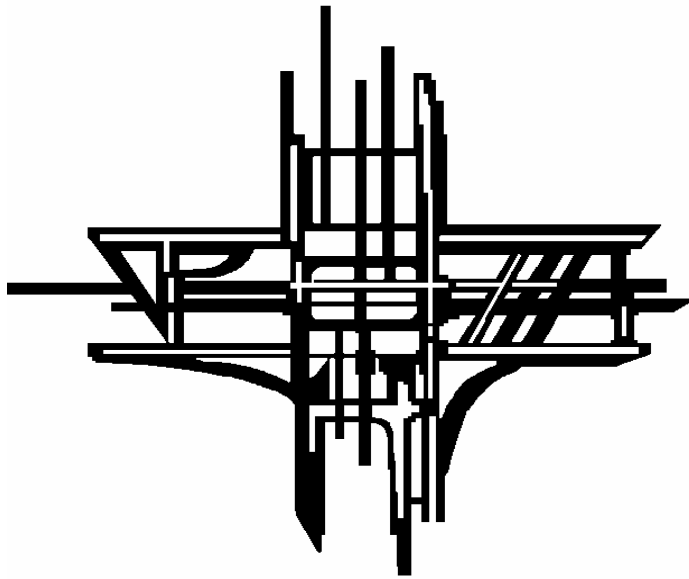


# **Church of the Transfiguration**

**A community praising God,  
Growing in Christ, and  
Joyfully serving others.**



**Easter Sunday  
April 5, 2026**

## **Easter Flowers**

*Thank you to everyone who gave towards our lovely Easter flowers.*

*Diann Durbin in memory of Gene Durbin and in thanksgiving for  
Elizabeth Durbin*

*Margaret and Ray Lehner in thanksgiving for their grandchildren,  
George, Ethan, Grace, Pierce, Aubrey, and Autumn*

*Pat Jonikaitis in thanksgiving*

*Linda Kirby in loving memory of her parents, Ruth and George Schaefer  
and her sister Judy and in thanksgiving for her family.*

*Maureen Reilly in thanksgiving*

*Nils and Marie Sundin in thanksgiving*

*Linda Hibberd in loving memory of her daughter Kimberley*

*Hunter and Elizabeth Farrow in loving memory of David Roth*

### **Prelude**

Trumpet Voluntary  
Choral Prelude

“He is Risen”

Trumpeter, Chuck Osearo  
by John Carter

### **Processional**

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

*H199*

*Celebrant*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

***People***

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant*

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. **Amen.**

# The Gloria

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1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer.

6. For

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the

Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of

God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Jeremiah 31:1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah:

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword  
found grace in the wilderness;  
when Israel sought for rest,  
the Lord appeared to him from far away.  
I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.  
Again I will build you, and you shall be built,  
O virgin Israel!  
Again you shall take your tambourines,  
and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.  
Again you shall plant vineyards  
on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant,  
and shall enjoy the fruit.  
For there shall be a day when sentinels will call  
in the hill country of Ephraim:  
“Come, let us go up to Zion,  
to the Lord our God.”

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

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

## Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

On this day the LORD has act - ed; we will re - joice and be glad in it.

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
“His mercy endures for ever.” [ANT.]
- A 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.
- A 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:
- B 16 “The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!” [ANT.]
- 17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death. [ANT.]
- A 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- A 20 “This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
he who is righteous may enter.”
- B 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation. [ANT.]
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD’s doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes. [ANT.]

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ-- he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

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

## Sequence

“Celtic Alleluia” by O’Carroll and Walker

## Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia! \_\_\_

Now he is living the Christ.  
Out of the tomb he is risen.  
He has conquered death,  
opened heaven to all believers. [Refrain]

He is the first fruits from death,  
Now are our lives filled with glory.  
Darkness vanishes  
In the light of his power. [Refrain]

## Gospel

**John 20:1-18**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth

that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**Rev. Hunter Farrow**

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant and People*

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

We pray especially for\_\_\_\_\_.

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest. We pray especially for\_\_\_\_\_.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*Celebrant*

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## *Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

## **Sanctus**

*s125*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant*

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 many 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;**

*Celebrant*

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.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 say,

*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**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac - ri-ficed for us;  
there-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand.

## The Invitation to Communion

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little. You who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time or ever before. You who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you. It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

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 with thanksgiving.



## **Blessing**

### *Celebrant*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Recessional Hymn**

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

*H207*

## **Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

## **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, Meghan, Jan, 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.

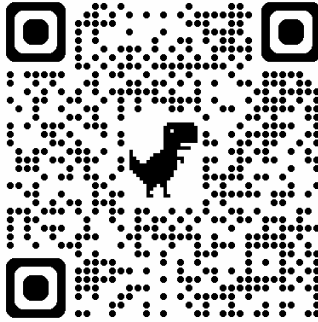
*This week at Transfiguration:*

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|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <i>Today</i> | <i>Easter Sunday</i>        | <i>Church/FB</i>  | <i>10:00am</i> |
|              | <i>Easter Coffee Hour</i>   |                   |                |
|              | <i>hosted by CYMC</i>       | <i>Leach Hall</i> | <i>11:15am</i> |
| <i>4/6</i>   | <i>Office closed.</i>       |                   |                |
| <i>4/9</i>   | <i>Rector Out of Office</i> |                   |                |

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **The office is closed on Monday, the day after Easter.**
- **Rector Out of Office** – Hunter will be taking a couple days off this week to rest and recover from the marathon of Holy Week. On Monday and Thursday, he will not be responding to calls or emails unless it is a pastoral emergency.
- **Installation Service** – On April 25<sup>th</sup>, we will have a special "celebration of new ministry service" to install me formally as the rector of the parish. Our dean, Dean Mike Dwyer, will celebrate at the service, and the vestry will host a dinner afterwards in Leach Hall. Please RSVP by April 11th. You can RSVP by calling the church or by going to the event page from the online church calendar
- **Blessed and Unstressed** – Save the date for our upcoming Women's Day on Saturday, May 2, from 9AM to 1PM. It will be a morning of faith, fellowship and fun. All women of the parish along with friends, sisters, mothers and daughters are invited. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer.
- **Small Group Dinners** - Small Group Dinners are back! Sign up to enjoy a meal with 6–8 fellow parishioners at a local restaurant. Three dinners are scheduled for **May 16, June 27, and July 25**, and one lunch gathering will be held on **May 31st**. Groups and restaurants will be assigned one week prior to each date. Please contact Traci Dawodu with any questions.

## Online Giving:



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### **Administrator's Office Hours**

Monday – Thursday 8:30AM to 2:30PM

### **Priest's Office Hours**

Monday – Thursday 10Am to 3:00PM

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