

# CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**February 18, 2023**

**A community praising God,  
Growing in Christ, and  
Joyfully serving others.**



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*Welcome. We are so happy to have you with us! If you are visiting us for the first time, please fill out a visitor's card and put it in the offering plate which is in front of the baptismal font.*

**Silent procession**  
**The Great Litany**

**Please stand or kneel as you are able. *The People respond with the words in italics.***

**I.**

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Have mercy on us.*

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

*Have mercy on us.*

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

*Have mercy on us.*

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

*Have mercy on us.*

**II.**

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent.

*Savior deliver us.*

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,

*Savior deliver us.*

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,

*Savior deliver us.*

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,  
*Savior deliver us.*

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the  
day of judgment,  
*Savior deliver us.*

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and  
obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,  
*Savior deliver us.*

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the  
preaching of your reign,  
*Savior deliver us.*

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death  
and burial,  
*Savior deliver us.*

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your  
sending of the Holy Spirit,  
*Savior deliver us.*

### **III.**

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it  
that unity which is your will.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples  
of all the nations.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons especially Paula, Annette, and Jason with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

#### IV.

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Give your wisdom and strength to Joseph, the President of the United State, the Governor of this state, and our local leaders that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Bless and keep all your people,

*Hear us, O Christ.*

**V.**

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved, and the oppressed.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

**VI.**

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

*Holy God,*

*Holy and Mighty,*

*Holy Immortal One.*

*Have mercy on us.*

Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The musical score is written in 3/2 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy."

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* *His mercy endures forever.*

### The Collect

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The Lessons**

*Please be seated.*

### **The Old Testament**

**Genesis 9:8-17**

A reading from the Book of Genesis

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

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

*People        Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 25:1-9

### *Sung by congregation*



Your paths, O LORD, are love and faith - ful - ness, to those who keep your cov - e - nant.

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. [ANT.]
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long. [ANT.]
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD. [ANT.]
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. [ANT.]



A reading from the first letter of Peter.

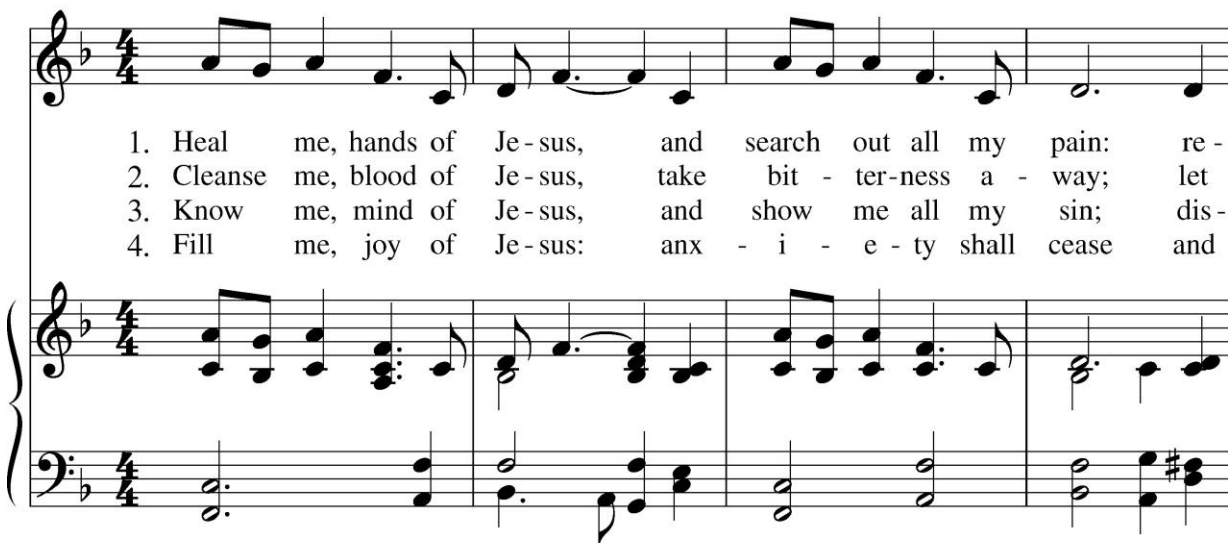
Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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


*People      Thanks be to God.*

# Sequence Hymn

## *Heal me, hands of Jesus*



1. Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain: re -  
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let  
3. Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin; dis -  
4. Fill me, joy of Je - sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and



store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.  
me for - give as one for-given and bring me peace to - day.  
pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.  
heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

## **The Gospel**

**Mark 1:9-15**

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

*People      Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People      Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Annette Mayer**

*Please stand.*

## **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.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

In the beauty of our worship  
In the silence of our hearts  
In our committee meetings

*Show us your ways, O Lord.*

As we struggle to live together in peace.

As we are tempted by inertia and complacency. We pray for those in the military and first responders, especially Alex, Anthony, Frank, Edilio, Sam, Michael, Alexander, Jacob, Will and their families. Are there others?

When we forgot whose we are.

*Show us your ways, O Lord.*

When many suffer while we eat well and sleep peacefully.

When many beg to be noticed while we seek solitude.

When many long for shelter from the storm.

*Show us your ways, O Lord.*

Walk with us as we welcome little ones into the world.

Walk with us as we care for those who ache.

Walk with us as we walk with those returning to you.

We pray for those in need of healing and support, especially for Chelsea, Georgianna, Marilyn, Chuck, Pam, Bill, Ed, Steven, Michael, Rich, Patrick, Annette, Christopher, Lorna, Cathy, Pura, Pam, Joe, Laura, Michael, Jude, Lois, Jack, Wayne, Chris, Tom, Kim, Derek, Barb, Rich, Sherrill, Kathleen, Shane, George, Tom E., Dory and Family, and Rachel Are there others?

*Show us your ways, O Lord.*

We pray for those celebrating birthdays, especially Marge Beavers, David Dawodu, and Josephine Kuzniewski. Are there others? And for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Joan and Ted Karrison. Are there others?

*Show us your ways, O Lord.*

Celebrant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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 forever. Amen.*

#### **Offertory Sentence**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

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# The church of Christ in every age

1. The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by  
 2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise. A car - ing  
 4. For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5. We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but spir - it led, must claim and test its her - i -  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for bread to  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's sac - ri -  
 fe - ver in our blood. And teach us how to share our  
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all with - out re -

tage and keep on ri - sing from the dead.  
 eat and nev - er live un - til they die.  
 fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 serve. And spread Christ's lib - er - a - ting word.

## 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.*

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow - er and might, Heav'n and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Blessed is the one who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many 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*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, 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.*

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

# Fraction Anthem

## THIS IS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Words and Music by  
John L. Bell

Gently  $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 72$

The musical score is written for Soprano (S) and Alto (A) voices in the upper staff, and Tenor (T) and Bass (B) voices in the lower staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The tempo is marked 'Gently' with a quarter note equal to approximately 72 beats per minute. The score consists of four systems of music, each with a measure number (1, 5, 10, 15) at the beginning of the vocal line. The lyrics are: 'This is the bod - y of Christ, bro - ken that we may be whole; this cup, as prom - ised by God, true to his word, cra - dles our Lord: food for the good of the soul.' The music features a simple harmonic accompaniment with a steady bass line and a vocal melody that is gentle and flowing.

S, A  
This is the bod - y of Christ,

T, B  
bro - ken that we may be whole; this cup, as

10  
prom - ised by God, true to his word, cra - dles our

15  
Lord: food for the good of the soul.

## **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 here 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 know and fed here.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Communion Hymn*

*Now let us all*

*H 147*

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

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.

*Deacon*

Bow down before the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Deacon      Let us go forth in the name of Christ

**People**      ***Thanks be to God.***

Today	Adult Formation	Leach Hall	9:00am
	Holy Eucharist	Church/FB	10:00am
	Children’s Formation		11:15am
	Coffee Hour	Leach Hall	11:15am
2/20	Silent Prayer	Church	5:30pm
2/25	Adult Formation	Leach Hall	9:00am
	Holy Eucharist	Church/FB	10:00am
	Children’s Formation		11:15am

<b><i>This week at Transfiguration:</i></b>
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- The office will be closed on Monday, February 19 for President’s Day. Also, Rev. Annette will be out of the office all week. Please call Rev. Jason for any emergencies.
- The Souper Bowl of Caring coffee hour on February 11 was a huge success. Donations for Our Venezuelan Families came to \$472.00. Thank you, parishioners, for your generosity. This month we gave \$800.00 to be shared among the families. We also sent Valentine treat bags to the Venezuelan children and Valentine greeting cards to each Venezuelan. During coffee hour the church school children made Valentine cards for the Beds Plus client lunches. Thanks to Debbie Trapp for overseeing this! A big “thank you “ to Katherine and Jim Hamann for organizing the Souper Bowl coffee hour and to Sue Burke, Marianne Dawson, Pat Jonakaitis, and Beth Lewis for making the delicious soups.

- **Also, A QUICK REMINDER.** Please sign up for coffee hour. The nursery girls make the coffee, and simple instructions are emailed every week when you sign up. **THANK YOU ALL IN ADVANCE FOR DOING SO!!!!**
- **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](mailto:zottinger@gmail.com) Please remember the other ministries we support; including the area Food Pantries and Shower the Shelter
- **\*\*\* Ushers, Readers and Eucharistic ministers** are needed for Sunday 10:00am services. Please sign-up on [RSVP.church](https://rsvp.church/r/qPGqaHff).  
<https://rsvp.church/r/qPGqaHff>.

**Note: You may continue to submit your pledges and offerings by mail or use the credit card payment option [Transfigpalos.breezechms.com](https://Transfigpalos.breezechms.com), or use the text giving option by texting your \$amount plus the word “pledge” to 708-394-7474.**

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