

Readings and Music for

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, July 26, 2026

Flowers given by the Farrows in memory of Robert Richards & John Roth.

Proclamation

“God of Grace, and God of Glory”

H594

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5-12

A reading from the first Book of Kings:

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him,
“Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life
or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself
understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word.
Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been
before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

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

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

Psalm 119:129-136

We will read the Psalm responsively, with the people reading the verses in bold.

- 129 Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- 130 When your word goes forth it gives light; ***
it gives understanding to the simple.
- 131 I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.
- 132 Turn to me in mercy, ***
as you always do to those who love your Name.
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, ***
and I will keep your commandments.
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of tears, ***
because people do not keep your law.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence

Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
I'll be a liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for you.

TEXT: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982
MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982; arr. Nylea L. Butler-Moore

SANCTUARY
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Verse 2:

It is you, Lord
Who came to save
The heart and soul
Of every man
It is you Lord
Who knows my weakness
Who gives me strength,
With thine own hand.

Verse 3:

Lead Me on Lord
From temptation
Purify me
From within
Fill my heart with
Your holy spirit
Take away
All my sin

Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Offertory “Be Thou My Vision, Oh Lord of My Heart” *H488*

Communion “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God” *H711*

Recessional “Thy Kingdom Come! On Bended Knee” *H615*

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE REMAIN ON OUR PERMANENT PRAYER LIST AS THEIR NEED FOR PRAYER IS LONG-TERM RATHER THAN ACUTE: Don, Roberta, Marilyn, Jim, Mary, Emily, Chelsea, Bob, Mark, Michael, John, Bob, Billy, Laura, Cindy, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Chuck, Nancy, Mike, Tom, Betty, Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl, Patricia.

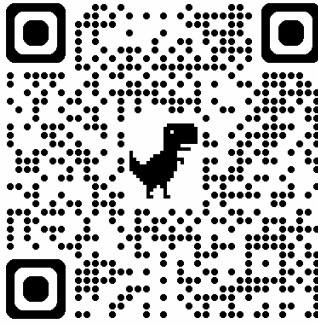
This week at Transfiguration:

<i>Today</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>	<i>Church/FB</i>	<i>10:00am</i>
	<i>Coffee Hour hosted by the Fabers</i>		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Summer Faith Formation Series** - Join us for a discussion on some fascinating YouTube videos about church topics that span from the medieval to the recent and learn what newcomers to the Episcopal Church ask about when they visit one of our parishes. Sessions will be over Zoom from 6:00PM - 7:30PM on August 12, and August 26. You can sign up by emailing Jason Elliott at jasonagelliott@gmail.com or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex at church. Even if you can't join all (or even any!) of the sessions, if you're interested in the subject, you're encouraged to add your name and get the links to the videos and Reddit discussions. The links will be sent out a few days before the first session. You can watch beforehand or wait till the Zoom session to experience them together.
- **Pedalpalooza** – Mark your calendars. On August 8th, we are hosting our second annual community festival and bike ride in memory of Barb Barnes. This event was a tremendous success last year, and we look forward to making it even better this year. There will be a 25 mile bike ride at 8:30AM and a 5 mile ride at 10AM. The festival itself will be from 10AM to 2PM and will feature crafts, games, balloon art, food trucks, and more. One of our big goals is to get the word out to the community about this event, so please, invite friends and neighbors. Lastly, we will need volunteers to help on the day of the event. If you are interested in helping, there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.
- **SWIFT Picnic** - The Southwest Interfaith Team is hosting a picnic at Peace Memorial on August 9th from 2PM-5PM. This is a great opportunity to develop relationships with other local churches and communities of different faiths. Consider attending and representing Transfiguration at this event. Please, put your name on the sign-up in the foyer if you plan to attend.

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