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The Holy Eucharist The Second Sunday of Easter April 16, 2023 – 10:30 AM

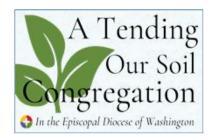
Welcome to Transfiguration!

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, know you are welcome here.

We hope you will join us for food & fellowship following the service.

Know that we are blessed by your being here!

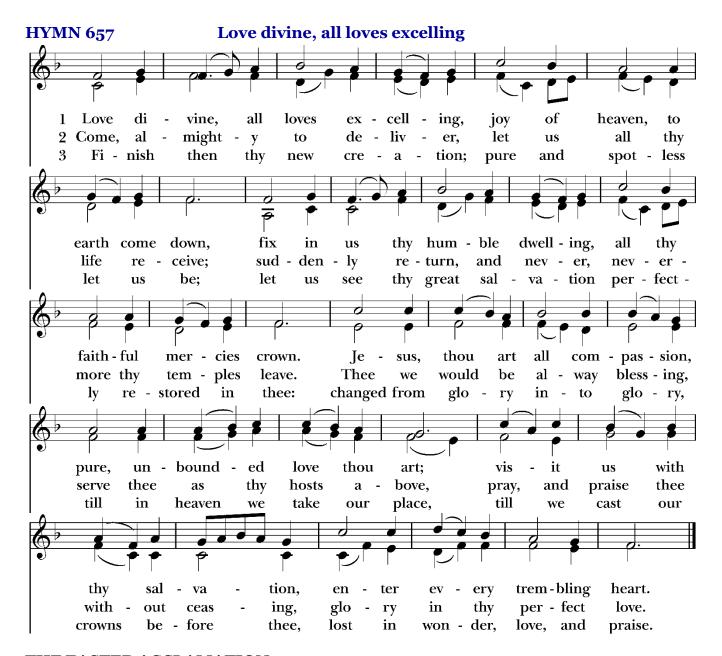
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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE



THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant O faithful, come on this day of glorious resurrection: **People**Celebrant O faithful, come on this day of glorious resurrection: **Let us drink the wine of the new vineyard,**On this day we bless Christ for ever and ever.

People Let us drink the wine of joy, of the kingdom of Christ!

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THE COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Alpha and Omega,

our beginning and our end, you break through the locks

of gated communities and hardened hearts: accept our doubts,

heal our desire for certainty and, by your Spirit's gentle touch,

make us a people forgiven and forgiving;

through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace.

People Amen.

THE FIRST READING Acts 2:14a, 22-32

A reading from the Book of Acts.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
 I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
 my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods * shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, * nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; * it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; * because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, * nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
 in your presence there is fullness of joy,
 and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

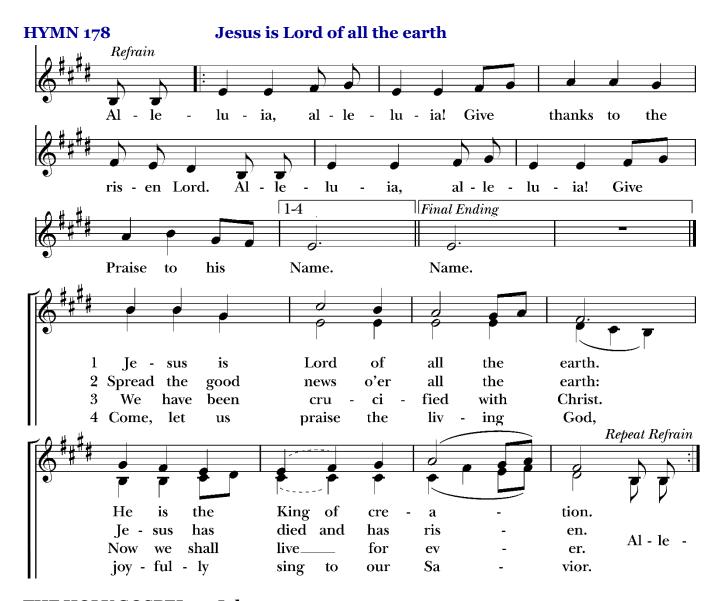
THE SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL John 20:19-31

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Kent Marcoux

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The prayer leaders and **People** pray responsively.

Christ, the stone which the builders rejected, God has made the cornerstone of a new community. In that name by which we are founded, let us draw near in confidence, saying: Lord, have mercy.

The risen Christ opened the minds of the disciples to understand the scriptures. May the church find in the scriptures healing, mission, and good news for all. For this let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ showed wounded hands and feet to his unbelieving apostles. May we see the risen one in all the wounded of our world. For this let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ our cornerstone intercedes for us before God. Let us and all in authority heed God's call for justice in the church, in our community, and in the nation. For this let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

We are saved by a God who is light, in whom there is no darkness at all. Let us beg for God's light in those places which seem darkest. Let us ask that God enlighten all who inflict darkness on others. Let us ask that God shine on those who are victims of evil. For this let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the power of Christ's name we are healed. Let us recall all who need healing and all in the healing professions. For them let us pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant invites other prayers, then everyone prays together the concluding collect below, ending with Amen.

All

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for eyer. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people greet each other with a sign of God's peace and sing the following hymn.

HYMN

Let there be peace on earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me; Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be, With God as creator, brothers and sisters are we, Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow: To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

The people are seated.

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

All are invited to make an offering to support our work of sharing God's love in the community and with the world. Online giving is encouraged at the link below.

Transfiguration https://secure.ggiv.com/for/ecott/restriction/



CHOIR ANTHEM You Raised Me Up



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The New Zealand Prayer Book

The Spirit of God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts to heaven

where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the first born from the dead, the pioneer of our salvation, who is with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God.

For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. We thank you that you make us human and stay with us even when we turn from you to sin:

God's love is shown to us: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord. You make all things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God.

In the power of endless life Christ is risen from the grave. His death has broken death and opened for us the new and living way. Christ is now our peace, our freedom and our joy.

In your mercy you are now our God. Through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit, a people after your own heart. We entrust ourselves to you, for you alone do justice to all people, living and departed.

Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.

Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you and say:

Holy, holy: God of mercy, giver of life; earth and sea and sky and all that lives, declare your presence and your glory.

All glory to you, Giver of life sufficient and full for all creation.
Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; 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 all, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory. We lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name. Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way, our access to you, Father, and source of all new life. In Christ we offer ourselves to do your will.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love.

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

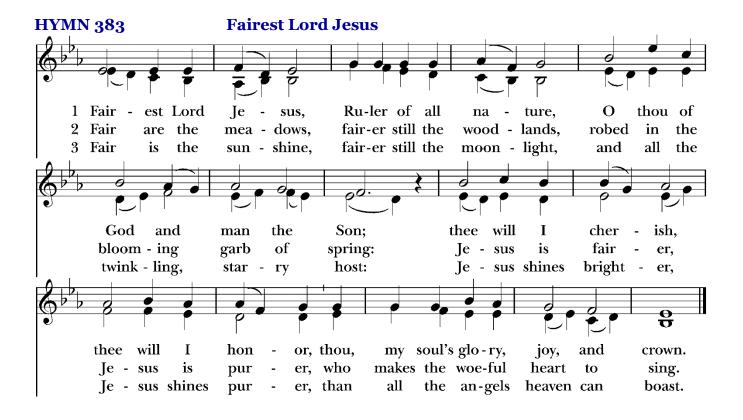
All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

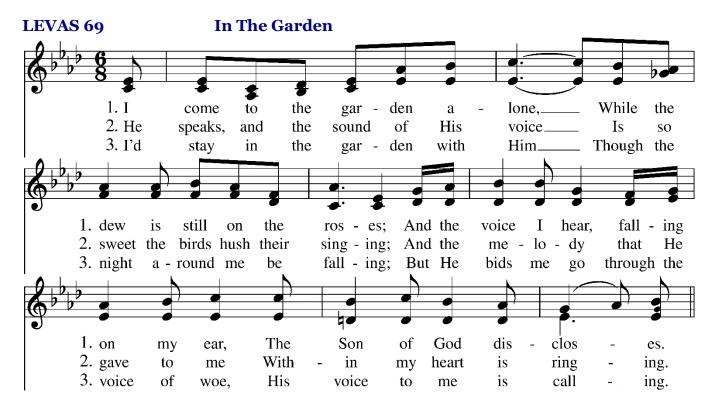
The people will come forward to receive communion packs that they bring back to their seats. After the first communion hymn, the Celebrant invites the communicants to receive the Bread and the Cup with these words

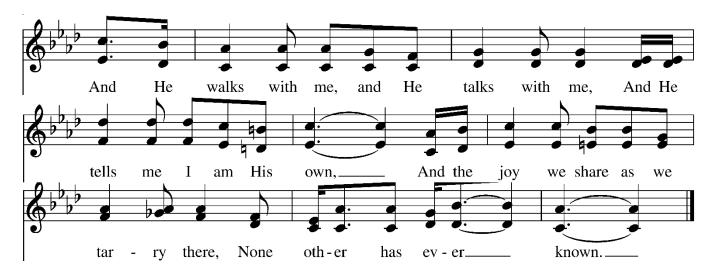
The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

The ushers will pick up the used communion containers during the second communion hymn.







POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes

and touched with our hands;

the word of life in whom our joy is complete:

send us out to declare your truth,

your unshakable faith in the world you love. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Life is short,

and we do not have much time

to gladden the hearts

of those who make the journey with us.

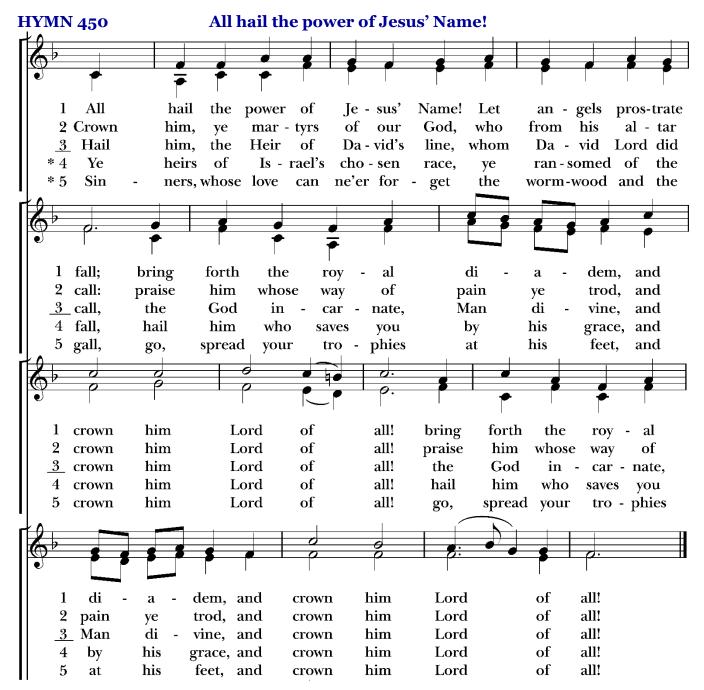
So be swift to love,

and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God,

who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us,

be with you now and forever.

People Amen.



6 Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

DISMISSAL

Leader Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

The Holy Eucharist The Second Sunday of Easter **April 16, 2023 – 10:30** AM

WORSHIP LEADERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Kent Marcoux

❖ Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) Karen Stoddard

Acolytes Valarie Basaija, Karen Facen

❖ Reader (First Lesson) Gordon Linton

Reader (Psalm) Gordon Linton

* Reader (Second Lesson) Karen Stoddard

❖ Director of Music **Elton King**

Transfiguration Parish Choir Vocalists

❖ Other Lay Ministers the People of Transfiguration

❖ Altar Guild JJ Boulin & Ruth Moore

Audio/Visual Steve van Albert

LEADERS IN MINISTRY AT TRANSFIGURATION

Altar Guild Karen Facen ❖ Altar Guild – Flowers Gail Carter

❖ Lectors & LEMs JJ Boulin

 Ushers & Audio/Visual Steve Van Albert

Choir Elton King, Director of Music

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Kellie Renich, President

❖ The Men's Group (TMG) Craig Carter, President

Vestry & Treasurer Dave Stoddard & Ladi Grey-Coker, Wardens Gail Carter, Chervl Lee Church, Gordon Linton, Charity Nabakuye, Rik Renich, Tom Stevens, Thank you for joining us today! For more information, please see

Moses Talyowe, Casey Tesfaye, Martha Wolf; www.transfig.org Kathy Berry, Treasurer

or contact the Church Office at

church@transfig.org or 301-384-6264

WE ENJOYED A JOYFUL, SPIRIT-FILLED EASTER CELEBRATION! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

EASTER FLOWERS & MUSIC

IN MEMORY OF

Marian Bailey Church, Annabelle Church Dix by Cheryl Lee Church

Amos T. Matthews, Sr., Delores Matthews;
Carl L. Vaughn Sr.; Ethel Vaughn; Carl L. Vaughn, Jr.
by Kendell & Amos Matthews

Bill Huggins

by Nancy Huggins

Jessica Rose Parker; Marsh & Alcenia Walton; Roscoe Sr. & Goldie Parker; Sylvia Shaw; Golden Parker

by Rose & Roscoe Parker

Allan Livingstone & Olga Livingstone

by Glynette Livingstone

Rev. Charles Davies-Cole

by Florence Palmer

Harold Facen

by Karen Facen

Reginald Washington

by Joan Wilson Brown

My Father

by Lesley Gordon

My parents, Douglas & Ann Roberts

by Karlyn Walker

Our Parents

by Tom & Pat Stevens

IN THANKSGIVING FOR

God's Love

by Ruth Moore

God's goodness

by Maureen Kasule

TO THE GLORY OF GOD FROM

Gloria Johnson

Ernest Mattison

Leroy & Roxane Woods

Gordon Linton

Ernest Mattison

Mark Pankow

Lenn Robinson

Rosamond Daniels

Ida Jenkins



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 16, 2023

TODAY at Transfiguration! – Thank you for joining us for worship today! Please join us downstairs for food & fellowship immediately following the service!

Young people — Our Sunday School classes are meeting today! See below for details!

Nursery Available — The nursery is available for childcare. You may go there directly or ask the ushers for directions. The nursery is downstairs next to the Parish Hall.

Our Prayer List — At this time we are praying for: Gloria, Emy, Beverly, Ida, Curtis, Edwin, Tina, Marilyn, Dave, Bankole, John, Kathe, Toni, Rose & Roscoe, Olga, Linnet, Arthur, Lloyd, Lucille, Paulette, Karlyn, Ruth, Desmond, Joan, Noel, Olivia, Terri, Bill, Joyce, Ernest, Betty

*Please submit prayer requests at <u>transfig.org/prayer-request</u> or call the office at 301-384-6264.

Note: the prayer list will be updated every two weeks. If you wish to continue praying for someone, you may submit another request online or call the office for an extension.

This Week at Transfiguration (new items highlighted) *More info on next page

Apr 16 (Sun)	Apr 16 (Sun) SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	
	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist – online via Zoom
		Holy Eucharist - In person/livestream
		Meeting: Vestry – Community Building
	12:00 PM	Meeting: TMG (The Men's Group)
Apr 19 (Wed)	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer & Bible – Library/Zoom
Apr 20 (Thu)	7:30 PM	Choir rehearsal – Community Building
Apr 21 (Fri)	7:00 PM	New Beginnings #10 – Diocesan Youth Event
Apr 22 (Sat)	11:00 AM	ECW PLANT SALE & FOOD TRUCK (see below for more info)
Apr 22-23 (Sat-Sun)		New Beginnings #10 - Diocesan Youth Event
Apr 23 (Sun)	Apr 23 (Sun) THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	
	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist – online via Zoom
		Holy Eucharist – In person/livestream
Apr 26 (Wed)	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer & Bible – Library/Zoom
Apr 27 (Thu)	1:00 PM	Meeting: Worship Cte – Library
,	7:30 PM	Choir rehearsal - Community Building

PARISH CALENDAR ONLINE: transfig.org/calendar/

Stay up to date by visiting our parish calendar on our website. Contact the church office to submit events for the calendar or with any questions. Thank you for helping us to stay current!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT TRANSFIGURATION

Our Sunday School is a time of fun, friends, and learning about God's love.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADES 6-12 (10:30-11:15 AM)

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join Sunday School during the 10:30 am service. At 10:30 go directly to your class, which gathers in the Community Building. You will join your family during the Announcements.

Teachers: Casey Tesfaye, David Boyd, Humphrey Magino

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADES K-5 / AGES 3-5 (12:00-12:45 PM)

Youth in <u>grades K-5</u> and <u>ages 3-5</u> are invited to join Sunday School <u>after the</u> <u>10:30 am service</u>. Come down to the Parish Hall – then join your class in the Community Building.

Teacher: Martha Wolf

EVENTS: NEXT WEEK Saturday, April 22, 2023



NEXT SATURDAY AT 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Transfiguration Parish presents the second annual ECW Flower Sale!

Join us for this very special event hosted by the Episcopal Church Women of Transfiguration (ECW) – for you and your family & friends, for the entire community!

Lots of volunteers needed – to set up, to play music, to help in lots of other ways. Won't you lend a hand?

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Donna Betteridge at artarcher2000@yahoo.com or Gail Carter at gboothcarter@gmail.com or the Church office at church@transfig.org