

This is the day the Lord has made.

People ***Let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

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.***

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.***

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



Repeat Refrain

he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, pg. 235

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Said together:

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you in gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people may be seated.

THE READINGS

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

14:7-10, 19-22

Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O Lord, for your name's sake;

our apostasies indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.

O hope of Israel,
its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveler turning aside for the night?

Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?

Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!

Thus says the Lord concerning this people:

Truly they have loved to wander,
they have not restrained their feet;

therefore the Lord does not accept them,
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.

Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?

Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?

We look for peace, but find no good;
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.

Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonor your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?

Is it not you, O Lord our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 84:1-6

Quam dilecta!

BCP, pg. 707

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY

4:6-8, 16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was

rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 18:9-14

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

Please rise in body or in spirit.

**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 FOR THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

That we may seek humbleness of spirit, accepting our weaknesses as doorways to growth, and trusting in God's judgment; Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

That the Church, under the guidance of Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Deon, Bishop of this diocese, may be a house of welcome to all people, especially those who are unsure of their worthiness or who are filled with doubts; Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That winds of peace may blow across the world, bringing hope to the peoples in war-torn countries, new pathways to those in political stalemate, and renewal of spirit to all who hunger for freedom; Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That we may be good stewards of our financial and creative resources, being attentive to the needs of our Church and her ministry, living simply and generously for the common good, and committing ourselves to the welfare of generations to come; Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That those who are assisting the people in St. Louis affected by the May 16 tornado to rebuild their homes, their lives, and their livelihoods be strengthened; Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That the sick and dying may be comforted in their times of need, especially those with debilitating diseases; Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That the departed may find eternal rest; Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That we may be freed from our various prejudices, knowing that we have each been marked as Christ's own forever and bound together in his love; Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

May God, whose love restores us to grace, guide us now, as we continue to offer our prayers and thanksgivings.

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.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Calvary Episcopal Church in Columbia; Ann, their Rector; Josh, their Associate Rector; and Beth their deacon.

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for St. Steven the Martyr in Guaynabo.

We pray for those on our prayer list: **Karen, Joey, John, Maureen, Kathy, Kensie, Karen, Lorna, Peggy, Laura, Barb, Bill, Papa, Lisa, Virginia, Kathleen, Sarah, Lisa, Brad, Patrick Elizabeth, William, Steve, Jerry, Toni, Lisa, Megan & John, Dillon, Matthew, Teresa, Regina, Penny, Bob, Carolyn, Ruth, Janet, Rosemary, Christina, and Betty.**

We give thanks for birthdays: Jackie Goen and Mike Ten Clay; and anniversaries: Bill & Ramona Moyer.

Silence

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The Celebrant adds 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.

Minister 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 God of heaven has made a home on earth.

People: **Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

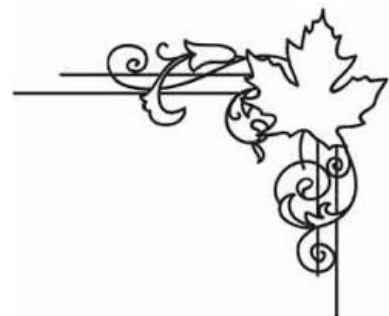
People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Please share a sign of Christ's peace with your neighbor.

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**

Be thou my vision

Hymnal, # 488

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 heav'nly 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.**

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 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. 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

May God who established the dance of creation,
Who marveled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
lead us to transform our lives and the Church
to listen to the voice of all creatures
that reflect God's glory in creation.

And the blessing of God who created you, Jesus Christ who redeemed you, and the Holy Spirit who sanctifies you, be upon you, and upon those for whom you love and pray, now and always. **Amen.**

10:00 am **SENDING HYMN**

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Hymnal, # 618

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into all creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Aleluia, Aleluia.

People ***Thanks be to God. Aleluia, Aleluia.***

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