



CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

THANKSGIVING EVE
NOVEMBER 24, 2021



**A community praising God, growing in Christ,
and joyfully serving others.**

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

Please remember that masks are required for all, as required by the state of Illinois.

Please sanitize your hands prior to entering the Nave. Socially distancing pews are available for seating on the left side of the church. Please reserve the limited spaces for those who need them. Collection plate can be found in front of the baptismal font. Thank you for your graciousness.

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

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

First Lesson

Joel 2:21-27

A reading from the Book of Joel.

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

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

People Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 126

Let us read in unison.

*1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.*

*2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.*

*3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."*

*4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.*

*5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.*

*6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.*

*7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.*

The Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1-7

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

With You, O Lord

With you, O Lord, is life in all its full - ness, and
in your light we shall see true light. With you, O Lord, is
life in all its full-ness, and in your light we shall see true light.

The image shows a three-system musical score for the hymn 'With You, O Lord'. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

The Gospel

Matthew 6:25-33

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

People Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-- you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

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

Homily

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

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us. For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,

People ***We thank you, Lord.***

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

People ***We thank you, Lord.***

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

People ***We thank you, Lord.***

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

People ***We thank you, Lord.***

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

People ***We thank you, Lord.***

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

People ***We thank you, Lord.***

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

People ***We thank you, Lord.***

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

People ***We thank you, Lord.***

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

People ***To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father,***

and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

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 forever. **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

Offertory

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

Offertory Hymn

H433

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

H711

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 Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

H397

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.

<u>This week at Transfiguration:</u>			
<u>Nightly Compline (M, W, F)</u>		<u>Facebook</u>	<u>9:00pm</u>
<i>Today</i>	<i>Thanksgiving</i>	<i>Church/ Facebook</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>
	<i>Service</i>		
<i>11/28</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, Meghan, Jan, Chelsea, Bob, Mark, Bob, Billy, Natasha, Laura, Cindy, Susie, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Jayden, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Chuck, Nancy, Tom, Mike, Betty, Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl, Anita, Steven.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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 zottinger@gmail.com

- Are you thinking about Christmas shopping? The Alternative Christmas Gift Market enables you to contribute to a charitable organization. An alternative Christmas gift to friends and family will benefit those in need. Your alternative gift to another will extend the true meaning of Christmas and ensure spiritual action after Christmas has passed and other gifts are forgotten or discarded. For each donation made, you will receive a decorative card indicating the name of the organization to which you have donated. This card can then be given as your alternative Christmas gift.

The following organizations will be included this year: **Friends of Fisher House, Bakery Dos Corazones, Friends of the Forest Preserves, Holistic Riding Equestrian Therapy, Episcopal Relief and Development**

Order forms are available in church or online.

- **Cozy Corner**-Sometimes little ones get restless trying to sit through a church service. We've created a little Cozy Corner retreat in the foyer where parents can supervise their littles who might need a break. It's a comfortable nook with toys and books - feel free to visit!

- **Food Pantries:** With fall fast approaching we are continuing to collect non-perishable food items for local food pantries. Besides canned and boxed foods, now we are also including the following personal items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, baby diapers, Depends, shaving cream, etc. Please place your non-perishable items in the baskets below the coat rack in the foyer.

- **Shower the Shelter:** Our ministry of Shower the Shelter which collects personal/travel sized toiletries and grooming items continues despite the fact that many of us are not traveling so much as before the pandemic. These items include: travel sized shampoo, soap, body cream and lotion, mouth wash, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, etc. These items are being delivered to Respond Now in Chicago Heights and also to various local food pantries. Please place your travel sized toiletries in the baskets labeled “Shower the Shelter” under the coat rack in the foyer.

Happy Thanksgiving



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