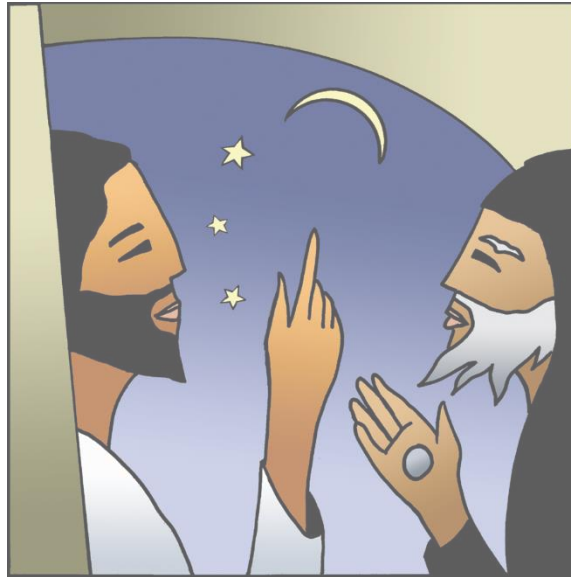


THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

The Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost
Proper 24A
October 18, 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

Celebrant 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.

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.*

The Lessons

The Old Testament

Exodus 33:12-

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses said to the LORD, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

Let us read in unison.

- 1 The LORD is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.**
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.**
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.**
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.**
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.**
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.**
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.**

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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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The Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon.....The Rev. Annette Cleary Mayer

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

In the Name of Jesus, let us offer our prayers, responding, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

For the desire to reflect God’s abundant treasures, freely giving for the mission of the Church in the world, our faithful commitment to the poor and those in need; let us pray.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for missionaries who serve in foreign lands; may they proclaim the gospel message of hope to those who live in places of instability, and reveal to us at home their extraordinary faith and charity; let us pray.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for those who serve in our government, especially those unseen workers who toil in federal and state offices, and who attend to the details of daily responsibilities; let us pray.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for our Creator who formed the darkness and formed the light, leading us through both, so that we may be transformed into a holy people; let us pray.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all the faithful departed, may they rest in peace through the mercy of God; let us pray.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Continuing in the Holy Name of Jesus, let us add to these prayers.

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, Rich, Carol. Are there others? (Pause) Let us pray.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays, especially Marianne Dawson, and Dominic Russo. And for those celebrating anniversaries. Are there others? Let us pray.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all the departed, may they rest in peace through the mercy of God; 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.

*The people may come forward for to receive communion. Please come single file,
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.*

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

Celebrant 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!

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!

Church news

Remember:

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

Anyone interested in assisting with the **Beds Plus** outreach project can contact Zach Ottinger at 630-399-8206 or zottinger@gmail.com. The group meets every other Sunday at 9:00 am to assemble lunch bags. Sandwiches for distribution can be prepared at home and dropped off. Please contact Zach you can help with food donations, sandwich preparation or bag assembly.

To date, the congregation's **pantry donations have totaled \$1,391.00**. Additionally, parishioners have donated \$175 to the Morning Star Mission homeless shelter. Please be assured that if your check was earmarked for a pantry of preference, your contribution was forwarded there.

Due to the pandemic, **All Saints Day** will be celebrated a little differently this year. Please submit the names of your deceased loved ones to the church office no later than October 27th to be included in the bulletin. There will be no display of memorial photos allowed in the church sanctuary.

October Calendar:

- Nightly Compline 9:00 pm Facebook
- 10/21 Morning Prayer 9:00 am In-person & on Facebook
- Discussion group Cancelled
- Small group meeting 7:00 pm Zoom
- 10/25 Holy Eucharist 8:00 am & 10:00 am
In-person, Facebook
& parking lot radio station 106.9 FM

October 18, 2020

Give to God the things that are God's

BY THE RT. REV. DIANE M. JARDINE BRUCE

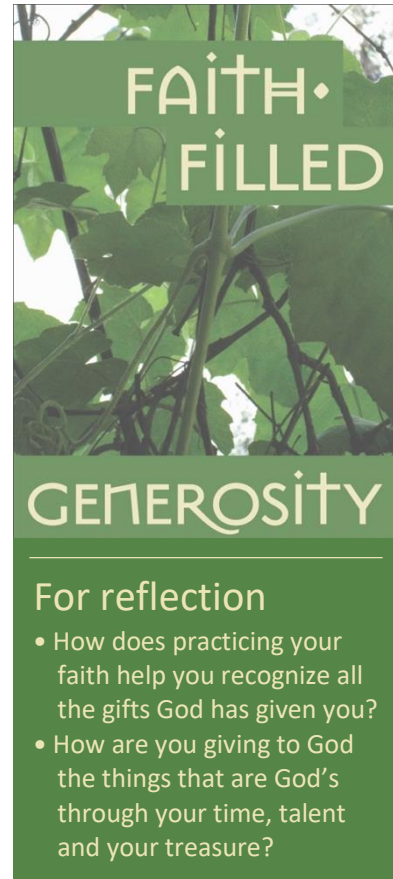


Once again in today's gospel the Pharisees are trying to trip up Jesus. If Jesus supports the paying of the tax, his Jewish siblings who are rebelling against the Roman occupation will shun him. If Jesus says it's unlawful to pay the tax, he'll be in trouble with the Roman authorities. What does Jesus do? He asks them to look at the coin. It is a Roman coin. Pay the tax – meaning give the Emperor back his own coin! Then Jesus adds that wonderful line — *give to God the things that are God's*.

What exactly IS God's? Well, we are! Our Christian faith in God points us always to live a life of gratitude and generosity. God showed us how we are to live and how to *give to God the things that are God's*: God gave us God's son, God's first fruit, and we are asked to do the same, remembering that everything we have, everything we do, everything we are is a gift from God — and it is a gift that is meant to be shared. When we share from our first fruits, as God shared God's first fruit with us, we are modeling the same generosity God has shown us.

Remember, we have two sets of three legged-stools in our Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement: scripture, reason and tradition, and time, talent and treasure. The first shapes our faith; the second is how we use the gifts we have been given to live out our faith.

The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce is the Bishop Suffragan in the Diocese of Los Angeles. Her ministry focuses heavily on stewardship, financial sustainability and New Community development.



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
		<i>In-person and livestreamed on Facebook</i>
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.



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