



# CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

**March 17, 2023**

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



***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.***

**Processional**

*O, for a thousand tongues*

*H 493*

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

*People* ***His mercy endures forever***

***Collect for Purity***

***Priest 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.***

**Lord have mercy**

*WLP 838*

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 2/2 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, featuring a mix of quarter and half notes. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." The score is divided into two systems. The first system covers the first line of the text, and the second system covers the second line. The music concludes with a double bar line.

## The Collect

Celebrant    The Lord be with you.

*People        And also with you.*

Celebrant    Let us pray

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ 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

### Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

*People       Thanks be to God.*



## Psalm 51:1-13

### RCL Lent 5B Psalm 51: 1-13

*based on "Eventide" (H82-662)*



- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin. [ANT.]
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment. [ANT.]
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly. [ANT.]
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities. [ANT.]

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. [ANT.]

## **The New Testament**

## **Hebrews 5:5-10**

A reading from the book of Hebrews

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;  
as he says also in another place,  
“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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 musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of a right-hand melody and a left-hand accompaniment. The vocal line is a simple melody that follows the lyrics. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines in both hands. The score is divided into two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The first system covers the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the last four lines. The piano accompaniment includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, time signatures, key signatures, and various note values and rests.

## **The Gospel**

**John 12:20-33**

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

***People***      ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. 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?  
Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Lynne Taylor, and Paul Jarrell and for those celebrating anniversaries. Are there others?

Lord in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for all those on our parish prayer list, especially Chelsea, Marilyn, Chuck, Pam, Bill, Ed, Steven, Michael, Rich, Patrick, Annette, Christopher, Lorna, Pura, Cathy, Pam, Joe, Laura, Michael, Jude, Lois, Jack, Wayne, Chris, Tom, Kim, Derek, Barb, Sherrill, Kathleen, George, Tom E., Dory and her family, Rachel, Dawn, MaryAnne, Stacey, and Mary Foscett. Are there others?

Lord in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of our 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**

*Deacon            Let us confess our sins to God.*

*Minister 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.***

## **Absolution**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 forever. Amen.*

#### **Offertory Sentence**

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

**Offertory Anthem**     *Happy are they that dwell in Thy house...Jean Berger*

Celebrant     All things come of Thee oh Lord

**People**     **And of Thine own have we given Thee**

**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.*

*Celebrant      Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us  
People        Therefore let us keep the feast*



# Fraction Anthem

## THIS IS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Words and Music by  
John L. Bell

Gently  $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 72$

*S, A*  
This is the bod - y of Christ, \_\_\_\_\_

*T, B*  
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 musical score is written for Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B) voices. It is in 3/8 time and features a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked 'Gently' with a quarter note equal to approximately 72 beats per minute. The score is divided into four systems, 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', and 'Lord: \_\_\_\_\_ food for the good of the soul. \_\_\_\_\_'. The vocal lines are accompanied by a piano accompaniment consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef). The piano part provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines, often using sustained notes to create a reverent atmosphere.

## **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*

*Thou art the way*

*H 457*

## **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.

## ***PRAYER FOR SEARCH OF NEW RECTOR***

*Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and ignorance in asking: teach us to know that our lives and futures are in your loving hands, and guide us in the calling of the next rector of the Church of the Transfiguration; grant that we may rely on your loving providence and not trust in our own cleverness, and that we might cast aside our anxieties and follow where you lead as you carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

## **Sending of the Eucharistic Visitors**

*Deacon: In the name of Christ, and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing the body and blood of Christ to those who cannot be with us today.....Take God's holy Word, the prayers of this congregation, and this holy food for holy people.*

*People: We who are many are one Body because we share one bread, one cup.*

## **Blessing**

Deacon: Bow down before the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; 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.**

*Closing Hymn*

*O love of God*

*H 455*

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 hosted by   | Leach Hall | 11:15am |
|       | Bruce & Marianne Dawson |            |         |
| 3/19  | Silent Prayer           | Church     | 5:30pm  |
| 3/24  | Adult Formation         | Leach Hall | 9:00am  |
|       | Holy Eucharist          | Church/FB  | 10:00am |
|       | Palm Sunday             |            |         |
|       | Children's Formation    |            | 11:15am |

### **SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

***THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE REMAIN ON OUR PERMANENT PRAYER LIST AS THEIR NEED FOR PRAYER IS LONG-TERM RATHER THAN ACUTE:*** Don, Roberta, Marilyn, Jim, Mary, Emily, Meghan, Jan, Chelsea, Bob, Mark, Michael, John, Bob, Billy, Natasha, Laura, Cindy, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Chuck, Nancy, Mike, Tom, Betty, Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl, Patricia, Anita.

### ***This week at Transfiguration:***

- The highlighted gift for March is the Gift of Helping a Stranger. Transfiguration has many opportunities for members to participate in sharing this gift. This month the Beds Plus program, the food pantries, and Shower the Shelter will be explained. If you are interested in participating in any of these programs, information will be available. This is the schedule: March 17, Cheryl – Food pantries and March 24, Shower the Shelter – Diann.

- During Lent, we are collecting supplies for PAWS Animal Shelter. A PAWS Wish List is posted on the collection bin in the foyer. Thank you so much for supporting this Lenten outreach project.
- The Daycare will be hosting their annual art show in April. They are currently asking the parents to donate items for raffle baskets; however, if anyone from the congregation is interested in donating an item, you may do so by putting your name on the appropriate sign-up sheet in the foyer. All items are due by April 7 and can be placed on the chest freezer in the closet in Leach Hall. Everyone is also invited to attend the art show. Further details will be given closer to the event date. Please contact SueAnn Beardsley with any questions.
- As Easter approaches and we look forward to decorating the altar with flowers in honor of the risen Christ. Donations are being accepted by the Altar Guild to purchase those flowers. A suggested donation of \$40 can be placed in an envelope found at the back of the church and put in the offering plate; please indicate on the envelope whether your donation is in celebration/thanksgiving or as a memorial to someone. Checks should be made out to Church of the Transfiguration, noting 'Easter Flowers' in the memo; or if you wish to give a donation to Altar Guild for supplies or special purchases (a banner, linens chalices etc), note 'Altar Guild' on the memo line. Thank you for your generous donations to enhance the beauty of our worship space...

- **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>

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