

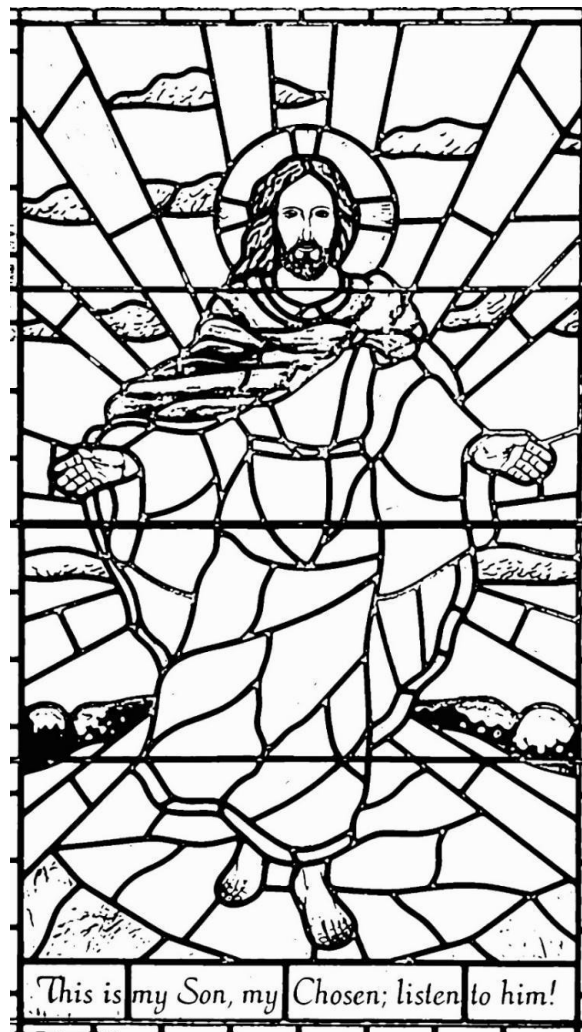
The Episcopal Church *of the* Transfiguration

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 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** *Christ, whose glory fills the skies*

Hymnal, #7

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. 236

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Said together:

PRAYER FOR THE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

BCP, pg. 827

Almighty God, in making us stewards over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people may be seated.

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THE READINGS

(see the insert)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF MALACHI

4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

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

PSALM 98

Cantate Domino

BCP, pg. 727-8

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

21:5-19

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, YEAR C

The building stones of this age are passing away, but Christ the cornerstone is our eternal gift. In this truth, we offer our prayers, responding, "Hear our prayer."

That the Incarnate Word may break through our complacency and open our eyes to the power of truth, giving us courage to draw others into the faith we claim; Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the Church, that she may remain strong in the faith, not swayed by the words and whims of self-proclaimed prophets and teachers, but rooted in holy scripture, the sacraments of grace, and the tradition of our ancestors; Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the foster-care system, that it may provide loving and attentive parents for children in their charge, so that many may be moved to become families for those who so desperately seek a home; Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those addicted to alcohol, food, pornography, drugs, or another obsessive and unhealthy focus in their lives, that they may confront their problems, seek help, and know of God's constant presence on their road to new life; 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 those who have lived and died in Christ may share in his eternal kingdom; Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let us continue our prayers in the strong conviction that everything is possible in Christ.

In our parish cycle of prayer, we 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.

We give thanks for those who have donated to the gift certificates for Thanksgiving meals for those who are served by LINC. May these gift certificates provide not only food for the bodies but also hope and love for the souls of those who receive them.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the people and ministry of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Webster Groves; Valori, their Rector; Susanna, their Associate Priest; Warren, Paul, and Mandi, their Priest Affiliates; and Jerre their Deacon.

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Centro Diocesano.

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, Teresa, Regina, Penny, Bob, Carolyn, Ruth, Janet, Rosemary, Christina, Betty, Shirley, and Kathy.**

We give thanks for birthdays: Jan Munro, Lu-Anne Conner, and Dani Taliaferro.

Altar flowers for today are given by Jefferey Spivey in honor of Jay Garcia's birthday.

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** Lord of all hopefulness Hymnal, #482

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**

Thou, whose almighty word

Hymnal, #371

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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