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The Holy Eucharist Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 7, 2022 – 10:30 AM

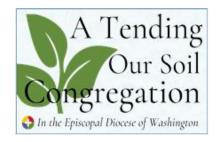
Welcome to Transfiguration!

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

We are blessed that you are here!

We extend a warm welcome to the Rev. Nancy James, our guest Celebrant and preacher today!

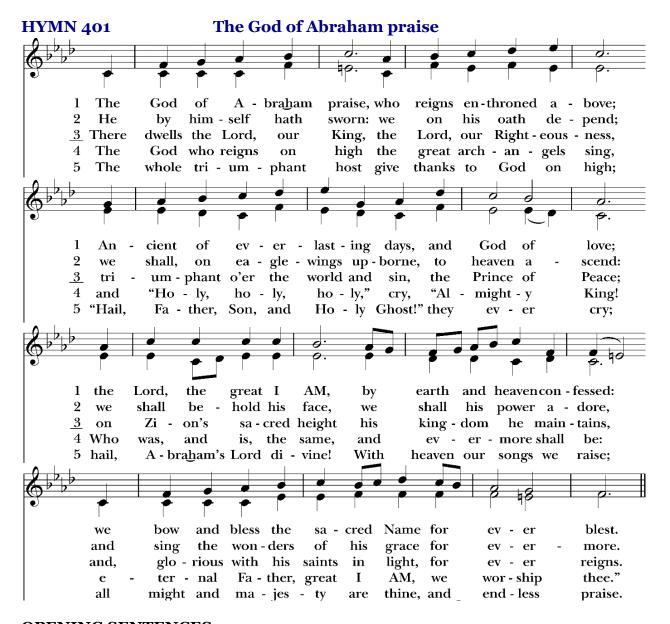
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THE WORD OF GOD

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 UNITY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth in our nation, to support one another without hat red or bitterness, that, being bonded in love, we may live in unity with you and one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



THE COLLECT FOR THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

> God our Thief, you steal from us our dead complacent hearts and kindle a new flame: take from our hands the burden of worthless things, and make them ready to receive

a greater gift: the love of a Servant King; through Jesus Christ, the Son of Man.

People

The people are seated.

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord,

you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,

you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?

says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams

and the fat of fed beasts:

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,

or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me,

who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;

bringing offerings is futile;

incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--

I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

Your new moons and your appointed festivals

my soul hates:

they have become a burden to me,

I am weary of bearing them.

When you stretch out your hands,

I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers,

I will not listen;

your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;

remove the evil of your doings

from before my eyes:

cease to do evil,

learn to do good;

seek justice,
rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan,
plead for the widow.
Come now, let us argue it out,
says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.
If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;
but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 50:1-8, 23-24

The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, * God reveals himself in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence; * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above * to witness the judgment of his people.

5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, * those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; * for God himself is judge.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak:"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; * for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; * your offerings are always before me.

23 Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; * but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

THE SECOND READING Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.



THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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 Nancy James

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.

Let us pray together for the riches that endure, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For faith enough to proclaim God's word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For compassion enough to comfort the hurting, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For hope enough to bolster the discouraged, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For courage enough to tackle the problems of nations and races, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For forgiveness enough to heal old wounds, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For love enough to bind us to all in Christ's community, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the cries of the suffering, we hear the Lord's call to compassion, and we pray for the sick and suffering, 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.

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord

Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy

Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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 then are seated.

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

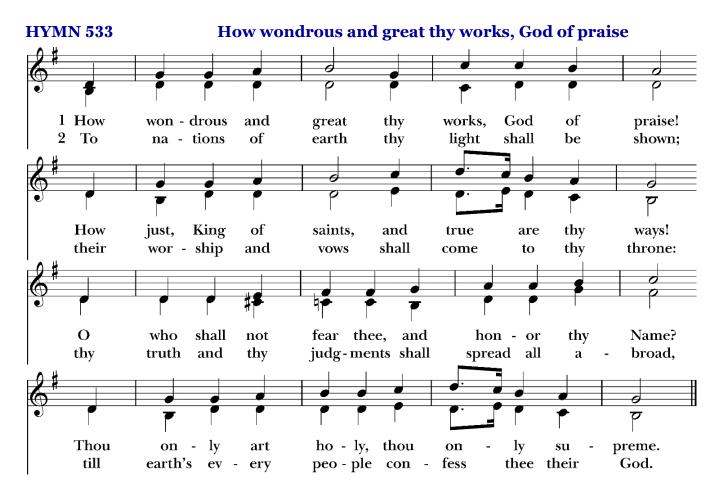
All are invited to make an offering to support our work of sharing God's love in the community and with the world. Please remember also our 2022 annual giving campaign — We've Come This Far By Faith.

Online giving is encouraged at the link below.

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CHOIR ANTHEM



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord is here.

People God's Spirit is with us.

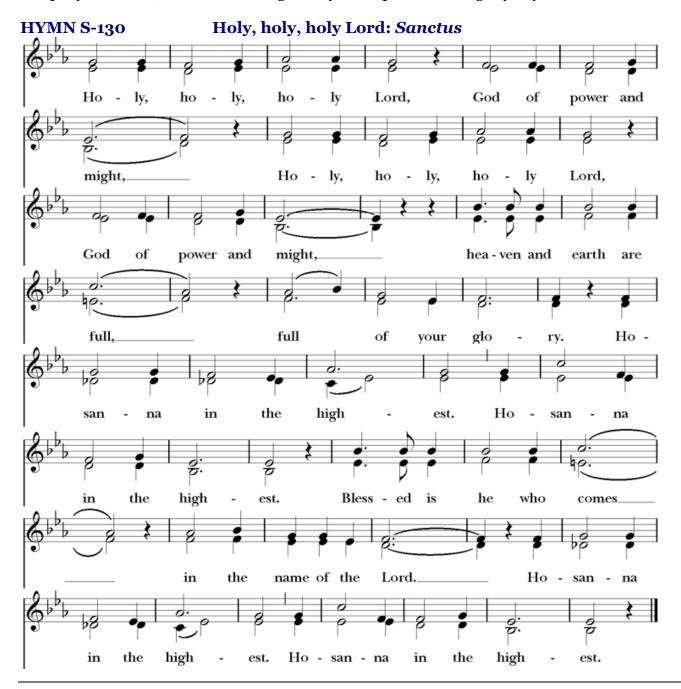
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People** It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

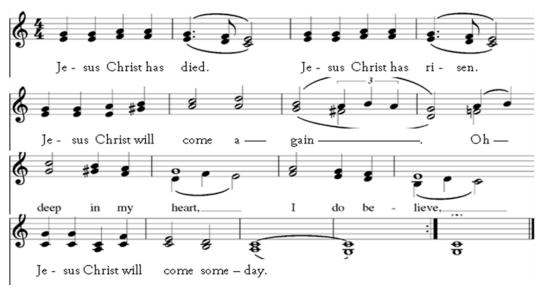


Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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:



We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

now and for ever. Amen.

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

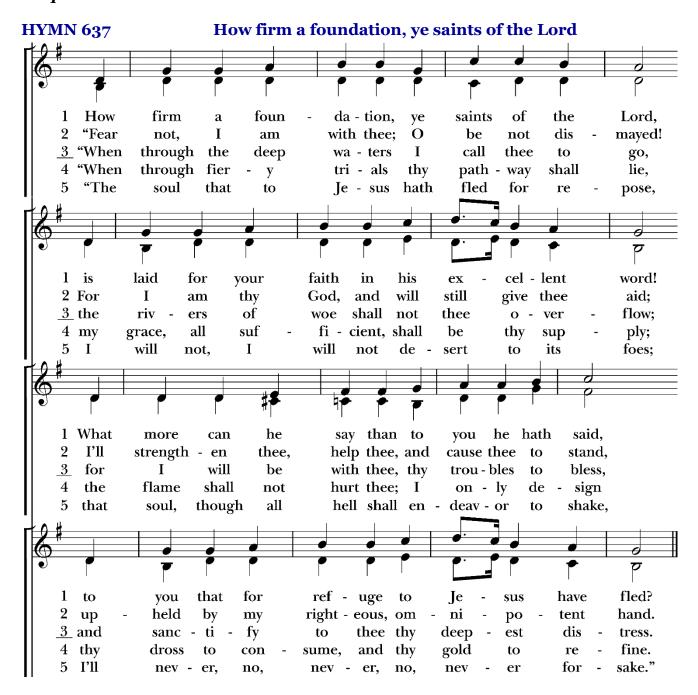
Celebrant Life is short, and we do not have much time

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.



DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

The Holy Eucharist Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 7, 2022 – 10:30 AM

WORSHIP LEADERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

❖ Celebrant & Preacher The Reverend Nancy James

Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) John Cardinale
 Reader (First Lesson & Psalm) Lesley Gordon
 Reader (Second Lesson) Gordon Linton

Reader (Second Lesson)
 Director of Music
 Elton King

❖ Vocalists Transfiguration Parish Choir

❖ Other Lay Ministers the People of Transfiguration

❖ Altar Guild Karen Facen, Maureen Kasule, Bernadette Denis

❖ 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/VisualSteve Van AlbertSteve Van Albert

❖ Choir Elton King, Director of Music

❖ Episcopal Church Women (ECW)
 ★ The Men's Group (TMG)
 Kellie Renich, President
 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*

Thank you for joining us in worship today!

For more information, please see <u>www.transfig.org</u> or contact Rev Kent in the Church Office at <u>church@transfig.org</u> or 301-384-6264



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, August 7, 2022

TODAY at Transfiguration — Thank you for joining us for our joyful, Spirit-filled celebration today! We extend a warm welcome to the Rev. Nancy James, our guest Celebrant and preacher today.

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



Our Prayer List

We are praying for: Gloria, Emy, Sadie, Beverly, Marilyn, Tina, Joseph & Olivia, Bankole, Kathe, Toni T, Rose & Roscoe, Olga, Linnet, Paulette, Lloyd, Karlyn, Ruth, Michael Marcoux

*Please submit prayer requests at transfig.org/prayer-request 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		
Aug 7 (Sun)	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (online via Zoom) Holy Eucharist – in person Elton is back! Rev Kent starts vacation.
Aug 12 (Fri)	11:00 AM 7:00 PM	Thrift Store opens BSA Troop meeting
Aug 14 (Sun)	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (online via Zoom) Holy Eucharist – in person Rev Kent on vacation.
Aug 19 (Fri)	11:00 AM 7:00 PM	Thrift Store opens BSA Troop meeting
Aug 21 (Sun)	9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:15 PM 12:15 PM	Holy Eucharist (online via Zoom) Holy Eucharist – in person Meeting: Vestry (Community Bldg) Meeting: The Men's Group
Aug 24 (Wed)	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer (online via Zoom)
Aug 26 (Fri)	11:00 AM 7:00 PM	Thrift Store opens BSA Troop meeting

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, Sep 11 is our kickoff Sunday, as we begin a new program year! We'll have a special worship service, food & fellowship, Sunday School begins – and more! Info to come. In the meantime, please save the date: September 11

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 calendar or with any questions. Thanks for helping us stay current!

Greetings from Boerne!

A word from Rev Kent: "Greetings, beloved – I am in Boerne, Texas visiting with my uncle Michael, who is in hospice care. It is sacred time with him and with my aunt and cousins. There is sadness and celebration, tears and laughter – powerful moments of grace, forgiveness, and redemption. It is a time that is familiar to all of us who have been with our loved ones in life's final stages. Through it all, I am strengthened by God, who loves us and weeps with us during difficult times. And I am deeply grateful to you for your prayers and support. Blessings to you and your loved ones. I hope you are enjoying some time for relaxation and rejuvenation during these dog days of summer!"

~Faithfully, Rev Kent