



# The Church of The Transfiguration

Rooted in Christ ~ Bound in Love ~ Called to Ministry

February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

*The First Sunday in Lent*



*"And he was in the wilderness forty days,  
tempted by Satan." – Mark 1:12*

The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration

6909 Maryland Avenue . Braddock Heights . Maryland 21714

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\*All responses are indicated in bold\*

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Prelude

“Larghetto”

Bach/Wildman

### The Word of God

The Great Litany

*Enriching Our Worship*

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,  
**Have mercy on us.**

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,  
**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
**Have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,  
**Have mercy on us.**

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy;  
from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,  
**Savior deliver us.**

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of  
heart and contempt for your word and your laws,  
**Savior deliver us.**

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and  
the devil,  
**Savior deliver us.**

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,

**Savior deliver us.**

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,

**Savior deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

**Savior deliver us.**

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,

**Savior deliver us.**

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,

**Savior deliver us.**

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

**Savior deliver us.**

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give your wisdom and strength to Joseph Biden, the President of the United States and to Larry Hogan, the Governor of this state, that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Bless and keep all your people,

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.  
**Hear us, O Christ.**

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.  
**Hear us, O Christ.**

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit, especially Helen and Susan, and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.  
**Hear us, O Christ.**

Guard and protect all children who are in danger.  
**Hear us, O Christ.**

Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.  
**Hear us, O Christ.**

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.  
**Hear us, O Christ.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died, especially as a result of the COVID virus, and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.  
**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

**Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy on us.**

Collect for the First Sunday of Lent

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **All: Amen.**

The First Reading –

Genesis 9:8-17

*Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis*

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

*The Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

*Congregation joins with Lector in reciting the portions in bold.*

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
**let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
**let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
**and teach me your paths.**
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
**for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
**for they are from everlasting.**
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
**remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
**therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
**and teaches his way to the lowly.**
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
**to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

The Second Reading –

1 Peter 3:18-22

*Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Peter*

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*The Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn

“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”

# 121

Christ, when for us you were baptized,  
God’s Spirit on you came,  
as peaceful as a dove  
and yet as urgent as a flame.

God called you his beloved Son,  
called you his servant true,  
sent you his kingdom to proclaim,  
his holy will to do.

Straightway and steadfast until death  
you then obeyed his call  
freely as Son of Man to serve  
and give your life for all.

Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord,  
your cross on us be signed,  
that, likewise in God’s service  
we may perfect freedom find.

\* The Gospel for the Day

Mark 1:9-15

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, According to Mark  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Fr. Gordon

Musical Interlude

"O For A Closer Walk With God"

The Baptismal Covenant

*Celebrant:* As we continue our Lenten journey, let us commit ourselves to Christ and renew our Baptismal Covenant. Do you believe in God the Father?

*People:* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People:* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People:* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*The Celebrant says:* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be with you always

**People:** **And also with you.**

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Announcements regarding the life of the congregation

# The Holy Communion

## Offertory Anthem

“Create In Me A Clean Heart O God”

*Solo by Rick & Jackie Galliher*

Mueller

## Presentation of our Gifts & Doxology

**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 C

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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 give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus (*All say*)

***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.***

*The Celebrant continues:*

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All: **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world

about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

All: **AMEN.**

### The Lord's Prayer

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

**All: 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

*Enriching our Worship*

We break this bread  
to share in the Body of Christ.  
**We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

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

## Prayer for a Spiritual Communion

**In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

## Music at Communion

**"I Want Jesus To Walk With Me"**

Spiritual

## 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.**

## Prayer for Lent *(all stand as are able)*

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

“Now let us all with one accord”

# 147 (vs. 1, 2, 5)

Now let us all with one accord,  
in company with ages past,  
keep vigil with our heavenly Lord  
in his temptation and his fast.

The covenant, so long revealed  
to those of faith in former time,  
Christ by his own example sealed,  
the Lord of love, in love sublime.

Therefore, we pray you, Lord, forgive;  
so when our wanderings here shall cease,  
we may with you for ever live,  
in love and unity and peace.

## Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

“Prelude in d minor”

attr. Bach

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

## **Today's Ministers**

Celebrant	Fr. Gordon De La Vars
Co-Celebrant	Rev. Ellen Hurwitz
Lector	Marsha Burrell
Organist	Truuke Ameigh
Soloists	Rick & Jackie Galliher
Technician	Scott Myers
Altar Guild	Marsha Burrell
Flower 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 Thomas', Garrison Forest; Sherwood, Cockeysville; Trinity Long Green; R. Margarita Santana; Sharon L. Watts; Nathan A. Erdman

### **February 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, 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 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, Dwight Courtemanch, Mark Masciarelli, Ethan and Judy Roberts, Seth Roberts, Meghan Roberts, Andrea Shears, Steve Hess, Karen Hess, Roy Reuter, Cheryl Jackson, Timothy Myers, Sandy Reagan, Jim Wonderly

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

Pam Jackson, The Jacocks family, Kerry & Erina Kelly

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

Christine Burnett, Linda Myers, Cynthia Sakshaug, Helen Glagola, Al Peden, 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, Luke Krizenesky, Kiley & Olivia Staffieri, Roselynn Malarek, Katherine Pearce

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

William Lohr

### **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, Patrick Furini, Izaiah Weaver, Cooper Hampton, Dylan Boyd, Garrett Hutchison, Connor Hosier

## **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

### **2021 Pledge Update**

Earlier this month, you received a letter containing pledge information. I am happy to report that we have had 22 forms returned pledging \$86,144.

Our 2020 pledge and plate amounts are down \$20,000 for the year and will probably stay down for now. I would like to ask you to maintain your pledges and send back the pledge form in the addressed envelope you received.

We are in troubling times and will most likely be there for a long while. Transfiguration will be here for you. Please support your church.

Craig Zearfoss,  
Treasurer

# For the Love of Nature

## An Interfaith Dialogue

February 22, 2021

7:00—8:30 PM

Via Zoom



Register through  
[flipcause.com](https://flipcause.com) to get  
your Zoom link by  
[clicking here.](#)

### Community Ecology Institute

Join a virtual discussion of the importance of Environmental Stewardship as viewed through the lens of different faith traditions. Representatives from Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islamic, Jewish, Sikh and other traditions will share their views.

For more information contact: Stuart Scarborough— 301-524-5400  
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*Cultivating communities where people and nature thrive together!*

# 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-Fri 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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