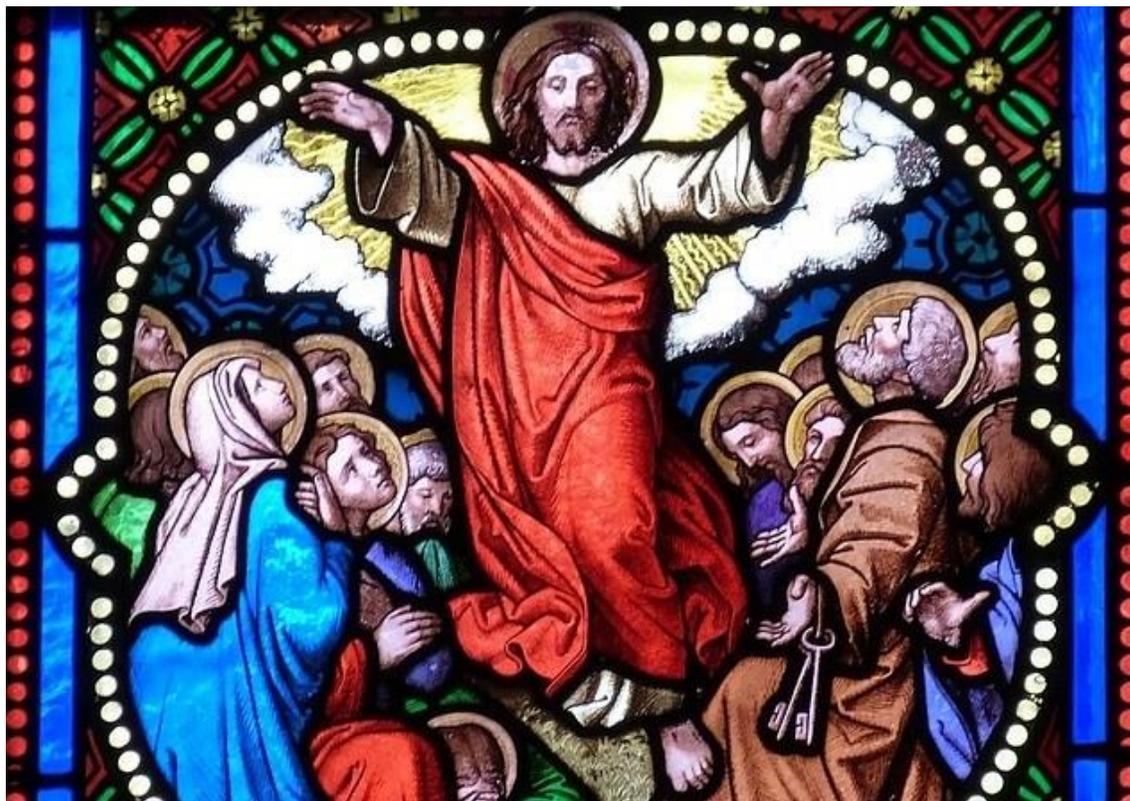


# The Church of The Transfiguration

Rooted in Christ ~ Bound in Love ~ Called to Ministry

May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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“Sunday after Ascension Day”*



*"Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son  
so that the Son may glorify you." - John 17:1*

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## The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Prelude

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Hopson

### The Word of God

Gathering Hymn

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

# 214 (vs. 1-2, 4)

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!  
glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!  
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!  
Wide unfold the radiant scene; Alleluia!  
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

Lord beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!  
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!  
there thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!  
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!

\* Opening Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Song of Praise "Gloria"

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

\* Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **All: Amen.**

## The First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

*Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

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.

*The Word of the Lord*

**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

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

*Reader: 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.

*The Word of the Lord*  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn

“At the Name of Jesus”

# 264 (red)

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed;

Bore it up triumphant, with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,  
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,  
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
with his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign;  
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

\* The Gospel for the Day

John 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, According to John  
**Glory 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.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Fr. Gordon

\* The Nicene Creed

adapted from *Enriching Our Worship 1*

Let us profess our faith, using the words of 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 and the Son,  
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: Form IV**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*(Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*(Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Help us protect the natural resources and beauty of this country, preserving them for future generations.

*(Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for those on our Parish Cycle of Prayer [*Donald Smith, Bill Spare & Bernadette Roche, The Staup Family*]. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week [*Mary Belcher, Gordon Delchamps, Rick Galliher*].

*(Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for the sick and infirm, and for those who are grieving. We pray for the homeless and disheartened, for the refugee and outcast, for the lonely and the searching; for individuals and families affected by the coronavirus. And we pray especially for those listed on the Parish Prayer list printed in the bulletin, and for those who are serving in the Armed Forces.

*(Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died. We also pray for those who have died as a result of COVID-19 in this country and worldwide; that your will for them may be fulfilled. And we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*(Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**  
*(Silence)*

### Closing Collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **All: Amen.**

### Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence)*

**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.**

### Absolution

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. **All: Amen.**

### \* The Peace

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

Announcements regarding the life of the congregation

# The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

“Be Not Afraid”

*Rev. Martha Bonwitt, Soloist*

\* Presentation of our Gifts & Doxology (*Spoken*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,**

**Praise him all creatures here below.**

**Praise him above ye heavenly host,**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

\* The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. 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:

Sanctus

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all. He 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 Lord 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 he 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:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him.

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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*While the celebrant takes the bread and the cup, the congregation says together:*

## Prayer for a Spiritual Communion

**Dearest Lord Jesus, I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, please come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you, joining my prayer with those who also must be absent from worship today and with all those who are suffering. Never let us be parted from you. Grant us grace to live our lives in your peace and with steadfast love; for your tender mercies' sake. Amen.**

## Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.**

### The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”

# 460 (vs 1-2, 4)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone;  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes, nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were  
o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise, “I am with you evermore”?

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own:  
Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil has entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest:  
thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

### Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### Postlude

“Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”

Hopson

*Please remain logged in after the Zoom service  
if you wish to join your friends in a social hour.*

### **Today's Ministers**

Celebrants	Fr. Gordon De La Vars
Lector	Marusia Zearfoss
Organist	Truuke Ameigh
Soloist	Rev. Martha Bonwitt
Technicians	Scott Myers
Altar Guild	Sue Wirths

### ***A Prayer for Those Affected by the Coronavirus***

*O God of compassion, giver of life and health, we pray your healing mercies upon all who are in any way affected by the outbreak of the COVID-19 coronavirus. Comfort and sustain those who have been stricken; relieve their pain, and restore to them your gifts of gladness and strength. Grant to all in authority the courage to make wise decisions that are essential for the common good, and strengthen them to lead institutions that care for those whom they serve. Protect those who are compelled to work farms and fields, city streets and factories, that put them in danger with little pay. Watch over all first responders and those in the medical professions whose duty it is to care for the sick; guard them from all danger, and keep them safe in the knowledge that is through their sacrifice and service that the health of the whole community is promoted. Mercifully accept these our prayers, O God of all comfort, and our only help in time of need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **Parish Prayer Lists**

### **Diocese of Maryland**

St Martin's in-the-Field, Severna Park; St Philip's, Annapolis; St Stephen's – Severn Parish; Adrien P. Dawson; Annette M. Chappell; Mark A. Stanley

### **May Prayers for Body, Mind & Spirit**

David Powell, Pamela Jackson, John Wall, Ray & Faye Grimes, John Rolph, John Wisor, Mark Glagola, Joanne Dupui, Betty Hedges, Barbara Stephens, Toni Beard-Wilson, Donna Hanson, Al Peden, Mary Belcher, Kimberly & Jordan Beckler, Jonathan & Katie Ross, Pearl O'Hara, Dorothy Beard, Savannah Bryant Ross, Marsha Burrell, Sherri Luttrell, Dale Sanders, Stuart Delchamps, Bob Dixon, Georgie Shane, Marilyn Roche, Dajalee Hilton, Joe & Millie Loetell, Ruth Ann Randall, Sheila Anzalone, Lorrunda Sewell, Jerry Kursban, Rev. Michael Adams, Analia Lutz & Family, Sally Ashley, Beverly Johnson, Gail Koglmeier, Robin & Greg Rugie, Steve, Ian Tisdale, Derek Chapman, Kristin LaRocca, Michelle Dickson, Geoff Barry, James Byun, Bett Williams, Andrea Davis, Linda Lewis, Mia Webdell, Brenda Hoffman, Valerie Webdell, Melvin Smith, Joey Jackson, Georgiann Ammon, Cheryle McKee, Dwight Courtemanch, Mark Masciarelli, Ethan and Judy Roberts, Seth Roberts, Meghan Roberts, Andrea Shears, Steve Hess, Karen Hess, Roy Reuter, Cheryl Jackson

### **Weekly Parish Cycle of Prayer**

Donald Smith, Bill Spare & Bernadette Roche, The Staup Family

### **Prayers for Returning Health and Healing**

Christine Burnett, Linda Myers, Cynthia Sakshaug, Helen Glagola, Jim & Barbara Stephens, Craig Zearfoss, George Roberts, Katherine Aaslestad, Paul Dumont. Stephen Nelson, Bridgette Hubbard, Kathleen Moss, James Belcher, Jr., George Wheehler, Tracy Skaggs, The Rev. Ellen Hurwitz+, Rowan Evans, Debbie Knipe, Alysann Staup, Steve & Karyn Murray

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Mary Belcher, Gordon Delchamps, Rick Galliher

### **Serving in the Armed Forces**

Nicholas Berry, Gabriel Affandy, Stacey Groth, Ed Groth, Erik Masick, Seth Green, Cade McCarty, Johnny Russell, Scott Orton, Kurtis Bickett, The Rev. Sean Wead, J. Andrew & Alyssa M. Hinkle, Christian Lewis, Antonio Ventura, Sandro LaRocca, Patrick Furini, Izaiah Weaver, Cooper Hampton

## **UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please be sure to livestream the Diocesan service at the Cathedral, beginning at 11 AM this morning. You may go to the Diocesan webpage for links and instructions.**

### **Middletown Food Bank**

The Middletown Bank is in desperate need of funds to purchase items to help offset the shortage of normally donated goods during this pandemic. For those wanting to donate, please make checks out to the Middletown Food Bank, and they can be sent to the manager's address at:

Phyllis Thompson  
206 Conebranch Drive  
Middletown, MD 21769

### **Church Office**

The church manager will be out of the office on Monday for Memorial Day, and will be back on Tuesday should anyone need to contact the office.

### **Mask Ministry**

The Mask Ministry will continue as long as it is a needed. Thirty-three masks were distributed just last week and the requests continue to come. Masks are available to anyone and can be picked up on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 4:30, however, they must be ordered in advance. To order masks, please text 240-344-5642 or email [zearfoss26@gmail.com](mailto:zearfoss26@gmail.com). \*Do not call the church to order masks. \*

# The Church of the Transfiguration

The Reverend Dr. Gordon Williams De La Vars, Rector  
The Reverend Ellen Hurwitz, Priest Associate  
Ms. Truuke Ameigh, Minister of Music  
Ms. Jackie Galliher, Choir Director

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist  
9:00 A.M. Adult Christian Education  
10:15 A.M. Holy Eucharist with Music  
11:30 A.M. Hospitality

Prayers for Healing and Anointing  
Follow each service on the 1st Sunday of the month

## WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Mon-Thurs @ 9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer

## Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM  
Fri 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

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