

# CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

# **ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Feast of the Transfiguration
August 4, 2024
A community praising God,
Growing in Christ, and
Joyfully serving others.



Welcome. We are so happy to have you with us!

If you are visiting us for the first time, please fill out a visitor's card and put it in the offering plate.

# **MORNING PRAYER**

All stand.

Processional Praise the Lord H 334

Officiant Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Officiant 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*.

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, \*
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice

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#### Psalm 48

- 1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; \* in the city of our God is his holy hill.
- 2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, \* the very center of the world and the city of the great King.
- 3 God is in her citadels; \*
  he is known to be her sure refuge.
- 4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled \* and marched forward together.
- 5 They looked and were astounded; \* they retreated and fled in terror.
- 6 Trembling seized them there; \*
  they writhed like a woman in childbirth,
  like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.
- 7 As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God; \* God has established her for ever.
- 8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, \* in the midst of your temple.
- 9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; \* your right hand is full of justice.
- 10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, \* because of your judgments.
- 11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; \* count the number of her towers.
- 12 Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; \* that you may tell those who come after.
- 13 This God is our God for ever and ever; \* he shall be our guide for evermore.

Officiant and People

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The Lessons
First Reading

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight?

You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

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

Silence is kept for a moment. All stand.



# Canticle Q A Song of Christ's Goodness St Anselm of Canterbury

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; \* you are gentle with us as a mother with her children. Often you weep over our sins and our pride, \* tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment. You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, \* in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us. Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; \* by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy. Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; \* through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear. Your warmth gives life to the dead, \* your touch makes sinners righteous. Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; \* in your love and tenderness, remake us. In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, \* for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

All are seated.

## The Epistle

**Ephesians 4:1-16** 

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

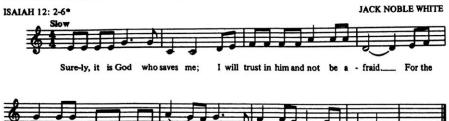
When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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## Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah

The congregation is asked to join the choir singing this refrain after each verse is sung:



#### Verse

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing From the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say,

Lord is my strong-hold and my sure \_\_\_ de-fense, and he

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

## Refrain

Verse

Make his deeds known among the peoples; See that they remember that his Name is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, And this is known in all the world.

## Refrain

Verse

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,
Ring out your joy,
For the great one in the midst of you
Is the Holy One of Israel

## Refrain (sung twice)

The Gospel John 6:24-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat." Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Louisa McKellaston

#### All stand

## The Apostles Creed

Officiant and People

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

## Officiant 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.

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord; **People** And grant us your salvation.

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People Let your people sing with joy.

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People For only in you can we live in safety.

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth; **People** Your saving health among all nations.

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen* 

#### **Intercessions**

O God, your people are hungry for your presence. Teach us to put our trust in you. Let us not forget the wonders you have shown us.

You are the Bread of Life;

Give us this bread always.

Your church is hungry for your presence. Give our leaders hearts for your truth and wisdom as they guide us. Bless our our Bishop Rt. Rev. Paula Clark and our priests and deacons. Empower us all to live the covenant we have made with you.

You are the Bread of Life;

Give us this bread always.

Your world is hungry for peace. We pray for the leaders of all the nations, that their hearts are intent on the common good for all people. We pray for *N*., our President, those who serve in local governments, and for the courts and Congress of our land. You are the Bread of Life:

Give us this bread always.

Your world is hungry for relief from hardship. We pray for your people in all corners of the world who want for food and shelter; who suffer from oppression and war. Sustain them with your presence and lead us to come to their aid. We pray for those in the military and first responders, especially Alex, Anthony, Frank, Edilio, Sam, Michael, Alexander, Jacob, Will and their families. Are there others?

You are the Bread of Life;

Give us this bread always.

Your world is hungry for healing and compassion. We pray for those we hold dear to our hearts who suffer from any illness of body, mind or spirit: N., . . . We pray also for those who have no one to pray for them. We pray for all those on our parish prayer list, especially Chelsea, Marilyn, Chuck, Pam, Bill, Ed, Steven, Michael, Rich, Patrick, Annette, Christopher, Lorna, Pura, Cathy, Pam, Joe, Laura, Michael, Jude, Lois, Jack, Wayne, Chris, Tom, Kim, Derek, Barb, Sherrill, Kathleen, Tom E., Dory and his family, Rachel, Dawn, MaryAnne, Mary F., Tom, Claire, Debbie, Kyle, Luann, Bill M & Shirleen. You are the Bread of Life:

Give us this bread always.

Your world is hungry for comfort and eager for new life. Enfold those who have died into your embrace. May they rest in your eternal presence. May we all come to know the life that is eternal.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays, especially Cathi Ratay, Joanna Wagner and Jane Blew-Healy, and for those celebrating anniversaries. Are there others?

You are the Bread of Life;

Give us this bread always.

Those things, good Lord, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes for Jesus' sake. *Amen*.

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

**Announcements Birthdays and Anniversaries** 

## **Birthday Prayer**

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Anniversary Prayer

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### PRAYER FOR SEARCH OF NEW RECTOR

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and ignorance in asking: teach us to know that our lives and futures are in your loving hands, and guide us in the calling of the next rector of the Church of the Transfiguration; grant that we may rely on your loving providence and not trust in our own cleverness, and that we might cast aside our anxieties and follow where you lead as you carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

People and Officiant Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Recessional Hymn Stand up, stand up, for Jesus H 561

This week at Transfiguration:			
Today	Morning Prayer	Church/FB	10:00am
	Coffee Hour hosted by Eva Naser	Leach Hall	11:15am
8/11	Adult Formation	Leach Hall	9:00am
	Holy Eucharist	Church/FB	10:00am
	Coffee Hour	Leach Hall	11:15am

## **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, Natasha, 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, Anita.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- WE WANT YOUR TALENT!! Parish Life is sponsoring a Variety Show to be held on Saturday, September 28th, time tbd. Can you do magic, sing, juggle, impressions, play a musical instrument, tell jokes or make up a funny skit? Then, we want YOU! This is an all ages event. Perform by yourself, with your family, grab some friends, or get your committee to come up with something FUN!! Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Any questions, see Pam Alba.
- Also, A QUICK REMINDER-Please sign up for coffee hour. The nursery girls make the coffee, and simple instructions are emailed every week when you sign up. THANK YOU ALL IN ADVANCE FOR DOING SO!!!!
- Our Beds Plus Outreach program volunteers continue to pack lunch bags for
  the homeless shelters every other weekend. If you would like to make a
  contribution toward purchasing food items for this ministry plus make your
  check out to the church and write "Beds Plus" in the memo line.
  If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Zack Ottinger at
  <a href="mailto:zottinger@gmail.com">zottinger@gmail.com</a> Please remember the other ministries we support;
  including the area Food Pantries and Shower the ShelteR

Note: You may continue to submit your pledges and offerings by mail or use the credit card payment option Transfigpalos.breezechms.com, or use the text giving option by texting your \$amount plus the word "pledge" to 708-394-7474.

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