

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION
Second Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2021



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 Bless the Lord for forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

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.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The Old Testament

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

A reading from the book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:22-30 (read in unison)

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The New Testament

Romans 4:13-25

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping

against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the

Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Annette 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

We are in awe of you and your promises. Help us set our minds on you.

Your world is aching for healing. Make us good stewards of your creation, Lord. Grant our president and our leaders in the courts and Congress compassion and wisdom.

People: *Have mercy upon us. Set our minds on you.*

Your church is reaching for you. Help us to extend our reach to all whom you love.

People: *Have mercy upon us. Set our minds on you.*

Your people are being born, are ill, are both anxious and joyous. They are hungry and cold and don't know where to turn. They bend under the weight of their lives and rejoice in your life-giving love. Enable us to bring them your healing and fullness of life. We pray for those on our parish prayer list who are in need of healing and 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, 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, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl, John, Tony, Joe, Evelyn, Marykim, and Peggy. Are there others?

People: *Have mercy upon us. Set our minds on you.*

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

People: *Have mercy upon us. Set our minds on you.*

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Marie Larsen, and for those celebrating anniversaries. Are there others?

People: *Have mercy upon us. Set our minds on you.*

We pray for those who have died and for comfort and peace for their families.

People: *Have mercy upon us. Set our minds on you.*

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

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.*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (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

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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.” Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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**

Celebrant

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

Celebrant *and People:*

*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

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

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.

Post-communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray,

Celebrant *and People*:

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.

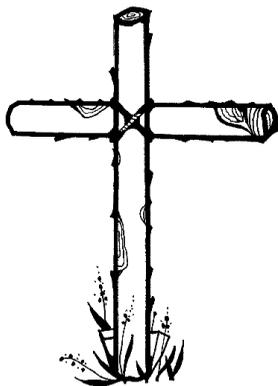
The Blessing

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. *Amen*

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

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 IT HOME WITH YOU. THANK YOU.

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAYS AT 12:00pm ON ZOOM. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

<u>This week at Transfiguration:</u>			
Nightly	Compline	Facebook	9:00pm
Today	Holy Eucharist	Church, FB	10:00am
	Coffee Hour	Zoom	Noon
3/3	Morning Prayer	Church, FB	9:00am
3/7	Bible Study	Zoom	7:00pm
	Holy Eucharist	Church, FB	10:00am
	Coffee Hour	Zoom	Noon

*** Please pre-register online at <https://reopen.church/r/qPGqaHFf> if you wish to attend in person.

Please note:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Now that the church has re-opened, please consider bringing non-perishable food for the basket in the foyer on Sundays or during the week. Shower the Shelter ministry that collects and delivers food and toiletries on a monthly basis to RespondNow. Or you can donate money to the following pantries and mission by submitting your check to the church. Note in the memo line which organization you would like to support.
 - Respond Now
 - Frankfort Food Pantry
 - Bethany Lutheran Church
 - St. Irenaeus Food Pantry
 - Morning Star Mission
- SWIFT speaker's forum will be presenting a Zoom-Webinar on **Racial Competency** through Christian, Muslim and Jewish perspectives on Sunday, March 21 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Registration is required. Register at www.swithinterfaith.org.



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