# The Episcopal Church *of the* Transfiguration

## The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
## November 8, 2026
## 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, Enriching Our Worship

**The Gathering Hymn** *Rejoice! Rejoice, believers* Hymnal, #68

## The Word of God

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*The Officiant says* Ps 118:24

This is the day the Lord has made.

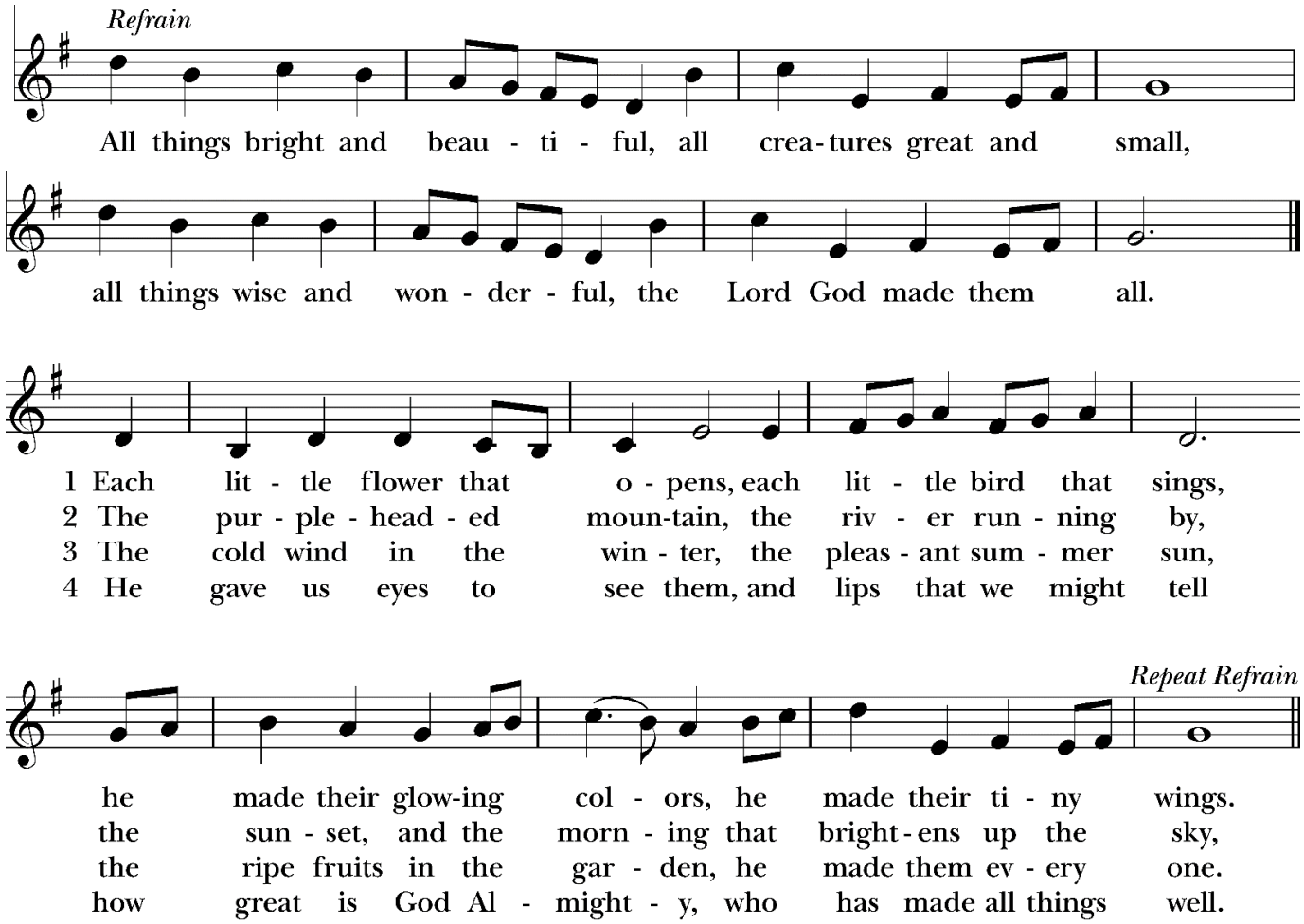
*People* ***Let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

*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.***

**THE SONG OF PRAISE** *All things bright and beautiful* Hymnal, #405

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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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

*Said together:*

**PRAYER FOR HEROIC SERVICE** BCP, pg. 839

***O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the people of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this***

***land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*The people may be seated.*

**THE READINGS**

**A READING FROM THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON** 6:12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

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

**PSALM 70** *Deus, in adjutorium* BCP, pg. 682

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O LORD, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the Lord!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.

**A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians** 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*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 25:1-13
*People* ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

*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-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Let us rise from our spiritual complacency and offer our prayers to God, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."

That our local and federal judges may have the wisdom of the prophet Deborah, whose strength was revealed in passing judgment for condemnation when necessary and for growth when warranted; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That we may clothe each other with faith and love, hope and salvation, encouraging one another in discipleship and building up one another for the growth of Christ's Body, the Church; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That we may expose our gifts to the light of day, using them as instruments of salvation for those who live on the margins of society, and for those who, though rich, have an emptiness too painful to expose; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Keep us ever watchful for your face shining through the faces of the poor and downtrodden, the wait staff and the salesperson, the toll collector and the crossing guard, lest that in missing them we may not see you; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Place your wisdom in the heart and mind of our President and Governor, that the decisions they make this year may bring righteousness and justice to all peoples everywhere; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Inspire us with a sense of urgency, that we may relate to others the joy of a Christ-centered life, welcoming others into our fold, and showing increase in the household of faith; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

In thanksgiving for those who have served in the armed forces, defending our country in times of war, and ensuring peace in places where there is instability; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

In thanksgiving for those who have died, especially during military service, may they and all the faithful departed live with the Lord forever; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

As we await the coming of the Bridegroom, let us be attentive through the continuation of our prayers.

In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for those who receive supplies through LINC. Bless us as we shop for toilet paper this month and bless those who collect and

transport these items. May our offerings of toilet paper this month be a blessing of love and compassion to our neighbors.

And we 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 our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the people and ministry of Christ Episcopal Church in Cape Girardeau and for Carol, their Deacon-in-Charge.

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for the Center of Behavioral Health.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: ***Karen, Joey, John, Kathy, Kensie, Karen, Peggy, Virginia, Kathleen, Jerry, Toni, Megan & John, Dillon, 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?***

We give thanks for birthdays: Amelia Rogers and Paul Godt.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

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**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** *O for a thousand tongues to sing* *Hymnal, #493*

*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** *(see the insert)*

**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 1** *EOW*, pg 57-59

*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.***
*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.
Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

*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*

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image
in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
and so we violated your creation,
abused one another,
and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets
to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, 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.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died.***
***Christ is risen.***
***Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*
Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.
Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ’s Body in the world.
Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your children,
that with all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. ***AMEN***.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

*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

*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.***

The Gifts of God for the People of God. *The Celebrant may add:* 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** *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*

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.***

**SENDING HYMN** *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* *Hymnal, #690*

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into all creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

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