

Readings and Music for

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost, October 18, 2026

Flowers given by Elizabeth Meehan in thanksgiving for Anna & Myles Meehan-Harris, their wedding.

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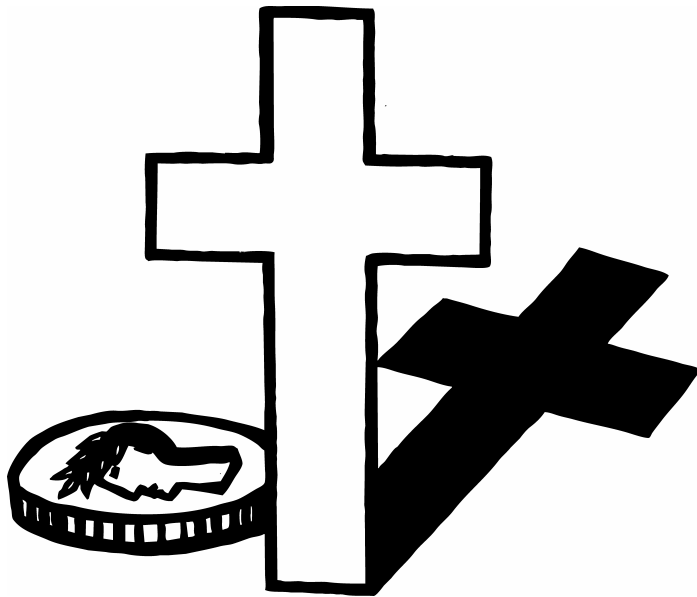
“Before the Lord’s Eternal Throne”

H391

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**



First Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

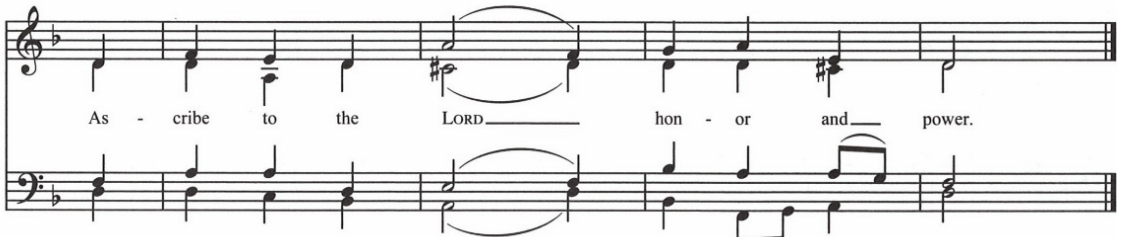
A reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him--
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

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

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

Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)



- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. [ANT.]
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods. [ANT.]
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary! [ANT.]
- A 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- A 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- B 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him. [ANT.]
- (10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein. [ANT.]
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth. [ANT.])

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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[Verse 3]

*Like simple Ananias, may I trust your plan,
Then answer with a brimming, “Here I am.”*

Let it be, let it be in my heart

As it is in your will.

[Refrain]

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

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

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Offertory “Earth and All Stars” H412

Communion	“Let Us Break Bread Together”	H325
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Recessional “Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor” H596

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>10am</i>
	<i>Coffee Hour hosted by</i>	<i>Leach Hall</i>	<i>11:15am</i>
	<i>Parish Life/Ministry Fair</i>		
<i>10/20</i>	<i>Vestry</i>	<i>Leach Hall</i>	<i>7pm</i>
<i>10/23</i>	<i>Halloween on the Green</i>	<i>Village Green</i>	<i>4pm-6pm</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Ministry Fair** – Today, October 18th, we will have a ministry fair during coffee hour. The heads of all our different committees, guilds, boards, and teams will each be set up at a table with some info to share about their area of ministry. I encourage folks to stick around for this coffee hour and contemplate new areas to plug in at the parish. Maybe, you are newer and have not fully plugged in somewhere yet, or maybe, you've been plugged in to one area for a long time but are ready for a change. This is a great time to do some discernment about where God is calling you to be active in the church. This will also be part of our stewardship campaign, which starts next Sunday. Even as we begin to talk about financial stewardship, we want to remember that stewardship of our time and talents is equally important.
- **Halloween on the Green** – The parish is participating once again in the village's Halloween on the Green event. It is Friday, October 23rd, from 4PM-6PM. We need volunteers to help with the event, especially folks who are willing to dress up as characters for our Wizard of Oz theme. We also could use candy donations. If you are willing to volunteer or donate candy, please reach out to Hunter.
- **Transfiguration Halloween Party** – This is coming soon! Hope you can be there for this spooktacular event on Sunday, October 25th, right after the service. Costumes are encouraged. There will be games and prizes for the kids plus lots of fun and festive Halloween snacks and treats. All are welcome to bring something Halloween-y for our banquet table.
- **Family Bingo Night Fundraiser** – Save the date. We're having a parish bingo night fundraiser on Saturday, November 7th, at 6PM in Leach Hall. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. More details to come soon.

- **2027 Annual Stewardship Campaign: A Firm Foundation** – From now until the beginning of Advent, we are running our annual stewardship campaign. This is a time when we ask folks to discern how they can help further the mission of the parish. Obviously, a big component of this is financial; however, we understand that everyone's finances are unique. There are many ways to practice good stewardship of the gifts God has given us. Beyond just financial support, we can also give of our time and our talent.

This year's theme is A Firm Foundation. This theme has two meanings: First, as our daycare continues to bounce back from a long season of challenges and transition, we want to make sure the parish itself is the firm foundation upon which all our other ministries, including the daycare, are built. Second, and more importantly, this theme highlights that Christ should be the foundation of all that we do here. Our commitment to Jesus and his teachings should inform how and why we give, and it should inform how the parish uses your generous gifts to serve others for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Most of you have probably received a stewardship letter and pledge card in the mail by now; although, if you are newer, we may not have sent you one. We respect that when people are new to a parish, they are often still feeling it out and may not be ready to take a step like pledging. If for any reason, you did not get a stewardship letter and pledge card, we have some in the back of the sanctuary, which you are welcome to grab if you wish.

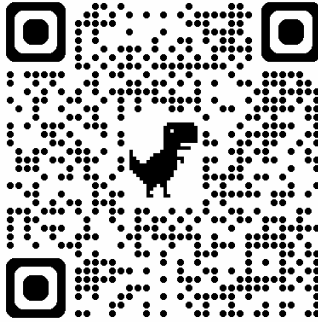
If possible, please return pledge cards to us by November 29th. This helps us put together the budget using actual numbers and helps us to practice wisdom and discernment with the gifts you have entrusted to us. If you prefer to do things digitally, you can fill out an online pledge form using the QR code below.



Online Pledge Form



Online Giving:



Rector: Rev. Hunter Farrow, rector@transfigpalos.org

Deacon: Rev. Jason Elliott, jasonagelliott@gmail.com

Parish Administrator: Linda Hibberd, admin@transfigpalos.org

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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