

The Episcopal Church *of the* Transfiguration

EASTER DAY
SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026
10:00 AM



fabric sculpture by parishioner Susan McMillan

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.

What's so special about the Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday Service?

Holy Week culminates in the feast of Easter, the keystone feast of our faith. Throughout Holy Week we focused on different parts of what is called “the Paschal mystery.” “Paschal” means “referring to the Passover”; in Aramaic, Greek, and Latin, “Pascha” is the term for what we call Easter. “Mystery,” in this term, doesn’t refer to something to be solved or that is completely unknowable, but to a profound truth that God reveals and we can’t fully comprehend. Yet, through grace, we live into and participate in it, especially through the sacraments. The Paschal mystery refers to Jesus’ death and resurrection, the mystery that is central to Christianity.

The term “Paschal mystery” helps us contemplate the historical, theological, and practical aspects of our faith. These three parts of our faith are woven together in the liturgy of the Easter Vigil through the interweaving of three passovers: (1) the delivery of the Hebrew people from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised land which Christians have traditionally read as a foreshadowing of (2) Jesus’s passing over from death to life which is the means by which (3) we pass over from slavery to sin and death to new and eternal life in Christ Jesus through baptism.

In every Sunday Eucharist we proclaim the Paschal mystery of our faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. It is to the Easter Eucharist that we are referring when we respond with “Therefore let us keep the feast” to “Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.”

~ Sr Donna Ruth Hawk-Reinhard, AF

THE WORD OF GOD

THE GATHERING HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today

Hymnal, #207

Please rise in body or in spirit. The Celebrant says

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

BCP, pg. 355

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Hymnal, #460

(first verse only)

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
1 scap - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

I songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 I might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 I na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, pg. 222

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

Confitemini Domino

BCP, pg. 760-2

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.

- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
 he who is righteous may enter."
 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
 and have become my salvation.
 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
 has become the chief cornerstone.
 23 This is the LORD's doing, *
 and it is marvelous in our eyes.
 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
 we will rejoice and be glad in it.

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS

3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise in body or in spirit for the reading of the Gospel.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 28:1-10

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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 RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Please rise in body or in spirit. The Celebrant addresses the people:

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People ***I do.***

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.***

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People ***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.***

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People ***Amen.***

When the Renewal of Baptismal Vows is said, the Nicene Creed and Confession are omitted.

The Prayers of the People for Easter Day

Leader: Christ has burst through the tomb of death, victorious over its power, revealing the triumph of light over every darkness. In thanksgiving, we offer our prayers, responding, "Hear us, O risen Christ."

In thanksgiving for the resurrection of Jesus, who empties our spiritual tombs and reveals the way to abundant life; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

For the leaders of the nations, especially Donald, our President, that they may guide the world to a greater fulfillment of its quest for freedom, justice, and peace; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

For the innocent in troubled places and wherever strife stifles harmony, remembering especially all who suffer because of violence; that the actions of the global community may free all who are suffering or imprisoned unjustly; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

For the Church, for the bishops throughout our Anglican Communion, and especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Deon, Bishop of our diocese; and for each of us, that we may embrace the mystery of the Pascha, and give witness to the living Christ in our midst; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, those who have left us an inheritance of God's blessings, and who now join in the chorus of angels and the saints in paradise, let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

In thanksgiving for all who have gathered here today to share in this Holy Eucharist, that we may each be changed by the message of new life, and the Food of eternal hope, growing richly and fully into the forgiving compassion of Jesus; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Christ, our Morning Star, shine in us and through us as we continue our prayer.

In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for those who receive supplies through LINC. Bless us as we shop for towels and washcloths this month and bless those who collect and transport these items. May our offerings of towels and washcloths this month 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. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Creve Coeur; Meghan, their Rector; and Dayna, their Deacon.

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Pastoral Universitariaz.

We pray for those on our parish 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, Stephen, Mary, David, Sherry, Sue, Mary, Tracy, Ray, Desirée, Malcolm, Pam, Rachel, Dot, Carolyn, Todd, and Sheridan.**

Are there others?

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.**

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.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord!* Hymnal, #178

THE DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow* (tune: Old Hundredth)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C - Dialogic

Please rise in body or in spirit. The Celebrant says

Celebrant God 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.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; 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 blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your 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 eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening 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:

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, Jesus 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 you and 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 Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, 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 Savior.

Sanctify us also, and 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.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; 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.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, 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.

This is Christ's table; 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.

THE COMMUNION HYMN

Morning has broken

Hymnal, #8

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 Easter Blessing

THE EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Hymnal, #174

THE DISMISSAL

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

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



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

Jan Trendley, in memory of Chuck Trendley

Mary Ellen Antonio, in memory of her husband, John Antonio

Jan Munro, in memory of Fred Moog

Sandy Taliaferro, in thanksgiving for family

Norm & Pam Fadler, in thanksgiving for their families

Ron & Louise Howden, in thanksgiving for family

Roxane Jablonski, in thanksgiving for family

Jeanette Hollmann, in memory of her parents, Doris & Mel Price

Mary George, in memory of Bill George and Della Rackhaus

Carole Conners, in memory of family

Dot Weimer, in thanksgiving for family

Easter Day
Sunday, April 5, 2026
Today's Ministers of Worship

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Lu-Anne Conner
Lay Minister of the Day	Mike Ten Clay
Usher	Richard Schroeder
Lector	Jefferey Spivey
Acolyte	Kaleb Spivey-Garcia
Chalice Bearer	Mary Ellen Antonio
Musician	Jackie Goen
Altar Guild	Louise Howden Hope Schaeffer Jan Trendley
Coffee Hour	Roxanne Jablonski Kate McCormick
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