



# THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

The Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost  
Proper 19  
September 13, 2020



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

*In an effort to keep us all as safe as possible, face coverings are required to enter. If you have forgotten yours, please let the ushers know and they will be happy to provide you with one. Please sanitize your hands prior to entering the Nave. Pick up your bulletin, and enter through the open doors. Collection plates can be found in front of the baptismal font. Pews available for seating are marked with green dots. Please sit only in those spaces. Family units may sit together. All others should sit where you see green dots. These are placed for social distancing. Thank you for your graciousness.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Liturgy of the Word**

### **Opening Acclamation**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

### **Celebrant & 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.*

### **Song of Praise**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

*People And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### The Old Testament

### Exodus 14:19-31

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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

### **Psalm 114**

**Let us read in unison.**

**1 Hallelujah!**

**When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,**

**2 Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.**

**3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.**

**4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.**

**5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?**

**6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?**

**7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,**

**8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

### **The Epistle**

### **Romans 14:1-12**

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

## **The Gospel**

## **Matthew 18:21-35**

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

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a

hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **Sermon**

### **The Nicene Creed**

*Please stand as you are able*

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.

## **The Prayers of the People**

As the Church, the Body of Christ in this time and place, let us offer our prayers, responding,  
“Lord, hear our prayer.”

That we may love the Lord with our whole heart, and soul, and mind, and our  
neighbor as our selves, claiming the great commandment as our pathway and  
destination; let us pray.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

That our love may be revealed through our actions, as we commit ourselves to  
visiting those who are in prison, or confined to their homes, or living in nursing  
facilities, that in seeing their face we will see the face of Jesus; let us pray.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

That peace may flourish wherever there is strife or enmity between peoples,  
bringing opportunities for improved nutrition, health, and education, revealing  
God’s mantle of light; let us pray.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the power of the Holy Spirit in guiding us in our discovery of our vocation, our  
manner of expressing God’s indwelling love, so that we may be passionate about  
our work and ministry; let us pray.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the grace to turn away from anything that places a barrier between God’s love  
and our actions, so that in turning back to Jesus we may receive mercy for the past  
and strength for the future; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

In thanksgiving for the blessings we have received, we continue our prayers.  
Please name any others you wish to add.

For those in the military and all first responders, especially Alex, Anthony, Frank,  
Will, Edilio, Sam, Michael, Travis, and Alexander. Are there others? (Pause)  
Let us pray.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who are suffering, sick, or in need of support, especially Pam, Lynn, Don, Roberta, John, Marilyn, Jim, Mary, Emily, Meghan, Jan, Chelsea, Anita, Bob, Mark, Michael, John, Bob, Billy, Natasha, Laura, Cindy, Susie, Pam, Firyal, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Jayden, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe and Mary Alice, Chuck, Nancy, Jackson, Brian, Meghan, Chase, and Betty, Leanne and Ron, Rich. Are there others? (Pause) Let us pray.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays, especially Ally Schmidt, Abby Schmidt, and Tom Schmidt. For those celebrating anniversaries, especially Dan & Marian Higgins. Are there others? Let us pray.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

For blessings upon those who have died (Pause), that their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God may rest in peace; let us pray.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask:  
Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

Celebrant *and People*

*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.*

*The Priest, stands and says*

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.*

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 for ever. *Amen.***

#### **Offertory**

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

## The Holy Communion

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*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 our thanks and praise.***

*Celebrant*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world

around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant *and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues,*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the

world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

*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**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia*

Celebrant

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.

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*The people may come forward to receive communion. Please form a single file line, to the center of the altar rail, keeping the distance indicated by the green dots on the floor, and hold out your open hands. Please keep your mask in place until you return to your pew, Once back in your place, lift your mask and consume the host, and replace your mask.*

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Celebrant Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing**

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen*

**Dismissal**

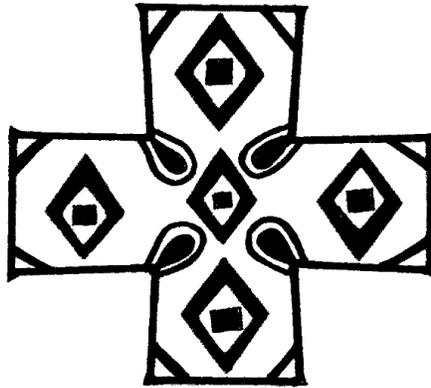
Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People Thanks be to God*

***PLEASE EXIT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DISMISSAL. IF YOU ARE PARKED IN THE BACK PARKING LOT, PLEASE EXIT THROUGH THE RED DOORS.***

***IF YOU ARE PARKED IN THE FRONT PARKING LOT, PLEASE EXIT THROUGH THE SIDE DOORS.***

***PLEASE DISPOSE OF YOUR BULLETIN IN THE RECYCLE BIN IN THE NARTHEX OR TAKE HOME WITH YOU. THANK YOU.***



***VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAYS AT NOON. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!***

Services and activities in-person and online

Morning Prayer	Wednesdays	9:00am Facebook Live/In person
Compline	Nightly	9:00pm Facebook Live
Sunday Services	Sunday mornings	8:00am & 10:00
	<b><i>In-person and livestreamed on Facebook</i></b>	
Coffee Hour	Sundays	12:00pm
Discussion Group	Every other Wednesday beginning 9/9	7:00pm Zoom
Bible Study	Every other Wednesday Beginning 9/16	7:00pm Zoom

**Please pre-register online at <https://reopen.church/r/qPGqaHFf> if you wish to attend in person, and check off your name when you arrive on Sunday.**

Please note: Email is our primary means of communication. If you do not receive an email from the Rector at least once a week, first check your spam or junk folder. If you have email and still are not receiving our emails, please call the church office so that we can try to correct this. If you need to receive our information via the Postal Service, please contact the church office and let us know. Many thanks!

**Note:**

**You may continue to submit your pledges and offerings by mail or use the credit card payment option at [Transfigpalos.breezechms.com](http://Transfigpalos.breezechms.com), or use the text giving option by texting your \$amount plus the word pledge to 708-394-7474.**

**Dear Parishioners,**

**Believe it or not it is time to think about Christmas and the Revive Christmas Basket program. It will be a bit different this year. Because we cannot sign up in person, we will do so via email. If you would like to take a family, please email Cheryl Ryniak, [cherylryniak64@gmail.com](mailto:cherylryniak64@gmail.com), with the size of the family you would like. The deadline for this sign-up is September 15. The program is the same as in past years. Revive will send us the family's info with their Christmas wishes. Participants will shop for and box the gifts. The Revive truck will pick up our boxes the first part of December.**

**Amid this pandemic, some of you might prefer to make a monetary donation to this program. Checks can be sent directly to Revive or to Transfiguration noting Christmas Baskets in the memo line.**

**Thank you,  
Outreach Committee**



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