

# The Episcopal Church *of the* Transfiguration

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 19, 2025

8:00 AM AND 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. Our forum series will help us dig deeper into the scriptures to find out what they say about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and ourselves. Let us wonder together as we consider how God is speaking to us through Word and Sacrament.

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:00 am **THE GATHERING HYMN**

*Sing a new song to the Lord*

Renew, #113

### 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.**

8:00 a.m. **CANTICLE: THE THIRD SONG OF ISAIAH**

BCP, pg.87-88

**Arise, shine, for your light has come, \***

**and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.**

**For behold, darkness covers the land; \***

**deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.**

**But over you the Lord will rise, \***

**and his glory will appear upon you.**

**Nations will stream to your light, \***

**and kings to the brightness of your dawning.**

**Your gates will always be open; \***

**by day or night they will never be shut.**

**They will call you, The City of the Lord, \***

**The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**

**Violence will no more be heard in your land, \***

**ruin or destruction within your borders.**

**You will call your walls, Salvation, \***

**and all your portals, Praise.**

**The sun will no more be your light by day; \***

**by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.**

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, pg. 215

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people may be seated.*

**THE READINGS**

**A Reading from the Book of Isaiah**

62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
 and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the Lord delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

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

**Psalm 36:5-10**

*Dixit injustus*

BCP, pg. 632

- 5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, \*  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep; \*  
you save both man and beast, O Lord.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! \*  
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; \*  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life, \*  
and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \*  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

**A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

*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 John

2:1-11

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests

have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*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 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD, YEAR C**

May the Divine Word be so knit together with the intentions of our hearts that God will call us “delight” and crown us with beauty as we offer our prayers, responding, “Hear us, God of glory.”

Illumine the Church with your light, O Christ, that we may honor the gifts which you have bestowed upon our sisters and brothers, knowing that through them you offer your blessings to all people on earth; for this we pray.

***Hear us, God of glory.***

Grant us gratitude to accept the treasures which you have placed within our hearts, and the generosity to use them in bringing to birth your eternal promises; for this we pray.

***Hear us, God of glory.***

By the power of your Holy Spirit, silence the weapons of destruction which tear the fabric of social justice and devastate the dignity of human life, and let the rivers of peace flow upon the peoples of the earth; for this we pray.

***Hear us, God of glory.***

Purify us from prejudice, convert our perilous thoughts, lest in denigrating any of your beloved we reject your Christ; for this we pray.

***Hear us, God of glory.***

Visit all whose hearts ache with loss, shame, anger, rejection, abuse, hunger, betrayal, and all the other roads to despair upon which your Son set his redeeming feet on the path of this earthly life; for this we pray.

***Hear us, God of glory.***



Grant us the ability to wed our prayers to action, join our concerns to personal commitment, and accept within our souls the marriage of God's grace with the frailty of human nature, that we may drink deep from the wine of Jesus' salvation and pass the cup of his love to others; for this we pray.

***Hear us, God of glory.***

Open the gates of paradise to all who have worshiped and obeyed you to the end, remembering especially Mary Ruth who died this past Monday; for this we pray.

***Hear us, God of glory.***

May God's glory continually be revealed through our prayers and thanksgivings.

In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for those who host and serve our guests at Third Tuesday this week and for all who come to be fed with lunch and fellowship. May all who participate in Third Tuesday be blessed to be a blessing to each other and take your love out into the world with them.

We also 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 the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the people and ministry Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Webster Groves; Valori, their Priest-in-Charge; Sujanna, their Associate Priest; Warren, Paul and Mandi, their Priest Affiliates; and Jerre their Deacon. In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for The Episcopal Cathedral School.

We pray for those on our prayer list: ***Karen, Joey, John, Maureen, Alice, Kyle, Kathy, Ray, Kensie, Janet, Fred, Annie, Karen, Fred, Becky, Lorna, Steve, Emily, Peggy, Charlene, Laura, Barb, Bill, Bill, David, Papa, Molly, Carolyn, Kaitlyn, Ashley, Ben, Jack, Virginia, Russ, Mindy, Sherry, Kathleen, Regina, Deb, Sarah, Lisa, Brad, Patrick Elizabeth, Benny, Keith, Roma, William, Steve, Mary, Betsy, Dani, Jackie, Cassandra Grace, John Brendan, and Dana.***

Are there others?

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

We give thanks for birthdays: Louise Howden, Tammy Wasem, and Rosemary Bagin.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

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## CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, pg. 360

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and people*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name.  
**Amen****

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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.*

10:00 am **THE OFFERTORY HYMN**      *There's a spirit in the air*      Renew, #282

8:00 a.m.

*Celebrant*      All things come of thee, O Lord

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

10:00 a.m. **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,

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*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 a.m. **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 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!

*People* ***Thanks be to God!***

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