

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 12B
JULY 25, 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 recommended to enter. **Masks and social distancing are required for those who are unvaccinated.***

Please sanitize your hands prior to entering the Nave. Socially distancing pews are available for seating and are marked with green dots. Please reserve the limited spaces for those who need them. For the consideration of others, masks are required for those who sit in these pews. Collection plates can be found in front of the baptismal font. Thank you for your graciousness.

Please welcome our guest celebrant, Father Jim Nixon.

Opening Hymn

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant **Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen***

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.

Song of Praise

Glory to God

***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.***

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

First Lesson

2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from the Second Book of Kings

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

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

People Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 145:10-19

Let us read in unison.

*10 All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.*

*11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;*

*12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.*

*13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.*

*14 The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.*

*15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.*

*16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, *
and you give them their food in due season.*

*17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.*

*18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.*

*19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.*

The Epistle

Ephesians 3:14-21

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

The Gospel

John 6:1-21

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

People Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you Lord Christ.

Homily

Fr. Jim Nixon

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 yearn for the fullness of God, that Christ may dwell in us and we in him. We thank you for the gift of life and for our connection with all that you have made. May we delight in your creation and protect it. Fill us with the fullness of God.

People Amen, Lord. Hear our prayer.

We thank you for creative compassionate leaders throughout the world. May they devote themselves to justice, peace, and the common good.

People Amen, Lord. Hear our prayer.

We thank you for the endless and beautiful diversity of humanity. May we recognize and celebrate your image in every person we meet.

People Amen, Lord. Hear our prayer.

We thank you for the promise of your presence in our lives. May our concern for those among us who are hurting bring us to prayer and may our care for them be healing balm. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, especially Bishop-elect Paula, Jackson, Michael, Robby, Carole, Chuck, Patricia, and Pam. Are there others?

People Amen, Lord. Hear our prayer.

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

People Amen, Lord. Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Anna Petro, Emily Petro, Samantha Lewis, Cathy Carroll, Amanda Jonikaitis, Sheila Rossi, Margaret Lehner, Britta, Beardsley, Griffin Trapp, and those celebrating anniversaries. Are there others?

People Amen, Lord. Hear our prayer.

We thank you for the gift of new life in this world and the hope of new and everlasting life in the world to come. May those who have gone before us, overflow with the fullness of your never-ending love and light. Are there their others?

People Amen, Lord. Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant *and People*

*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.**

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

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

Offertory Hymn

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.

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**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray;

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,
forever and ever. Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

Communion Hymns

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*

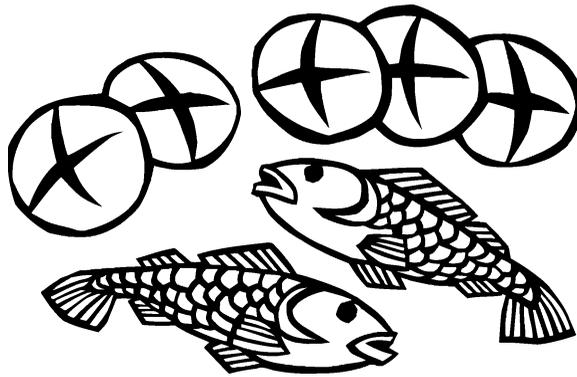
BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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 Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*



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

This week at Transfiguration:

<u>Nightly Compline</u>		<u>Facebook</u>	<u>9:00pm</u>
<i>Today</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>	<i>Church/Facebook</i>	<i>10:00am</i>
<i>7/28</i>	<i>Anti-Racism group</i>	<i>Zoom</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>
<i>8/1</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>	<i>Church/Facebook</i>	<i>10:00am</i>

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

**NEW: You can submit a donation using Zelle to
admin@transfigpalos.org.**

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE REMAIN ON OUR PERMANENT PRAYER LIST AS THEIR NEED FOR PRAYER IS LONG-TERM

RATHER THAN ACUTE: Joe, Don, Roberta, Marilyn, Jim, Mary, Emily, Meghan, Jan, Chelsea, Bob, Mark, Michael, John, Bob, Billy, Natasha, Laura, Cindy, Susie, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Jayden, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Chuck, Nancy, Jackson, Georgeanne, Mike, Tom, Betty, Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl, Patricia.

***** PLEASE KEEP THESE INDIVIDUALS IN YOUR PRAYERS, AND NOTIFY THE OFFICE IF THEIR CONDITION OR SITUATION CHANGES.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Ushers, Readers and Eucharistic ministers** are needed for Sunday 10:00am services. Please sign-up on [RSVP.church](https://rsvp.church).
<https://rsvp.church/r/qPGqaHff>.
- Reverend Annette will be out of the office on medical leave from July 1 – August 1. We ask that you keep her in your prayers as she undergoes surgery and subsequent physical therapy. Please refrain from contacting Annette during her absence in order to give our rector ample time to recover and regain her strength. Well wishes can be sent to the rectory address 8507 W. 122nd Place, Palos Park, IL 60464. Please direct all parish business to Mary in the church office. Mary can also be reached on her cell phone at 239-997-7889 for after-hours inquiries and emergencies.
- **Sunday Coffee Hour** is postponed until further notice. Feel free to visit outdoors with your fellow parishioners.

- Please join us in welcoming **Angelika Strama** our new parish administrator. She will be managing the office effective August 1st. She lives in Lemont with her husband Stan. She is excited to serve our church family.
- Our **Beds Plus** outreach program volunteers continue to pack lunch bags for the homeless shelters every other weekend. If you would like to make a contribution toward purchasing food items for this ministry plus make your check out to the church and write “Beds Plus” in the memo line. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Zack Ottinger at ottinger@gmail.com.



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