



THE TABLE

AT TRANSFIGURATION

Advent at Transfiguration

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. The readings and prayers not only direct us toward the joy of Christ's birth, they also challenge us to consider the day we will stand before the judgement seat of Christ. Therefore, this holy season is marked by both hope and repentance, as we await the day when all things will be brought to their fulfillment by the same one through whom all things came into being, who also came into the world as a babe in Bethlehem.



Ushers can guide you to the most convenient restrooms. A unisex restroom is available in the Gathering Space.



Our professionally staffed nursery is open for Saturday and Sunday services. An Usher can help direct you.



Hearing assistance devices are available. Ask an Usher if you would like one.



For more information on the life of Transfiguration and how to get involved, stop by the Visitors Center outside the doors to the church.

November 30, 2019

The Table

We hope you'll enjoy the musical prelude and allow it to guide you into a sense of readiness to pray and worship. It is an excellent time to quiet your mind and voice and begin to both speak and listen to God.

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit.

People

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

Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1. O come, O come, Em-man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
4. O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from Sa - tan's
5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el, That morns in lone - ly ex - ile here
ty - ran - ny That trust thy might - y power to save,
heaven - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
and close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Scripture

Please be seated to hear a reading from Holy Scripture.

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Each week a particular prayer from our tradition is offered to "collect" our thoughts and some of the themes of the Scriptures we'll hear. This prayer sets the tone for the whole service, and can be an excellent focus for meditation in the week to come.

A period of quiet follows the reading. We stand as the musicians begin the Alleluia and the Priest moves to the ambo to read the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Taizé Alleluia 7

Jacques Berthier

Please sing this refrain after the piano introduction and following the verse.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

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The Gospel reading is taken from one of the four books of the Bible featuring stories of the life of Jesus. The readings in our services are drawn from a three-year rotating schedule called a "lectionary." By ancient custom, the Gospel is read in the midst of the congregation. You may see people make the sign of the cross on their head, mouth, and chest, as a gestured prayer that God's Word be written on our minds, lips, and heart.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of our Savior.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Rebecca Tankersley
You may be seated for the sermon.

You are invited to use this space to take notes or jot ideas as you listen to the sermon.

The Nicene Creed
Please stand.

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.

The Nicene Creed is one of the most ancient statements of Christian belief about God. It is theologically dense, and includes several core doctrines shared by the great majority of Christians around the world. We profess this ancient formula to remember what we believe, which inspires how we live.

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.

The Prayers of the People

Each petition ends with:

To you, O Lord, we pray.

O come, Emmanuel, come.

Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is
far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake
and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make
us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory
to judge the earth, we may go out joyfully to greet
him; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*In these prayers we
ask for God's help and
mercy for ourselves,
the church, leaders,
vulnerable people,
and the dead. We pray
with hope and longing,
trusting that God is
moved by our prayers
and also knowing that
prayer shapes the one
who prays.*

Confession of Sin

You are invited to kneel as we confess our sins together.

Let us confess our sins against God
and our neighbor.

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 our Savior 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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Birthday & Other Anniversaries Prayer

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace *Please stand.*

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Christians believe that sin impairs our relationship with God and our ability to experience the abundant life that Jesus offers. Just as we do in our human relationships when we've done something wrong, admitting our mistakes and asking for forgiveness is essential to the process of reconciliation. We offer this confession together to cleanse our hearts of that sin, and hear the priest declare God's mercy and forgiveness, before we experience the holiness of the Eucharist (1 John 1:8-9).

Offertory

After the Celebrant says a verse from Scripture, the ushers bring forward the bread and wine that will be blessed in the communion prayer. After they are presented at the Altar, you may be seated as the Table Ensemble plays a piece of music as an offering to God.

Offertory Solo

Cycle of Light

Joel Martinson

*Heavy clouds had hung oppressive
over winter-weary hearts.*

*Darkened days had dulled our hope
and dimmed our gleaming dreams.*

*Then a flaming star appeared
beyond the galaxy we knew,
attracting our myopic gaze
and pointing us to distant places,
vistas unimagined.*

*Now we walk a winding path
from Christmas star's December birth
through Lenten ashes,
March endured and death embraced,
to April life,
the phoenix-risen Easter sun.*

So light, at last, will lead to Light.

– Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

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The Eucharistic Prayer during Advent comes from Enriching Our Worship, an authorized companion to the Book of Common Prayer. Pay attention to the Advent themes and language. Copies of the prayer are on the bulletin table in the Gathering Space

The Holy Communion

You are invited to stand with the Celebrant.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

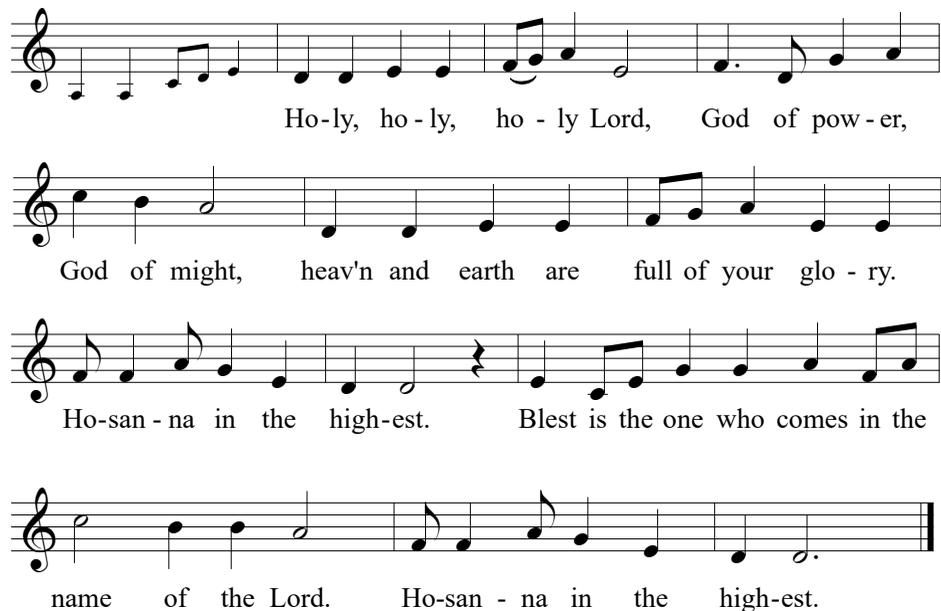
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

During the prayer, the Celebrant says



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho-san - na in the high-est. Blest is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high-est.

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Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith,
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say

Our Father, **who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Known as the "Lord's Prayer" or the "Our Father," this is the prayer Jesus taught to his disciples when they asked him how to pray (Matt 6:9-13).

Our communion bread is baked by parishioners using a recipe from an Episcopal monastery in Massachusetts.

Ingredients include flour, oil, milk, salt, and honey. The gluten free option is made using almond meal, almond milk, and coconut oil.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and there is a moment of quiet. Then the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Please be seated. The Ushers will invite you forward at the appropriate time. Those who have been baptized in a Christian Church, regardless of denomination, are invited to receive communion, and all others are invited forward to receive a blessing from the priest. To receive communion, hold out your hands and a piece of bread will be placed in them. Then move to one of the chalices and please guide the chalice to your lips to take a small drink.

Hymn

To You, O Lord

Marty Haugen

Please sing this refrain after the introduction and following each verse.



The image shows two lines of musical notation for the hymn 'To You, O Lord'. The first line is a treble clef staff with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: C4, G3, Bb3, G3, F3, and a half note G3. The lyrics 'To you, O Lord, I lift my' are written below the notes. The second line continues the melody with quarter notes: E3, D3, C3, Bb2, A2, and a half note G2. The lyrics 'soul, to you, I lift my soul.' are written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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After communion, you are invited to stand with the Celebrant.

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of

After everything has been performed in the service – Scriptures read, sermon preached, the

your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

meal eaten and cleared – we pray one final time to say “thank you.” For we have received nothing less than God’s own self, and it propels us out into the world. Our worship is over, but our service only now begins.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Final Hymn

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



3. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
4. And let the end - less bliss be - gin, By
5. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And



earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
wea - ry saints fore - told, When right shall tri - umph
light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy



of that morn, The day that e'er shall last.
o - ver wrong, And truth shall be ex - tolled.
peo - ple pray, Come quick - ly, King of kings.

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Postlude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Robert Powell

Tonight

Christmas Pageant Registration

Children and youth ages three years old through high school are invited to help act out the story of Christ's birth at the 3 p.m. Eucharist on Christmas Eve. To participate or volunteer to help please register in Realm. More information on audition times and ways to help is available on the Realm registration page.

Advent Blanket Drive

During Advent, Children's Ministries are collecting blankets for Vogel Alcove, a childcare center that provides developmental, social, and health services to children from families experiencing homelessness. Please bring donations in December to the designated baskets in the Tower Cloister by Christmas Eve.

Thank You From Austin Street Center Ministry

This year's Thanksgiving Eve feast at Austin Street Center has been served and what a success it was, enjoyed by everyone! Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who helped in a variety of ways: transporting food, setting up, and serving. A special thank you to iParentX for baking 75 delicious pies, and a huge thank you to all who generously provided funds to our ASC ministry to help make this possible.

This Week

Christmas Movie Series

During December in both youth Sunday school (10:15 a.m.) and Wednesday Crossover (6:30 p.m.), we'll explore a series on Biblical lessons in Christmas movies. On Sundays we'll watch "A Nightmare Before Christmas," "Arthur Christmas," and "A Christmas Carol," and at Crossover, we'll watch "Elf," "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," and "Home Alone." Encourage your kids to invite their friends to join us for these fun lessons in the Youth Center!

Second Half - Holiday Health

Join us to discuss the health challenges seniors often face this time of year. Join Second Half on Thursday, December 5 at 1 p.m. in Roper Hall for a presentation led by Joe Boorman. The presentation is free, no registration is required and all are invited to attend.

Women's Evening Book Group

The Women's Evening Book Group will meet on December 5 in the Parlor at 7 p.m. to discuss *The Baker's Secret* by Stephen P. Kiernan. In 1944 in a small Nazi occupied village on the Normandy coast, young baker Emmanuelle is making bread that sustains her villagers, but gives them hope that ultimately they will be saved them. All women are welcome. Email questions to Betsy Warren, betsymwarren@gmail.com.

Coming Up

Saint Nicholas Visit

The real-life Saint Nicholas lived during the 4th century in ancient Turkey. He used all his money to help children in need and people who were sick or poor. Children are invited to leave their shoes outside their formation class door on December 8 to receive a sweet treat from this beloved saint and families are invited to take pictures with Saint Nicholas in the Gathering Space between services.

Advent Procession of Lessons & Carols

The Transfiguration Choir and congregation will celebrate the Advent season through Scripture and song next Sunday, December 8 at 5 p.m. The choir will process throughout the church as it sings carols and anthems, and the congregation will join in singing hymns, chants, and carols accompanied by the handbells and the two organs. Childcare is provided and a reception follows this perennial favorite in Roper Hall.

Advent Taize Service

Experience a contemplative evening of prayer and song and encounter the beauty of Transfiguration's labyrinth by candlelight at 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 15.

Art Music Monday

The second concert of the 2019-2020 Art Music series will be held on Monday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m. Daryl Coad, clarinet, Gayane Manasjan Fullford, cello, and Edward Newman, piano, will perform works by Beethoven and Bruch. Presented in the intimate environment of Transfiguration's Performance Hall, this program is free and includes coffee and light desserts.

Birthdays

DECEMBER 1

Bill Duke
 Barb Herber
 Whitney Holley
 Olivia Vaught
 December 2
 Linda Norris
 Mamie Thrash
 Kathy Pershern

DECEMBER 3

Ellen Hart
 Liz O'Donnell

DECEMBER 4

Kathleen Taylor-Gadsby
 Alina Williams

DECEMBER 5

Mary Forrest
 Gene Mason
 Divine Okpara
 Annette Randall
 Chris Thomas
 Rachel Wilson

DECEMBER 6

Rowan Beil
 Kristofer Gerlach
 Karen Huff
 Ann Huffman
 Nancy Jagmin
 Bob Lemen

DECEMBER 7

Janet Cummings
 Keira Dwinell
 Susan Fisk
 Aidan Grimmatt
 Ginny Kivel
 Sherry Latson
 Michael McNelly
 Marian Weix

Calendar

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Meet the Vestry	Gathering Space	8:00 a.m.
Children's Chapel	Classroom 3	9:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist	Church	9:00 a.m.
Formation Classes for All Ages	Various Rooms	10:15 a.m.
Peace Post	Church Office	10:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist	Church	11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

Tai Chi Class	Roper Hall	7:00 p.m.
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Tuesday Book Study	Parlor	1:30 p.m.
Bella Musica Rehearsal	Music Room	7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Holy Eucharist	Church	6:00 p.m.
Vestry Special Meeting	Vestry Room	7:00 p.m.
Transfiguration Choir	Performance Hall	7:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

Centering Prayer	Parlor	11:25 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Church		12:00 p.m.
Women's Book Group	Parlor	7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Funeral for Larry Wilson	Church	12:00 p.m.
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Transfiguration Choir Rehearsal	Church	10:00 a.m.
Blood Pressure Screening	Library	5:00 p.m.
Holy Eucharist - The Table	Church	5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Blood Pressure Screening	Library	8:30 a.m.
Children's Chapel	Classroom 3	9:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Church		9:00 a.m.
Formation Classes for All Ages	Various Rooms	10:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist	Church	11:15 a.m.
Advent Lessons & Carols	Church	5:00 p.m.

Flowers

Help us adorn our altar in splendor each weekend by making a gift to our flower fund. Envelopes can be found in the pewbacks, or you may give online or by calling the church office.

Pastoral Care

Clergy, staff, and other ministers work together to provide pastoral care to our church every week. Through prayer, personal visits, anointing, carrying the Sacrament, and many other ways, we seek to serve people in need. If you would like to add someone to those prayed for daily by our Prayer Chain, email prayers@transfiguration.net or call 972-233-1989 (ext. 300). For private pastoral counseling and spiritual direction, contact Pastor Nancy DeStefano at ndestefano@transfiguration.net. If you would like to notify the clergy of a need, please use the Pastoral Care Station in the Gathering Space and submit a card. And if you urgently need to reach a member of the clergy after hours, call 214-296-2748.

Worship With Us

Wednesdays 6 p.m.

Thursdays 12 p.m.

Saturdays 5:30 p.m.*

Sundays 9* and 11:15 a.m.*

*Childcare available for children 6 weeks to age 5.



Service Participants

Preacher & Presider | Rebecca Tankersley

Assistant | Terrance Roper

Lector | Adam Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers | Garlan Braithwaite, Janice Cook, Alan Horan

Usher | Jerry Latson

Sound Technician | Greg Rickard

Greeter | Barbara Geiter

Hospitality | Marcy Mignardi, Kellie Latson

Musicians | David Reece, Willa Henigman, Joel Martinson

Altar Guild | Gabby Guion, Pam Johnson, J. B. Forrest, Marylse Bassett,
Mary Jo Francis, Colleen Carson

Flower Guild | Carolyn Lewis, Annette Randall, Joan Payseur,
Emogene Hanvey, Linda Carrara, Nick Braun

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