

# The Episcopal Church *of the* Transfiguration

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 8, 2026

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.

Welcome to the Season of the Epiphany at Transfiguration Church!

Epiphany is a season in which God's glory is revealed to us in the scriptures assigned for each Sunday. We are given signs in the scriptures that proclaim God's glory as revealed in the life of Jesus of Nazareth. Come join us as we discover anew the glory of God in the world around us, and within each of us!

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

### THE GATHERING HYMN

*God is here!*

Renew #5

### THE WORD OF GOD

*Please rise in body or in spirit. The Celebrant says*

BCP, pg. 355

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

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

*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.**

### 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, p. 216

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE READINGS

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back!

    Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
    to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me  
    and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
    and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,  
    they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
    Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
    and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
    and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today  
    will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,  
    a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
    and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,  
    a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose:  
    to loose the bonds of injustice,  
    to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
    and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
    and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
    and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
    and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
    the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
    you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

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

## PSALM 112

*Beatus vir*

BCP, pg. 755

- 1 Hallelujah!  
    Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
        and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
        the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
        and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
        the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
        and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
        the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
        their heart is right;  
        they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
        until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
the desires of the wicked will perish.

**A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS**

2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by 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 Matthew      5:13-20  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

*After the Gospel the Celebrant says*

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*People      Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*The Annual Meeting will serve as our Sermon this morning. The Nicene Creed, Confession, and Absolution are also omitted.*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

In the offering of our prayers, let us draw upon God’s holy and life-giving waters to refresh our hearts, responding, “Hear us, God of Glory.”

For the courage to live with integrity, that what is visible in our outward actions reveals the Holy Spirit of God residing within our souls; let us pray.

***Hear us, God of Glory.***

That we may discover the light that is within us, placing it upon the lamp stands of the world, offering a way of hope for those who live under the burden of poverty, abuse, oppression, and degradation of every kind; let us pray.

***Hear us, God of Glory.***

That the commandments of God may be the pathways upon which we walk, acknowledging their wisdom and fashioning our lives after their challenges, that through them the whole community of God’s people may prosper and live in mutual trust and goodness; let us pray.

***Hear us, God of Glory.***

That the leaders of the Church may be strengthened by the crosses they are called to bear, the burdens of petty concerns and the weight of serious discord, all in the Name of Christ, whose cross leads the faithful to a risen life; let us pray.

***Hear us, God of Glory.***

For those in positions of public trust, that they may have a vision of the global good over political gain, and the welfare of the whole over the special interests of the few; let us pray.

***Hear us, God of Glory.***

In thanksgiving for those whose lives enriched our own, and who now live in the communion of saints, in whose company we may one day reside; let us pray.

***Hear us, God of Glory.***

From the depths of weakness and trembling that live in every human heart, let us continue our prayers and thanksgivings.

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.

We also pray for those who serve the students of Wright City Schools through Care to Learn and the students who benefit from this program. May the compassion offered and experienced overflow into the classrooms for the benefit of all.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the people and ministry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Portland and Jessica, their Priest-in-Charge.

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Community of Deacons San Lorenzo.

We pray for those on our prayer list: ***Karen, Joey, John, Maureen, Kathy, Kensie, Karen, Peggy, Laura, Barb, Bill, Papa, Lisa, Virginia, Kathleen, Lisa, Brad, Patrick Elizabeth, William, Steve, Jerry, Toni, Megan & John, Dillon, Regina, Penny, Janet, Christina, Kathy, Roger, John, Sandra, Margene, Kathy, Stephen, Mary, David, Sherry, Sue, Mary, Tracy, Ray, Desirée, Malcolm, Pam, Bill, and Rachel.***

Are there others?

*after a moment of silence, the Leader continues:*

We give thanks for birthdays: Russ Price and Rachel Rueweler.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

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## **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

Be thou my vision

Hymnal, #488

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.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP, pg. 367

*Please rise in body or in spirit. The Celebrant says*

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 all 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)**

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*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 ANNUAL MEETING**

## **THE EPIPHANY BLESSING**

*Celebrant* May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **THE EPIPHANY DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

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