

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

May 5, 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.***

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant and people

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.

Glory to God



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

Celebrant *The Lord be with you.*

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant *Let us pray.*

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

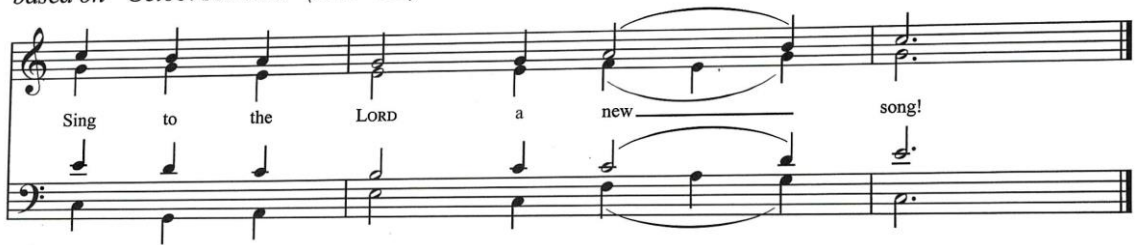
While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

based on "Gelobt sei Gott" (H82-205)



- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in
the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to
the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have
seen the victory of our God. [ANT.]
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD. [ANT.]

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

[ANT.]

The Epistle

1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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Thanks be to God.

With You, O Lord

Jacques Berthier

Ostinato Refrain

Capo 2

(G)
A(D/F#) (Em)
E/G# F#m(C)
D(G/D) (D)
A/E E

With You, O Lord, is life in all its full - ness, and

(G)
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Bm(Em)
F#m(D)
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A(D/F#) (Em)
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in Your light we shall see true light. With You, O Lord, is

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D(Am)
Bm(D)
E(G)
A

life in all its full - ness, and in Your light we shall see true light.



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Debra Bullock

The Nicene Creed

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

We pray for your faithful people and our leaders, that your love may be the foundation of their common lives and at the heart of their ministry.

Teach us to abide in your love.

We pray for your world filled with creatures and spectacular plant life and grandeur beyond words.

Teach us to care for it with love.

We pray for the peoples of the world and honor them as those you have made and cherish. 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?

*Teach us to reach out to them
with respect and love.*

We pray for healing for those among us who are ailing, aching, or anxious: 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, George, Tom E., Dory and his family, Rachel, Dawn, MaryAnne and Mary F. Are there others?

Teach us to respond to their needs with love.

We pray for those who are at the end of their earthly lives, and for those who have recently entered eternal life.

Teach us to remember them with love.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Jim Garber and Earl Pote and for those celebrating anniversaries. Are there others?

Teach us to abide in your love.

Uphold us by the riches of your grace, loving God. May your lessons of love continue to inspire and guide us as we move through this world and into the next.

Celebrant

Almighty God, you have given us grace to bring our prayers to you, and you promise that when two or three are gathered together in your name you will grant their requests. Fulfil now, Lord, our desires and prayers, as may be best for us. Grant us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Celebrant 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.

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Tu has venido a la orilla, no has buscado
ni a sabios, ni a ricos, tan solo
quieres que yo te siga.

Tu sabes bien lo que tengo en mi
barca no hay oro ni espadas tan solo
redes y mi trabajo.

*You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow*

*You know full well my possessions. Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
Just these my fish nets and will for working.*

Refrain

1. Jesus, me has mirado a los ojos; sonriendo has dicho mi nombre; en la arena
he dejado mi barca; junto a ti buscaré otro mar.
2. *O Jesus, you have looked in my eyes kindly smiling, you've called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you. I will seek other seas.*

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

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

The Holy Communion

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 to give God thanks and praise.*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

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Santo, santo, santo
Holy, holy, holy

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, with some chords. The lower staff is in bass clef and provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

The second system of music also consists of two staves. The upper staff continues the melody from the first system, ending with a double bar line. The lower staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

*We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

*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

Fraction Anthem

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

Communion Hymn

O Love of God

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Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

*Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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.

Sending of the Eucharistic Visitors

In the name of Christ, and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing the body and blood of Christ to those who cannot be with us today.....Take God's holy Word, the prayers of this congregation, and this holy food for holy people.

People: We who are many are one Body because we share one bread, one cup.

Blessing and Dismissal

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

H 191 vs. 4-5

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

This week at Transfiguration:

Today	Adult Formation	Leach Hall	9:00am
	Holy Eucharist	Church/FB	10:00am
	Children's Formation		11:15am
	Coffee Hour hosted by	Leach Hall	11:15am
	Parish Life/Cinco de Mayo		
5/7	Silent Prayer	Church	5:30pm
5/12	Adult Formation	Leach Hall	9:00am
	Holy Eucharist	Church/FB	10:00am
	Children's Formation		11:15am
	Coffee Hour	Leach Hall	11:15am
	Mother's Day		

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

- **CINCO DE MAYO COFFEE HOUR**, May 5th, TODAY Parish Life is sponsoring a festive coffee hour for Cinco de Mayo. Please sign up on the foyer bulletin board. We need to have an estimate of how many may be attending. Taco Bar with all of your favorite toppings, salsa and chips, Texas caviar, corn dip, guacamole and many other favorites. Virgin Margarita punch. Churros with dips and Margarita cheese cake! Festive decorations and music. Don't forget the pinata! A perfect Sunday to invite family and friends to join us and celebrate. Free will offering.
- **BOWLING FUNDRAISER**, May 11, at Arena Bowl, Oak Lawn. 3 to 5 p.m. This is to benefit our Venezuelan families. Children under 12, \$15, Adults, \$25 includes one topping pizza and pop. Alcohol extra. 50/50 raffle and gift basket/card raffle. Lots of fun for the whole family. Friends welcome! Please sign up and pay in advance to Cathy Carroll, Bea Hiznay or Dee Wagner. All payments need to be paid **TODAY, May 5**. Checks payable to Church of the Transfiguration, bowling fundraiser.
- Mark your calendars! Jubilee meeting Sunday May 19 after church! Haven't been to a meeting yet? Doesn't matter! We need YOUR input! Interested in what's being planned? Come join us!
- Our **Annual Church Picnic** will be held on **Sunday, June 9** - immediately following the service. On account of the millions of cicadas that will populate our area at that time, CYMC has decided to change things up a bit. Rather than picnic outside, as usual - we will hold our event in Leach Hall. Rather than grilled meats, we'll be serving fried chicken. And if you are able, we will be most grateful for any delicious potluck side dishes/salads/desserts you can bring. So don't let those cicadas stop you from attending this yearly celebration! Please sign up to attend.

- **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 zottinger@gmail.com 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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Biography of Rev. Debra Bullock

The Rev. Dr. Debra Bullock is no stranger to Church of the Transfiguration as she served as the Curate here from 2006-2007. Since then she has served congregations in the Diocese of New Jersey and elsewhere in the Diocese of Chicago. She retired from full-time parish ministry nearly three years ago after more than 10 years as the Rector at St. Mark's in Evanston. Her current ministry is as a middle school science teacher at Science and Arts Academy in Des Plaines and filling in for congregations who are without clergy on Sunday mornings.

Debra lives in Niles with her wife, Andrea Nowack, their 6 year old son, Logan Jackson, and their 2 year old dog, Silly Sally McNally. She is delighted to be with us this Sunday and looks forward to spending most Sundays this summer with us as well.