

# The Episcopal Church *of the* Transfiguration

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2024  
8:00 & 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.

*Masks are welcome!*

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:00 am **THE GATHERING HYMN**

*Let all things now living*

Renew, #48

### THE WORD OF GOD

*Please rise in body or in spirit. The celebrant invites the people to a few moments of intentional breathing.*

*The Officiant says*

Ps 118:24

This is the day the Creator 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.*

8:00 am **Glory to God**

BCP, pg. 356

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,*

*we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:*

*have mercy on us:*


*you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,*


Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

10:00 am **THE SONG OF PRAISE** *All things bright and beautiful* Hymnal, #405


*Refrain*



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,  
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,  
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,  
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.  
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,  
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.  
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

*Repeat Refrain*

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, pg. 234

*Officiant* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Said together:*

**PRAYER FOR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S CREATION**

BCP, pg. 827

***Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that we, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*The people may be seated.*

THE READINGS

**A READING FROM THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON**

1:16-2:1, 12-22

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;  
considering him a friend, they pined away  
and made a covenant with him,  
because they are fit to belong to his company.

For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,  
“**Short** and sorrowful is our life,  
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,  
and no one has been known to return from Hades.

Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,  
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;  
he reproaches us for sins against the law,  
and accuses us of sins against our training.

He professes to have knowledge of God,  
and calls himself a child of the Lord.

He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;  
the very sight of him is a burden to us,  
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,  
and his ways are strange.

We are considered by him as something base,  
and he avoids our ways as unclean;  
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,  
and boasts that God is his father.

Let us see if his words are true,  
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;

for if the righteous man is **God's** child, he will help him,  
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.

Let us test him with insult and torture,  
so that we may find out how gentle he is,  
and make trial of his forbearance.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death,  
for, according to what he says, he will be **protected.**"

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,  
for their wickedness blinded them,  
and they did not know the secret purposes of God,  
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,  
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

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

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 54**

*Deus, in nomine*

BCP, pg. 659-660

- 1     Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  
        in your might, defend my cause.
- 2     Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
        give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3     For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
        and the ruthless have sought my life, \*  
        those who have no regard for God.
- 4     Behold, God is my helper; \*  
        it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5     Render evil to those who spy on me; \*  
        in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6     I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*  
        and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7     For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*  
        and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES**

3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in

your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

*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 9:30-37

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

*After the Gospel the Celebrant says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.*

*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 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, YEAR B**

We gather in prayer, offering our thanks to God whose transforming love sets our hearts on the path to everlasting joy, as we respond to each petition by saying, “Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.”

In thanksgiving for the peacemakers who sow seeds of reconciliation throughout the world, and who wait with faithful patience for the harvest to appear; for this we pray.  
*Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.*

That we may embrace our children with God’s unconditional love, and receive from them the freshness of word and spirit that enlivens the community of faith; for this we pray.  
*Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.*

That our seminaries may prosper as they begin a new year of forming priests, religious educators, missionaries, evangelists, and those who desire to be formed in the rigors of a theological education; for this we pray.  
*Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.*

That a spirit of simplicity may prevail throughout our culture, leading to changes in our use of financial resources, the purchase of goods and services, and a responsible use of natural resources; for this we pray.  
*Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.*

That we may put aside actions that speak of envy and self-ambition, and embrace virtues that honor the presence of God in every person; for this we pray.  
*Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.*

That the eternal Christ will welcome into the arms of his mercy all who have died unloved and un-mourned, without family or friends; for this we pray.  
*Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.*

With the intention to follow the path of a holy life, we continue our prayers.

In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for those whom we serve at Highlander Laundromat 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.



In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Vincent's-in-the-Vineyard Episcopal Church in Ste. Genevieve and Warren, their priest. In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for San José Helped Parish in San Juan.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: *Karen, Joey, John, Maureen, Alice, Kyle, Kathy, Ray, Kensie, Mary, Janet, Fred, Annie, Karen, Fred, Becky, Lorna, Steve, Emily, Maria, Peggy, Charlene, Laura, Barb, Bill, Bill, Leah, Robert, David, Byron, Lisa, Molly, Carolyn, Kaitlyn, Ashley, Ben, Jack, Virginia, Russ, Nancy, Mindy, Sherry, Kathleen, Regina, Deb, David, and Sarah.*

Altar flowers for today are given by Carole Connors in memory of Fred Allsop.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **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

*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.*

10:00 am **THE OFFERTORY HYMN**

*Here I am Lord*

Renew, #149

8:00 am

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord

*People* *And of thine own have we given thee.*

10:00 am 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 C**

BCP, pg. 369

*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.*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
*Glory to you forever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: 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 gave us hearts and minds to love and serve you. You made us the stewards of 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 only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open 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:

*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*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, 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 Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he 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, he 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 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 his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; 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. 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.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, 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.

*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.*

10:00 am **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.

*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*

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.*

10:00 am **THE SENDING HYMN**

*To God be the glory*

Renew, #258

The Dismissal

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

*People* Thanks be to God.