

The Burning Bush

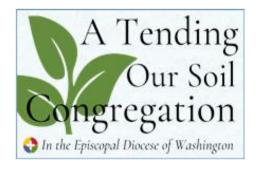
"I have heard their cry...I know their sufferings. So come, I will send you... I will be with you..." (Ex 3:1-12)

The Holy Eucharist 15th Sunday after Pentecost September 18, 2022 – 10:30 AM

Welcome to Transfiguration!

We are a community of believers, of seekers, and we are delighted to welcome you to Transfiguration!

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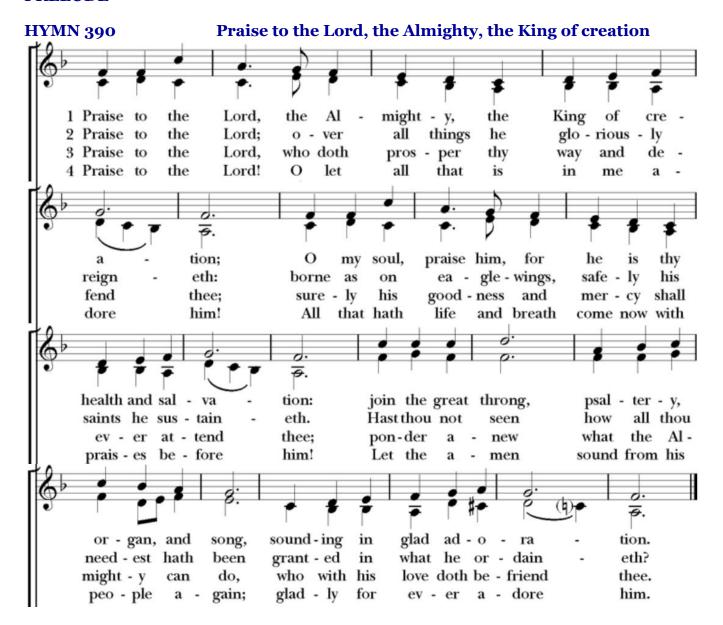






THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE



OPENING SENTENCES

Celebrant Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.



THE COLLECT FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Celebrant God be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of unexpected judgement,

finding grace in the devious and compromised: free us from the certainty of having you in our grip that a better wealth may flow through our open hands;

through Jesus Christ, the Currency of Life.

People Amen.

The people are seated.

THE FIRST READING Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land:

"Is the LORD not in Zion?

Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,

and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,

I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people

not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,

and my eyes a fountain of tears,

so that I might weep day and night

for the slain of my poor people!

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 79:1-9

1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;

they have profaned your holy temple; *

they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, * and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, * and there was no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, * an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? * will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you * and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob * and made his dwelling a ruin.
- 8 Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; * for we have been brought very low.
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; * deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

THE SECOND READING 1 Timothy 2:1-7

A reading from Paul's first letter to Timothy.

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

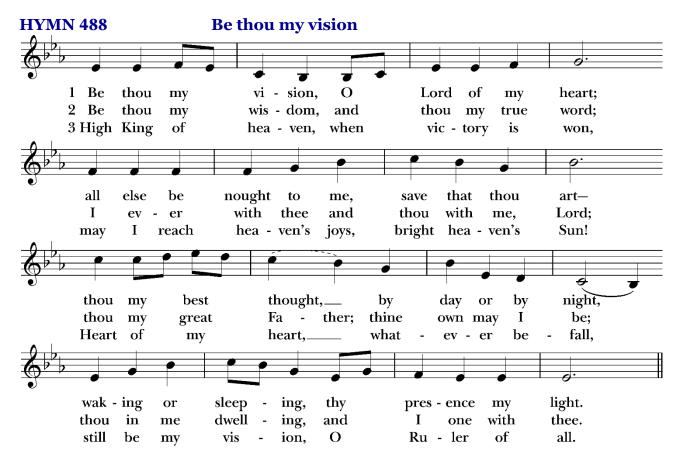
Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 16:1-13

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, `What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, `What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, `How much do you owe my master?' He answered, `A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, `Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, `And how much do you owe?' He replied, `A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, `Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Celebrant The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON The Reverend Kent Marcoux

The people stand as they are able.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

God is just, God is one. But we are often fragmented and consumed by many wants. Let us gather our needs now and offer them confidently and simply to God saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the world, that they may be just and honorable in their dealings with one another, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For peace, a reduction of arms, and an end to war and terrorism, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the church and its leaders may be ingenious and tireless in preaching the good news, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That all Christians may hold their goods and money lightly and use them for the sake of God's dominion, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That all elected officials may respond to the needs of their community and serve the common good, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That employees and employers may act honestly in their workplaces and treat one another with dignity, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all in any need, especially those we now name:, we pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, including those we now name:, we pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
Hear our prayers for peace in the world, an end to war, and protection and mercy for those endangered and displaced by armed conflict; remembering especially this week the people of Ukraine, we pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
We remember those who have died, especially those we now name:
Give comfort to those who mourn. Bring them peace in their time of loss.
We pray for ourselves, for our ministries, and for others, especially those we name aloud and in our hearts:
The Celebrant invites other prayers, then the Celebrant and the People pray the concluding collect together.
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,

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Today we will be celebrating any recent birthdays, anniversaries and special events! We will invite you forward at the Announcements time. Going forward, we will be celebrating birthdays & anniversaries on the first Sunday of each month. For more information, please contact Rev Kent. Thank you!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

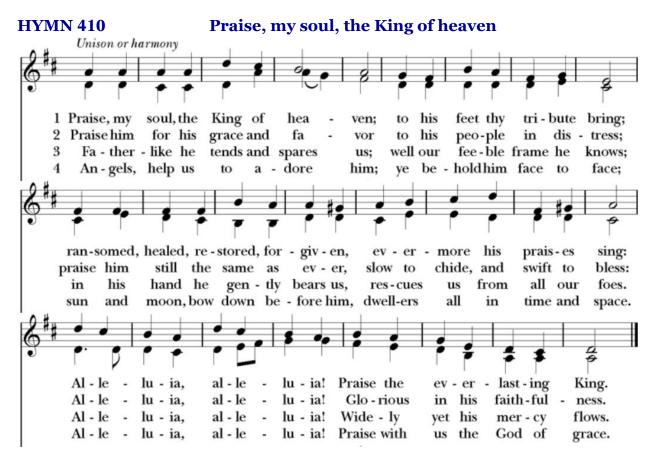
All are invited to make an offering to support our work of sharing God's love in the community and with the world. Please remember also our 2022 annual giving campaign — We've Come This Far By Faith.

Online giving is encouraged at the link below.

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CHOIR ANTHEM



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

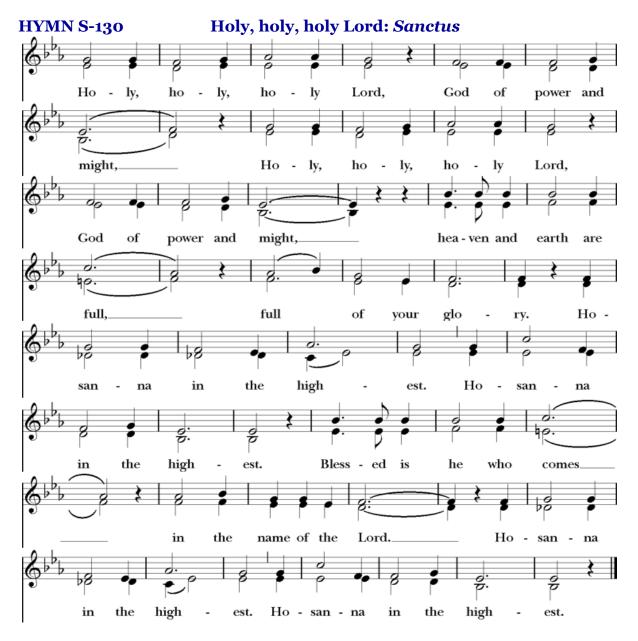
PeopleCelebrant
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us adore the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, in the abundance of your love you have caused all things to be; from dust and spirit you have woven our humanity; in all our wanderings you never cease to call us to fullness of life.

You gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life broken for the world; he fed us and feasted with us, he healed us and suffered for us; his dying and rising have set us free from the poverty of sin and the famine of death.

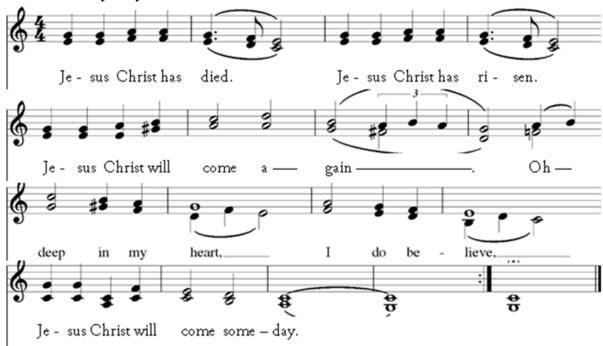
Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished and called, with all who hunger for your kingdom and will not rest until all your children are fed, with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages, we take up the song of your praise:



We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me." As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

Great is the mystery of faith.



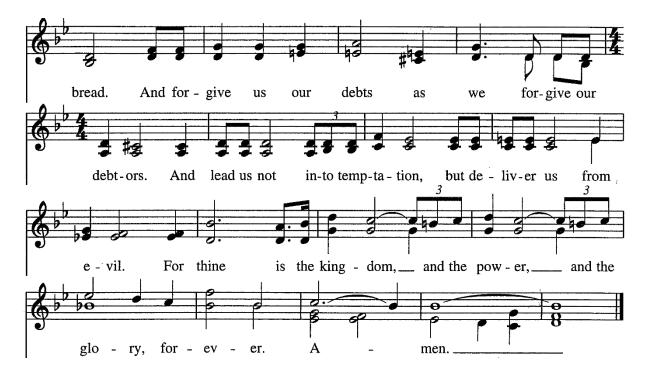
Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

LEVAS 264 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

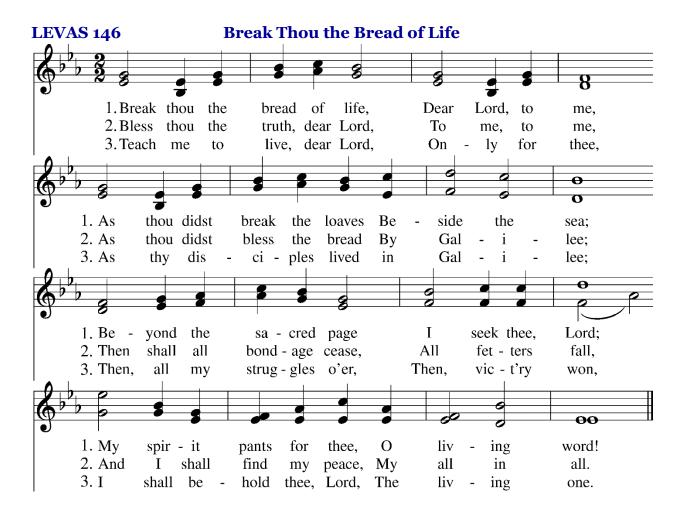
All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

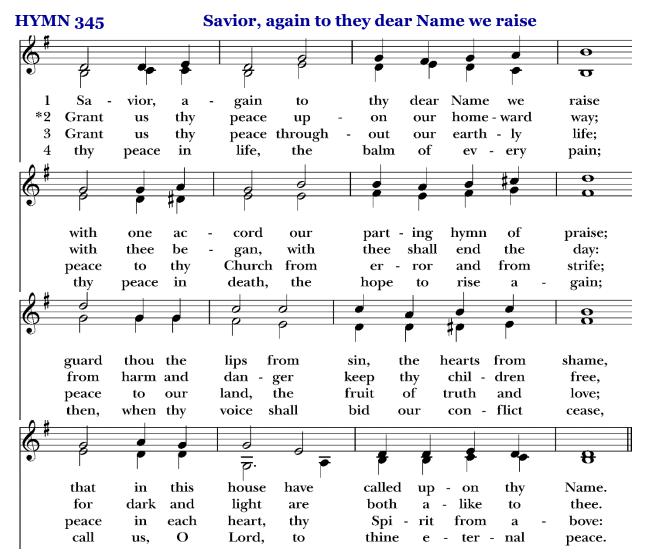
The people will come forward to receive communion packs that they bring back to their seats. **After the first communion hymn,** the Celebrant invites the communicants to receive the Bread and the Cup with these words

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.





The people stand as they are able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May God bless and keep you.

May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

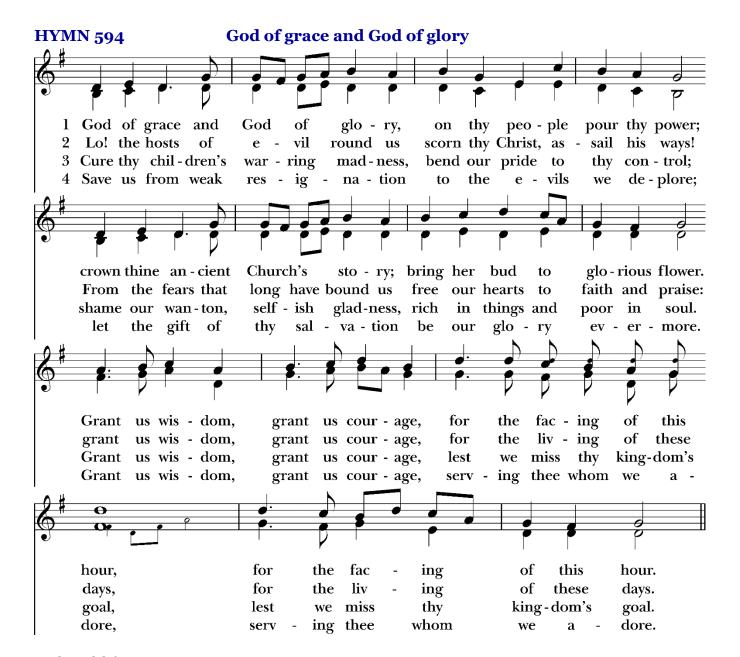
For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.1

People Amen.

¹ Isaiah 55.12



DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

The Holy Eucharist 15th Sunday after Pentecost September 18, 2022 – 10:30 AM

WORSHIP LEADERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant & Preacher The Reverend Kent Marcoux

❖ Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) Dave Stoddard

Acolyte Karen Facen

Readers (First Lesson) Tom Stevens * Reader (Psalm) Tom Stevens

Reader (Second Lesson) Constance Anammah

 Director of Music Elton King

❖ Vocalists Transfiguration Parish Choir

Other Lay Ministers the People of Transfiguration

❖ Audio/Visual Kathy Berry

❖ Altar Guild

LEADERS IN MINISTRY AT TRANSFIGURATION

❖ Altar Guild Karen Facen ❖ Altar Guild – Flowers Gail Carter **❖** Lectors & LEMs JJ Boulin

 Ushers Steve Van Albert ❖ 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 Mary Ellen Flynn & Roger Petzold, Wardens

Gail Carter, Cheryl Lee Church, Tony Kasule,

Gordon Linton, Courtney Livingstone, Rik Renich, Moses Talyowe, Casey Tesfaye,

Martha Wolf; Kathy Berry, Treasurer

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Thank you for joining us in worship today!

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