The Episcopal Church *of the* Transfiguration

Holy Eucharist
for the First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 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.

Dear Friends,

Advent is a time of watching and waiting for the birth of Jesus Christ into the world. We are reminded of his first coming in Bethlehem, and of his final coming when he shall judge the world with righteousness and mercy. We also remember that Jesus dwells with us in all our todays and tomorrows. Come, Lord Jesus!

Faithfully yours,
The Rev. Lu-Anne Conner

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Gathering Hymn *Thy kingdom come!* Hymnal, #615

The Word of God

The Preparation

Please rise in body or in spirit. The Celebrant says

Celebrant Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God!***
Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, we come together in the midst of a busy season to take a breath: to slow down as we remember Jesus' coming to dwell among us, to recognize Jesus' presence with and among us now, and to anticipate Jesus' coming again in glory. We are invited for a time to breathe in together the life that God gives us, and to listen to the beating of God's heart. Let us take a few moments of silence to rest in God's presence.

A prolonged silence is kept.

Celebrant May Christ fill our parish, our homes, and our hearts with his peace this Advent season as we journey deeper into the mystery of God's amazing love for the world. ***Amen***.

The Greeting

Celebrant Blessed be the Holy One whose coming we await,
People ***And blessed be the One who comes to set all people free. Amen.***

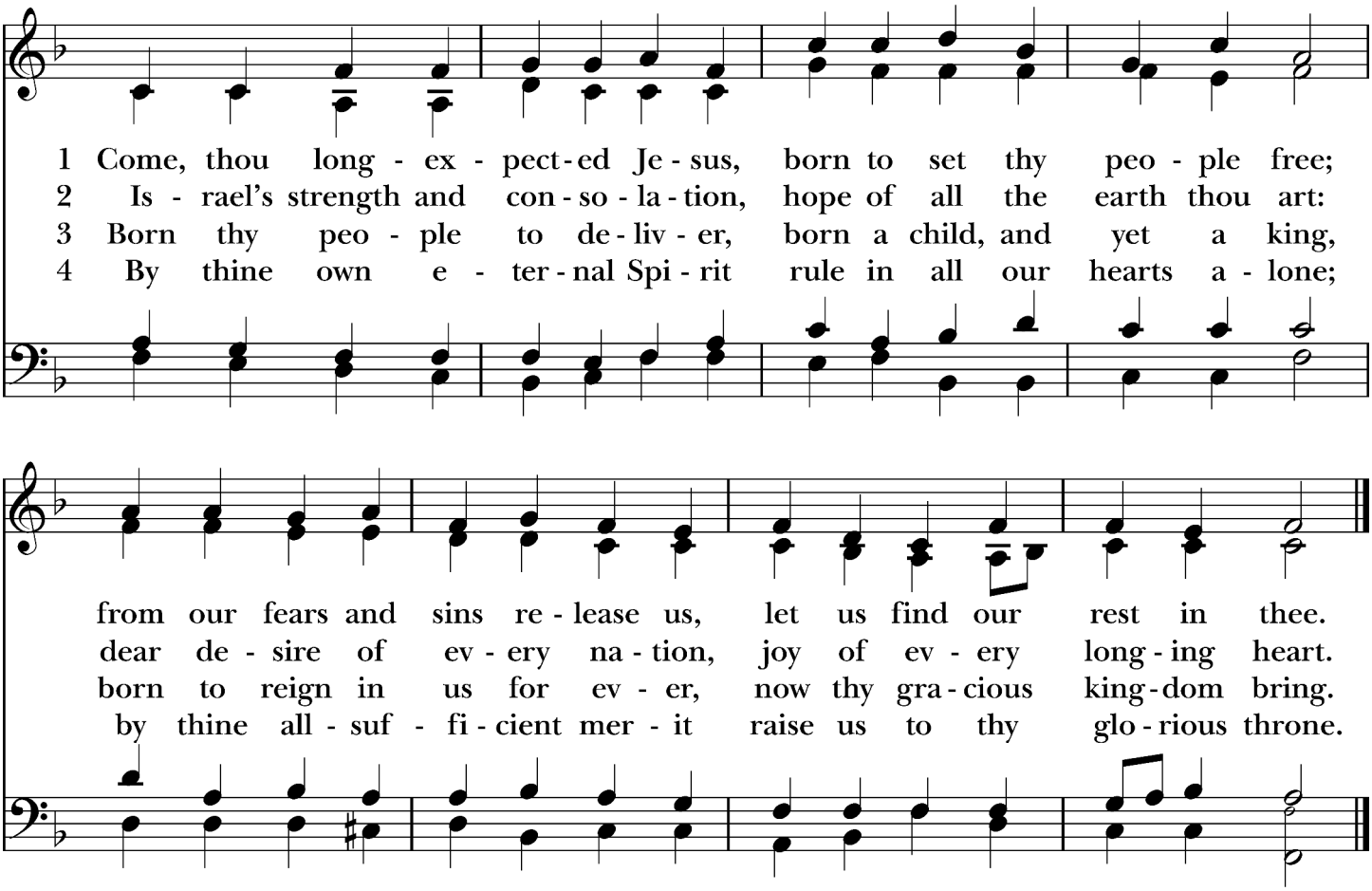
Then may be added

Celebrant In the tender compassion of our God
People ***The dawn from on high shall break upon us,***
Celebrant To shine on those who dwell in the shadow of death,
People ***To guide our feet into the way of peace.***

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 *Come thou long expected Jesus* Hymnal, #66



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY WITH THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

BCP, pg. 211

As the Celebrant reads the Collect of the Day, the Advent Wreath Candles for the day are lighted

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen***.

Celebrant O Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, give us that love which can never cease, the love that will kindle our lamps so that they may burn in us and give light to others.

People ***Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light.***

The Readings

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

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

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18 *Qui regis Israel* BCP, pages 702-3

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Mark 13:24-37
People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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 Advent

Leader O God whose Messiah's coming we await, keep us awake and alert to watch for the signs of your coming, responding to each petition by saying "Shine in our hearts."

Keep us awake and alert to our humble calling to be the church of Christ in the world. Empower all bishops, priests and deacons to proclaim justice and truth as they care for your holy people, especially Sean our Presiding Bishop, Deon our bishop, and Lu-Anne our rector.
Christ our hope;

People ***Shine in our hearts.***

Leader Keep us awake and alert to the needs and wants of the nations of the world. Enlighten the leaders of the nations to attend to the needs of the lowest and the least, the last and the left-out, that justice and peace may be our strength and equity our common good.
Christ our hope;

People ***Shine in our hearts.***

Leader Keep us awake and alert to the needs of the sick and suffering. Embolden our love that we may care with compassion for those in need. Give them to know of the healing care of Jesus. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: ***Karen, Joey, John, Kathy, Kensie, Karen, Peggy, Virginia, Kathleen, Jerry, Toni, Megan & John, Stephen, Sue, Mary, Ray, Desirée, Rachel, Carolyn, Carole, David, June, Hector, Jennifer, Jerri, Rick, Pam, Diane, James, Patrick Elizabeth, Don, John, Derrick, Sarah, Matt, Tammy, Linda, Kathy, Sandy, Lisa, Joan, Kathy, Joann, Tom, Scott, and Don.***

Are there others?

Silence is kept for a time.

Christ our hope;

People ***Shine in our hearts.***

Leader Keep us awake and alert to the needs of friends and strangers. Energize this community of faith to reach out with compassion to transform our neighborhoods and communities to reflect the beloved community of peace.
Christ our hope;

People ***Shine in our hearts.***

Leader Keep us awake and alert to those who mourn, those who grieve and those who are despondent or depressed. Enable us to be Christ's hands of healing and wholeness that we may be agents of comfort and hope.
Christ our hope;

People ***Shine in our hearts.***

Leader Keep us awake and alert to the shortness of our time. Enfold those who have ended their course on earth and have joined the martyrs and saints in the region of light. May we, in our own time, come to the joys of your eternal reign.
Christ our hope;

People ***Shine in our hearts.***

Leader 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 St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Portland and Susan, their clergy.

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Ponce.

We give thanks for birthdays: Mary Ellen Antonio and Carolyn Daniels.

The Celebrant offers a concluding prayer.

Celebrant Shine forth O God of Hosts, encourage, embolden and energize your people to keep awake and alert to the coming of Jesus the Christ, that he, when he comes again in glory, may find us already serving those in need; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Confession and Absolution

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 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 *Blest be the King whose coming* Hymnal, **#74**

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

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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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)*

BCP, pg. 366

Please rise in body or in spirit.

The Celebrant says: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Advent Blessing

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; 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 *The Lord will come and not be slow* Hymnal, #462

Advent Dismissal

Celebrant As we await our coming Savior, go in peace to shine as Christ's presence in the world.

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



Ministers of Worship

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Lay Minister of the Day	Ed Jones
Usher	Greg Barnett
Lector	Hope Schaeffer
Acolyte	Pam Fadler
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Musician	Jackie Goen
Altar Guild	Margaret Chopra Louise Howden
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