

The Coming of the Holy Spirit – Gisele Bauche acrylic, contemporary

# The Holy Eucharist The Sixth Sunday of Easter Celebrating Mother's Day May 14, 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!

Today we give special thanks to our mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, play moms, aunties, and all those who have mothered us.

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## THE WORD OF GOD

### **PRELUDE**



### THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! People

Celebrant O faithful, come on this day of glorious resurrection: Let us drink the wine of the new vineyard, People

Celebrant On this day we bless Christ for ever and ever.

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

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!



## THE COLLECT FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Trinity of love, inviting us to abide in you:

may we follow the Spirit of truth through desert wild and city street, rutted field and snowbound height, battleground and market square, that your demanding love

that your demanding love might speak to the heart of the manifold world;

through Jesus Christ, our Brother.

People Amen.

## THE FIRST READING Acts 17:22-31

A reading from the Book of Acts.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

**People** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 66:7-18

7 Bless our God, you peoples; \* make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, \* and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; \* you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; \*

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;

we went through fire and water; \*

but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings

and will pay you my vows, \*

which I promised with my lips

and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts

with the smoke of rams; \*

I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*

and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*

and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*

the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; \*

he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \* nor withheld his love from me.

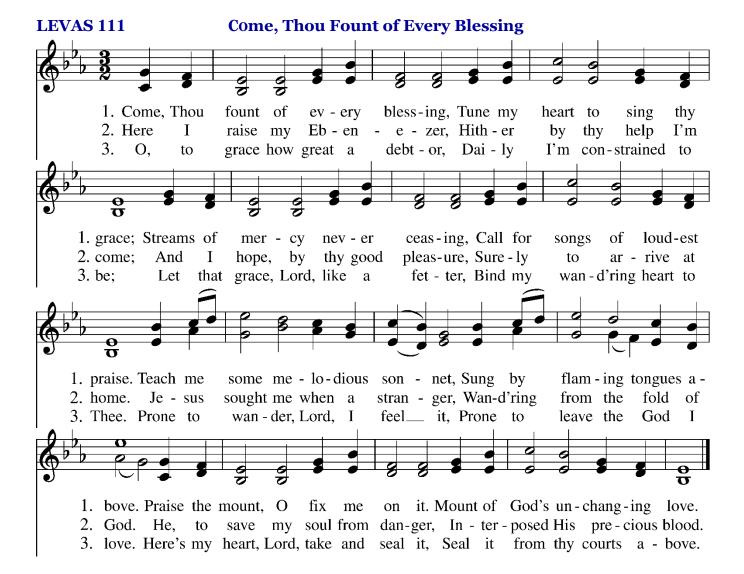
## THE SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:13-22

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For 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.

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**People** Thanks be to God.



## THE HOLY GOSPEL John 14:15-21

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

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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.

In this Eastertide we rejoice together at the resurrection of Christ. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

Father, enliven the Church for its mission

that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.

Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world:

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

We pray for the community	We	pray	for	the	comm	unity
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God of truth, inspire with your wisdom

those whose decisions affect the lives of others

that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Father, into your hands we commend them.

Give comfort to those who mourn.

Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We praise you for all your saints

who have entered your eternal glory.

May their example inspire and encourage us.

We pray for ourselves, for our ministries, and for others, especially those we name aloud and in our hearts:

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

The Celebrant invites other prayers, then all pray the concluding collect that follows and respond, **Amen.** 

## Grant that we may walk in your presence:

your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey,

we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

## PRESENTATION OF 2023 WOMEN OF GRACE AWARD

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY

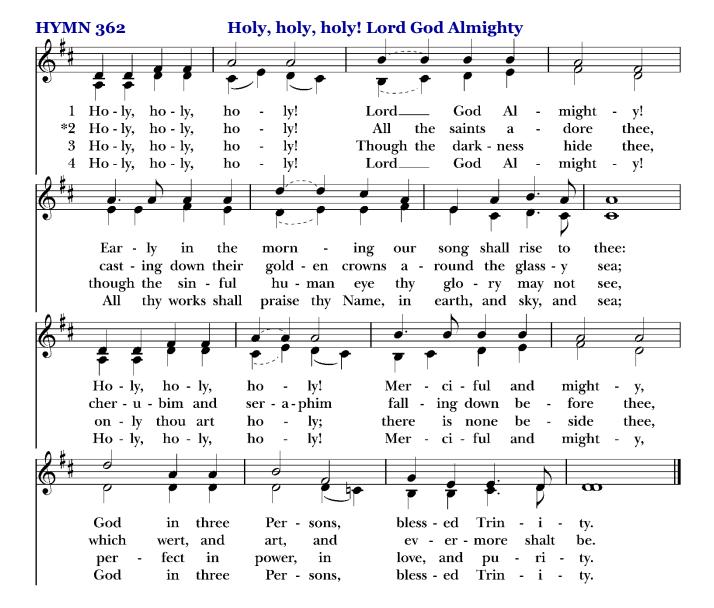
All are invited to make an offering to support our work of sharing God's love in the community and with the world. Online giving is encouraged at the link below.

Transfiguration <a href="https://secure.qgiv.com/for/ecott/restriction/">https://secure.qgiv.com/for/ecott/restriction/</a>



### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

The Lord is My Light



## 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, 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

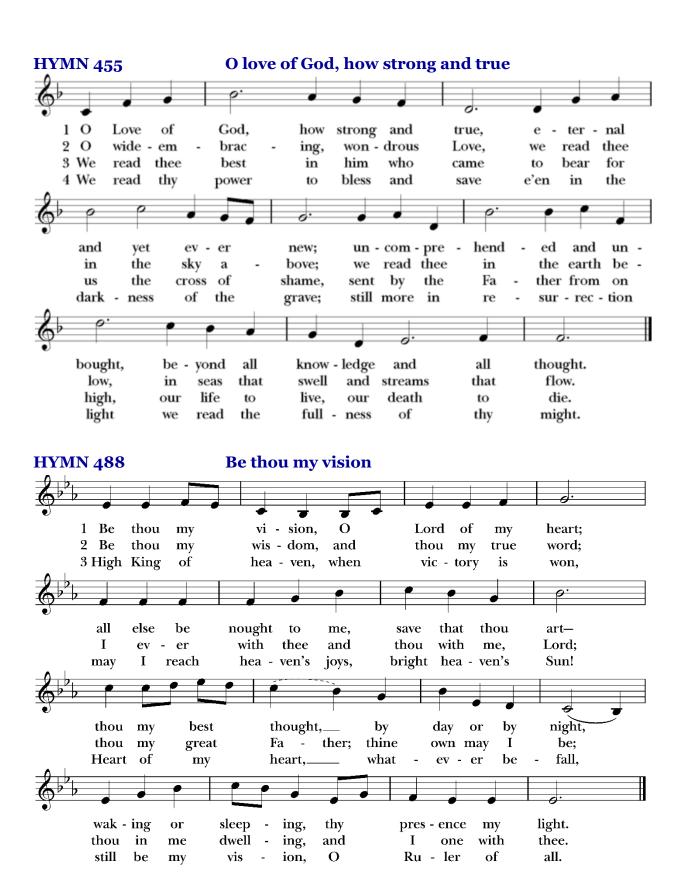
All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

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

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.

be with you now and forever.

## People Amen.



## **DISMISSAL**

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

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **POSTLUDE**

## The Holy Eucharist The Sixth Sunday of Easter **Celebrating Mother's Day** May 14, 2023 - 10:30 AM

## WORSHIP LEADERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Kent Marcoux

**❖** Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) Karen Stoddard

Acolytes Nkojo Basaija & Karen Facen

Reader (First Lesson) Glynette Livingstone

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Reader (Second Lesson) Donna Betteridge

❖ Director of Music Elton King

Vocalists Transfiguration Parish Choir

Other Lay Ministers the People of Transfiguration

❖ Altar Guild JJ Boulin & Ruth Moore

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, Cheryl Lee Church, Gordon Linton, Charity Nabakuye, Rik Renich, Tom Stevens, Moses Talyowe, Casey Tesfaye, Martha Wolf;

Kathy Berry, Treasurer

Thank you for joining us today! For more information, please see www.transfig.org or contact the Church Office at church@transfig.org or 301-384-6264

❖ Audio/Visual

## **TODAY at Transfiguration!**

Today we give special thanks to our mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, play moms, aunties, and all those who have mothered us.

Please join us downstairs for a special celebration of our mothers hosted by The Men's Group (TMG) – immediately following the service.

**Young people** – Our Sunday School classes are meeting today – see below for details! Note: Sunday School classes are meeting in new locations.

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:

Lois, Betty, Gloria, Emy, Beverly, Edwin, Tina, Marilyn, Dave, Bankole, John, Kathe, Toni, Ruth, Noel, Rose & Roscoe, Linnet, Arthur, Lloyd, Lucille, Paulette, Karlyn, Desmond, Joan, Olivia, Terri, Bill, Joyce, Ernest, Jim, John, Joycelyn – and for Ida and the repose of the soul of Lucille Clark.

\*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)

## 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist – online via Zoom 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist – In person/livestream Mothers Day Celebration – hosted by

Mothers Day Celebration – hosted by TMG (The Men's Group)

May 17 (Wed) 10:00 AM Morning Prayer & Bible – Library/Zoom

May 18 (Thu) 1:00 PM Meeting: Worship Cte - Library
7:30 PM Choir rehearsal - Community Building

May 21 (Sun) SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist - online via Zoom

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - In person/livestream

12:15 PM Meeting: Vestry

12:15 PM Meeting: TMG (The Men's Group)

May 24 (Wed) 10:00 AM Morning Prayer & Bible - Library/Zoom

May 25 (Thu) 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 – in the Library (next to the Parish Hall). 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</u> the 10:30 am service. Come down to the Parish Hall – then join your class in the Nursery.

Teacher: Martha Wolf