

Ascension – Jesus MAFA (Cameroon)

The Holy Eucharist The Seventh Sunday of Easter May 21, 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!

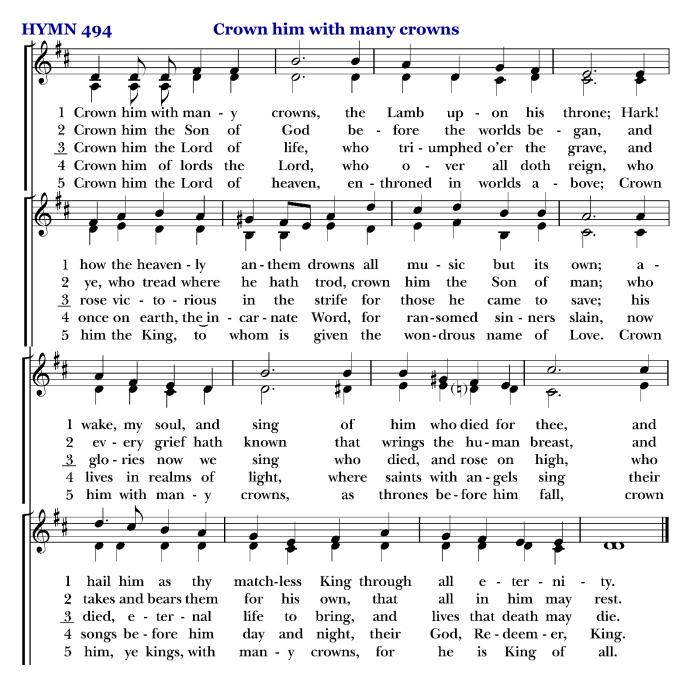
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS – SEE BACK PAGES





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	Let us drink the wine of the new vineyard,
Celebrant	On this day we bless Christ for ever and ever.
People	Let us drink the wine of joy, of the kingdom of Christ!
Celebrant	Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People	Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Transfiguration Parish - Holy Eucharist, May 21, 2023 at 10:30 AM



THE COLLECT FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Celebrant	God be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.
	Threefold One, relationship in unity, love given and received
	through all the ages long: give us that unity
	which is not enclosed but alive and accepting
	with the open heart of love; through Jesus Christ, the glory of God.
People	Amen.

THE FIRST READING Acts 1:6-14

A reading from the Book of Acts.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; * let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; * as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; * let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; * YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, * God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; * but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, * when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, * at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; * you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; * in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; * sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; * he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; *

his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *

the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

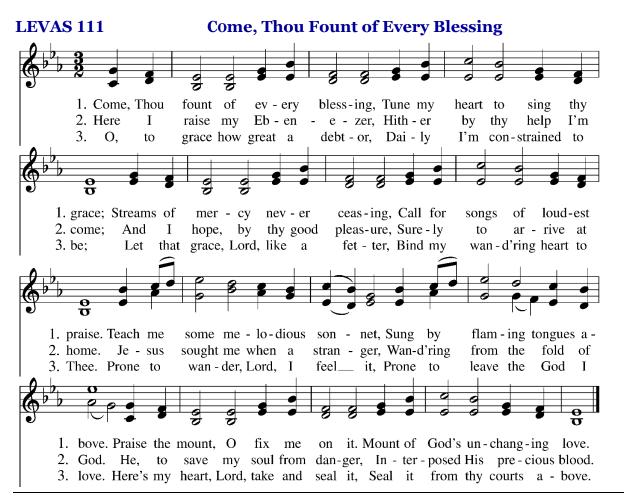
THE SECOND READING 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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



Transfiguration Parish - Holy Eucharist, May 21, 2023 at 10:30 AM

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 17:1-11

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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: 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 pray for those in need, especially those we now name: _____God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. **May they know the power of your healing love.** Make us willing agents of your compassion.

Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn,

especially those we now name: ______ 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

CelebrantThe peace of Christ be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

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

The people are seated.

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

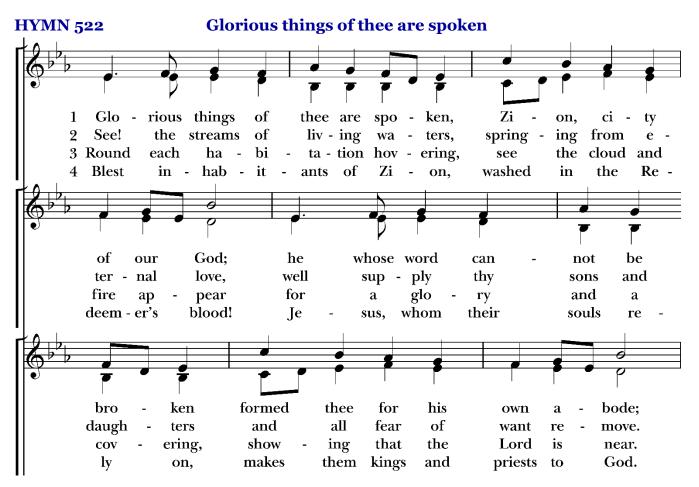
THE OFFERTORY

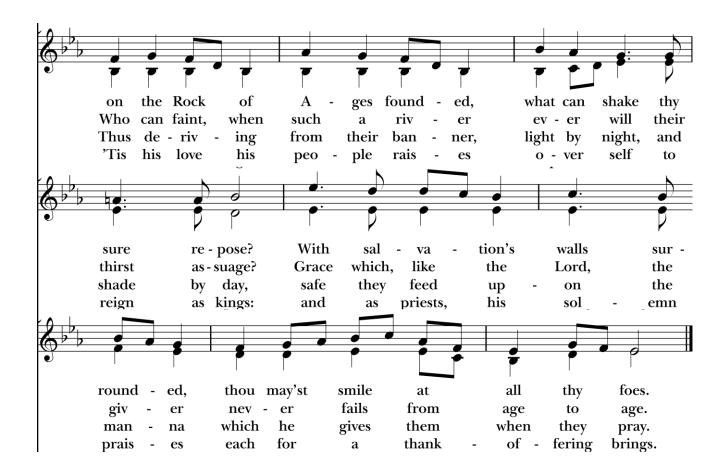
All are invited to make an offering to support our work of sharing God's love in the community and with the world. Online giving is encouraged at the link below.

Transfiguration <u>https://secure.qgiv.com/for/ecott/restriction/</u>



CHOIR ANTHEM





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

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.PeopleTherefore 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

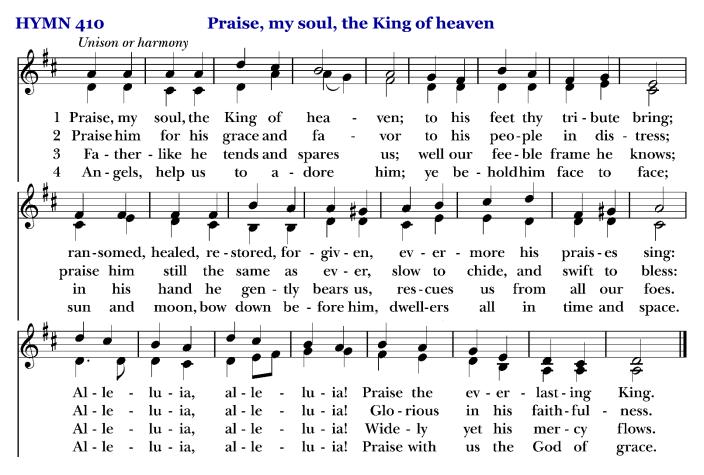
CelebrantLet us pray.PeopleRisen Christ, whom we have seen with

PeopleRisen 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

LeaderAlleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!PeopleThanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

The Holy Eucharist The Seventh Sunday of Easter May 14, 2023 – 10:30 AM

WORSHIP LEADERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

*	Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Kent Marcoux
*	Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM)	Rik Renich
*	Acolytes	Ryan Talyowe and Marvin Arthur
*	Reader (First Lesson)	Lesley Gordon
*	Reader (Psalm)	Gordon Linton
*	Reader (Second Lesson)	Gordon Linton
*	Director of Music	Elton King
*	Vocalists	Transfiguration Parish Choir
*	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
- ✤ Altar Guild Flowers
- ✤ Lectors & LEMs
- ✤ Ushers & Audio/Visual
- ✤ Choir
- Episcopal Church Women (ECW)
- ✤ The Men's Group (TMG)
- Vestry & Treasurer

Thank you for joining us today! For more information, please see <u>www.transfig.org</u> or contact the Church Office at <u>church@transfig.org</u> or 301-384-6264 Karen Facen Gail Carter JJ Boulin Steve Van Albert Elton King, Director of Music Kellie Renich, President Craig Carter, President 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*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 21, 2023

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 our Parish Potluck as we celebrate Pentecost.

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)

			1
May 21 (Sun)	Seventh	SUNDAY OF EASTER	-
	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist – online via Zoom	
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist – In person/livestream	
		Meeting: Vestry	
	12:15 PM	Meeting: TMG (The Men's Group)	
May 24 (Wed)	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer & Bible – Library/Zoom	C
May 25 (Thu)	7:30 PM	Choir rehearsal – Community Building	
May 28 (Sun) DAY OF PENTECOST			
	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist – online via Zoom	_
		Holy Eucharist – In person/livestream	
		p: Parish Potluck	
May 31 (Wed)	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer & Bible – Library/Zoom	
Jun 1 (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 <u>grades 6-12</u> are invited to join Sunday School <u>during the 10:30 am</u> <u>service</u>. 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> <u>the 10:30 am service</u>. Come down to the Parish Hall – then join your class in the Nursery.

Teacher: Martha Wolf