



THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

**Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 17, 2021**



Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God
People *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

Celebrant

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Let us confess our sins to God.

All:

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant

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.*

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.**

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

Old Testament

1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."]

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

Let us say in unison

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

John 1:43-51

The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you Lord Christ.

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

Let us lift our hearts to the One who calls us, saying, We call to you, O Lord. And we are listening.

We pray for the Church, that the hearts of the leaders and those who are led be turned toward you. Call us to support your work in the world through the Church.

We pray for *Michael* our Presiding Bishop, *Paula* our Bishop-elect, *Annette* our priest.

People: ***We call to you, O Lord. And we are listening.***

We pray for those who govern the nations of the world, that their leadership be wise and compassionate. Call us to informed and cooperative citizenship. We pray for *Donald* our President, *Joseph* our President-elect, *J.B.* our Governor, the Congress and courts of the land.

People: ***We call to you, O Lord. And we are listening.***

We pray for people in every corner of the world, especially for those who lack adequate food, shelter and hope. Call us to compassionate action.

People: ***We call to you, O Lord. And we are listening.***

We pray for those close to our hearts who suffer from illness, anxiety; who face challenges and transitions; who struggle with your will in their lives. We pray today for *Pam, Lynn, Don, Roberta, John, Marilyn, Jim, Mary, Emily, Meghan, Jan, Chelsea, Anita, Bob, Mark, Michael, John, Bob, Billy, Natasha, Laura, Cindy, Susie, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Jayden, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Mary Alice, Chuck, Nancy, Jackson, Brian, Meghan, Chase, Georgeanne, Mike, Tom, Betty, Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl and John.* Are there others?

People: ***We call to you, O Lord. And we are listening.***

For all those in the military, and all first responders, especially *Alex, Anthony, Frank, Will, Edilio, Sam, Michael, Travis,* and *Alexander.* Are there others?

People: ***We call to you, O Lord. And we are listening.***

We pray for those who will be born this day, that they will be embraced by loving communities. We give thanks for those who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially *Charles Wells, Mallory Otto, Jeff Otto, Nayan Bhojraj and Francesca Russo.* Are there others?

And we pray for those celebrating anniversaries this week.

People: ***Loving God, we call to you. And we are listening.***

We pray for those who are dying and those who now rest in your eternal embrace. Are there those you wish to name?

People: ***Loving God, we call to you. And we are listening.***

Celebrant

Lord, Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen*

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

***** Announcements *****

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.*

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.*

Celebrant

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.

Act of Reception

All

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

A time for quiet meditation...

Celebrant Let us pray,

All

Gracious God, though we cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine today, we thank you that we have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all the other benefits of Christ's passion. Grant that we may continue for ever in the Risen Life of our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*



VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAYS FOLLOWING THE 11:00AM SERVICE. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Due to the stay-at-home advisory Mary and Annette will be working from home. you can reach Mary during business hours (9:00-3:00) at 708-645-4048 or 239-997-7889. Annette can be reached at 817-845-4985.

Important:

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.

If you have not yet turned in your pledge card for 2021, please do so as soon as possible. If you prefer, you may call Mary and give her your information. She can enter it into your Breeze account. Many thanks.

Our parish Annual Meeting will be held on January 31, 2021 immediately following the 11:00am service. It will be on Zoom. Please make plans to attend as we will have all the usual business to conduct, including electing new Vestry members, new Wardens, and new Board Members, as well as presenting the 2021 budget.

This Week at Transfiguration

Compline continues nightly at 9:00pm on Facebook

Today	Liturgy of the Word	9:00am	Facebook
	Liturgy of the Word & Coffee Hour	11:00am	Zoom
1/120	Morning Prayer	9:00am	Facebook
	Bible Study	7:00pm	Zoom
1/17	Liturgy of the Word	9:00am	Facebook
	Liturgy of the Word & Coffee Hour	11:00am	Zoom



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