

The Episcopal Church *of the* Transfiguration

The First Sunday after Christmas Day
Sunday, December 28, 2025
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 II

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN

Angels from the realms of glory

Hymnal, #93

Please rise in body or in spirit. The Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

BCP, pg. 355

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

O come, let us adore him

1 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
2 We'll praise his name for - e - ver, we'll praise his name for -
4 For he a - lone is wort - hy, for he a - lone is

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.
e - ver, we'll praise his name for - e - ver, Christ the Lord.
wort - hy, for he a - lone is wort - hy, Christ the Lord.

Hymnary.org

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, pg. 213

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE READINGS

The people may be seated.

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:13-21

Laudate Dominum

BCP, pg. 805

- 13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians

3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through 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 John

1:1-18

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

***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 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Let us pray to God who has given us the revelation of divine grace and truth through the birth of Jesus, the Messiah, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."

For hearts and minds open to accepting God's gift of the Word, allowing the light of Christ to enkindle our hearts with love, and to bear its message to one another; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For faith, that the garments of salvation and righteousness may clothe us, and bring to our outward actions the inner workings of God's joy in our lives; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of our country and our state, that the light of Christ may illumine their hearts, empowering them to boldly proclaim the truth without fear or deception; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the victims of war, political upheaval, and economic uncertainty, that we may not forget their needs but continually seek ways to offer the assistance that Christ would have us bring; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are limited by illness, living with the uncertainty of debilitating diseases or the darkness of mental despair, that they may continue to call upon the hope of God; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died and for all who are lonely or grieving, that they may remain close to the heart of the Risen One, whose presence knows no end; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church as we move toward the challenges of the future, that we rejoice in the faith of our ancestors and in the ever-present support of our sisters and brothers in this household; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For each of us, that as we enjoy the material blessings of this season, the light and love of Jesus may continually transform us into a gathered people through whom the Word of God is revealed; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Standing in the midst of the true light that shines upon the face of the universe, let us continue our prayers.

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 the people and ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church in Kirksville and Carol and Maria, their Co-Transition Pastors.

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Hogar Saint Mary.

We pray for those on our prayer list: ***Karen, Joey, John, Maureen, Kathy, Kensie, Karen, 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, Kathy, Roger, John, Sandra, Margene, Kathy, Stephen, Mary, David, Sherry, Jack, Susan, Mary, and Tracy.***

We give thanks for birthdays: Joel Allsop and Ginny Steinmeyer, and anniversaries: Ron & Louise Howden.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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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.**

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Creator of the stars of night

Hymnal, #60

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Tune: Old 100th

**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.**

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **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.

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 *(said by all)*

After Communion, 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 BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Joy to the world

Hymnal, #100

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Christmas Poinsettias are given by

Lu-Anne Conner & Kate McCormick, in memory of their parents

Louise & Ron Howden, in thanksgiving of family

Carole Connors, in memory of Fred Allsop

Joel Allsop, in memory of Diane Palagi

Sandy Taliaferro, in thanksgiving of family

Mary Ellen Antonio, in memory of John Antonio

Jan Trendley, in memory of Chuck Trendley

The Spivey-Garcias, in thanksgiving for the church

Jan Munro, in memory of Bobby Martini

Mary George, in memory of Bill George, Della Rackhaus,

John Rackhaus, Jim & Verna George, and Dottie Kaplet

In loving memory of Alice Foster from her children and grandchildren

The First Sunday after Christmas

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Lector	Hope Schaeffer
Acolyte	Rich Moody
Chalice Bearer	Rich Moody
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