

# **The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration**

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2025

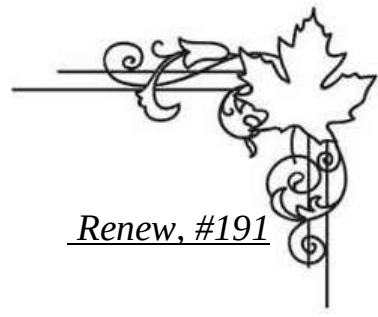
8:00 & 10:00 AM

*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

O Christ, the healer

Renew, #191

### 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.***

10:00 am **THE SONG OF PRAISE**

All things bright and beautiful

Hymnal, #405

*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. 234-5

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Said together:*

## PRAYER FOR JOY IN GOD'S CREATION

BCP, pg. 814

***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.

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The people may be seated.*

**A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF KINGS**

5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

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

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

**PSALM 111**

*Confitebor tibi*

BCP, pg. 754-5

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, \*  
In the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! \*

they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*

and his righteousness endures for ever.

- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

**A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY**

2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;  
if we endure, we will also reign with him;  
if we deny him, he will also deny us;  
if we are faithless, he remains faithful--  
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

*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

17:11-19

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show

yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

*After the Gospel the Celebrant says*

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

## **THE SERMON**

## **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 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, YEAR C**

May God, who created us in the Divine Image, free our wills to pray in faith, as we respond to each petition, “Help us choose life.”

Eternal Presence, be with those suffering from childhood diseases and crippling illnesses, give them opportunities for a rich and satisfying life; Lord, in your mercy,

***Help us choose life.***

God of all thankfulness, fill our hearts with gratitude for all the blessings we have received, and give us determination to live lives of generosity, reflecting your joy in giving; Lord, in your mercy,

***Help us choose life.***

Risen Christ, touch our lips, that we may speak your word in our daily lives, sharing with others the many ways in which you have brought us out of darkness and led us into the marvelous light of hope; Lord, in your mercy,

***Help us choose life.***

Creator of life, thank you for the beautiful earth, sky, and sea that you have placed in our care, so that in guarding its fragility we may bestow its beauty to future generations; Lord, in your mercy,

***Help us choose life.***

Builder of Communities, we give thanks for those who are assisting those in St. Louis affected by the May 16 tornado to rebuild their homes, their lives, and their livelihoods; Lord in your mercy,

***Help us choose life.***

Holy Comforter, be present with our soldiers and military personnel; may they secure peace and security in foreign lands, witness to the value of a democratic society, respect the cultures in which they serve, and return to family and friends in safety and good health; Lord, in your mercy,

***Help us choose life.***

God of the living and the dead, be present with those who have died in Christ, and who now live with him in eternal glory; Lord, in your mercy,

***Help us choose life.***

Jesus, head of the Church, be with those dioceses who will meet in convention these next few months; may their deliberations be made in the context of your word and wisdom, seeking the good of their diocese and of the whole Church; Lord, in your mercy,

***Help us choose life.***

We continue our prayers in the company of the catholic and universal Church of which we are a part.

In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for those whom we serve at King Laundry 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.

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the people and ministry of St. John's Episcopal Church in Eolia and for Deb, their Deacon-in-Charge.

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for The Advent in Carolina.

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

We give thanks for birthdays: Joan D'Ambrose, Kate McCormick, Brad Young, and Jack Roberston; and anniversaries: Mark & Dani Taliaferro.

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

*Silence*

*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.

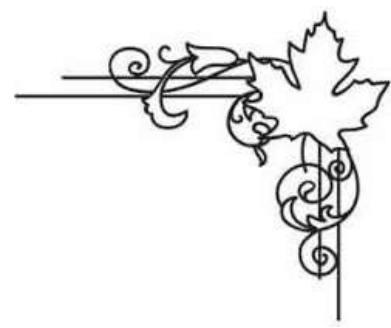
*People:* ***And also with you.***

*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**      O for a thousand tongues to sing      Hymnal, #493

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 **THE SENDING HYMN**

Praise to the Lord

Hymnal, #390

## THE DISMISSAL

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