



# **The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration**

## **Transfiguring Times**

Thursday, March 26, 2026

### **The Rector's Metamorpho-News**

Dearly transfigured people of God,

Yesterday was a once-in-a-lifetime moment in history. The new Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Sarah Mullally, was installed during an elaborate enthronement ceremony at Canterbury Cathedral, the Mother Church of the Anglican Communion. The office of Archbishop of Canterbury was established in 597 AD although Christianity in Britain dates back to the first century. Archbishop Sarah Mullally is the first woman to occupy the seat in the 1,429 years of the office. However, there were other historic moments. Anglican Christianity has its roots in the apostolic period in Britain, established by St. Aristobulus the Apostle to Britain, and the arrival of St. Augustine of Canterbury in 597, but the tradition that is rooted in the apostolic succession of bishops and independence spread throughout the world.

The majority of Episcopalians or Anglicans no longer live in the United Kingdom, but in Africa. While the Church of England still accounts for 20% of baptized Anglicans, 65% now live in Africa. For the first time, six women serving as bishops and representing the Anglican Church in Southern Africa, Anglican Church of Kenya, Anglican Church of

Mozambique and Angola, and Episcopal Church of South Sudan were present at the installation. For the first time, the Anglican Churches of Brazil, Mexico, and Wales are also led by women and they were present to celebrate the new Archbishop of Canterbury. The new archbishop of Mexico read the Gospel in Spanish. Archbishop Albert Chama of Zambia prayed in the Bemba language. A Roman Catholic bishop read from the scriptures. Oriental Orthodox bishops were also present to support the new Archbishop of Canterbury.

All of this represented the diversity and growth of the Anglican Communion. The installation showed the world that we are truly a global communion. The Gospel was preached and joy was celebrated. I especially loved these words from Archbishop Sarah's sermon on the Annunciation to Mary, when the Archangel Gabriel asked her to be the Mother of God, "Mary followed in the footsteps of the faithful. Her story resonates with the beautiful stories of women, like Hannah, in the Scriptures. Mary put her hope in God's future. She trusted that he was with her, and through Mary, God did a new thing." God is always doing a new thing and God can do a new thing in you.

Blessings,

Fr. Caleb



*Fr. Caleb deeply values the connection with the members of our congregation and welcomes your input. Whether it's through office or home visits, phone calls, or email, he is here for you. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any needs, or concerns, or simply want to chat.*

## This Weekend

**Sunday, March 29, 2026**

### Palm Sunday

**8:00am Rite II (spoken contemplative service, approximately 1 hour)**

Please see the Order of Worship in the pews or [click here](#)

**10:00am Rite II (choir service, approximately 1 hour 15 minutes)**

Please see the Order of Worship in the pews or [click here](#)

[YouTube](#) link (for streaming the 10:00am service)

OR

[Facebook](#) link (for streaming the 10:00am service)

Please join us after each service in the Fellowship Hall for coffee/tea, snacks and conversation.

NOTE: Homemade treats and baked goods are always welcome too!



### **Matching Gift Campaign**

A generous donor has stepped forward with a \$15,000 matching gift challenge with proceeds to go to the Transfiguration operating fund. That means every gift toward this campaign will be doubled until we reach the full match. This is a wonderful chance to stretch our giving and strengthen our

ministries. Please designate “Match Campaign” in the memo.

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## Food Collection

### Superstition Community Food Bank Collected Weekly

Suggested donations for this week are: boxed cereals and crackers. For next week: canned fruits, pudding and gelatin. You can place your donations in the basket at the back of the church or in the bin in the Fellowship Hall.



## Coming Up

### The Week Ahead at Transfiguration

#### Tuesday, March 31

8:30am Trekking on Tuesday  
7:00pm Compline

#### Wednesday, April 1

9:30am Morning Prayer  
6:00pm Tenebrae Service

#### Thursday, April 2

6:00pm Maundy Thursday  
Service

#### Friday, April 3

12:00pm Good Friday Service  
6:00pm Good Friday Service

#### Saturday, April 4

7:00pm Easter Vigil Service

#### Sunday, April 5

8:00am Easter Sunday Service  
10:00am Easter Sunday Service  
w/music



## Lenten Collection

Sunday, February 22 - Sunday, April 5

### Collection Bin in Narthex

Transfiguration Daughters of the King, is collecting the following NEW supplies for the Chaplaincy Department at Phoenix Children's Hospital:

- Bibles
- Electric votive candles (+ batteries)
- Electric pillar candles (+ batteries)
- Different color highlighters
- Kleenex
- Different color pens (blue, black, red)
- New (not used) stuffed animals
- Yellow legal notepads
- Packaged cookies (store bought)

Please leave your donations in the labeled bin in the Narthex.

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## Catechism: Episcopalian 101

Thursday, March 12 - Thursday, April 16 | 10:00am

During Bible Study & Coffee Hour

Fellowship Hall

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Thursday, March 12 - Thursday, April 16 | 6:00pm

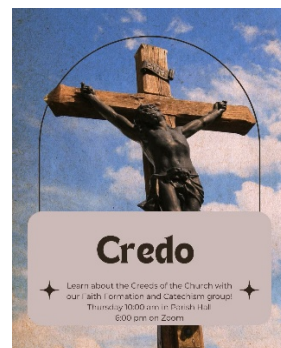
via Zoom

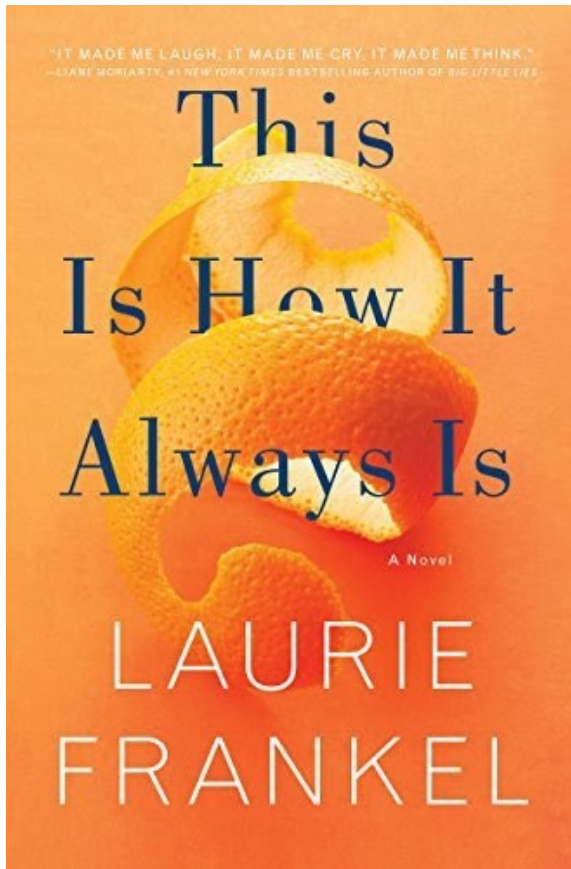
Would you like to learn more about being an Episcopalian? Please join us for two options: 1) In person sessions on Thursday mornings during the Bible Study and Coffee Hour or 2) Zoom session on Thursday evenings. You're welcome to attend one, two or all sessions! **NOTE: There will be no sessions on Thursday, April 2.**

Zoom link for the Thursday evening sessions:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84488545184?pwd=8jdB9XE2iNGiJlJmlEh9vRkz1DZim8.1>

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## Book Club

**Friday, April 17 | 10:00am AZ time  
via Zoom**

April's Book Club will discuss *This Is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel. The discussion leader will be Lynn Graff and the Goodreads rating is 4.28. [Click here](#) for the book review.

This is a novel about revelations, transformations, fairy tales, and family. And it's about the ways this is how it always is: Change is always hard and miraculous and hard again, parenting is always a leap into the unknown with crossed fingers and full hearts, children grow but not always according to plan. And families with secrets don't get to keep them forever.

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## ECM Breakfast

**Sunday, April 19 | 9:00am and 11:00am**

**Fellowship Hall**

Please join us for a delicious home cooked breakfast after each service. More details to come!



## Icon Painting Workshop Phoenix, Arizona

Experience the unique spiritual world of the Byzantine Era through icon painting



July 20-25, 2026

### All Saints of North America Orthodox Church Phoenix, Arizona

Join us on this six day intensive course under the direction of visiting master iconographer and expert instructor Theodoros Papadopoulos from Greece. This Virgin Mary icon will "come alive" as he will guide you step by step, through the ancient techniques of Byzantine Iconography. Let us journey together, discovering anew, this traditional artistic expression of theology and spirituality often called the "meeting place of the Divine". Whether you are beginner or a professional, this workshop offers the opportunity to learn or refine your techniques. It is a great opportunity for everyone to experience first hand the painting of an icon.

The schedule of courses runs daily from 9:00 am until 4:30 pm.

Your tuition fee of \$850 includes all materials including boards, pigments, brushes, etc.

Space is limited and early registration is suggested.

For information & registration visit the website  
[theodoreicons.com/phoenix](http://theodoreicons.com/phoenix)

or contact the instructor Theodoros Papadopoulos at  
[theodoreicons@gmail.com](mailto:theodoreicons@gmail.com)

## FYI

### Birthday Blessings

The following parishioner is celebrating a birthday next week:

- Ron Gurnee on 3/30

Please wish him a very happy birthday and keep him in your prayers!





*The Trekking on Tuesday group enjoyed an early walk this week in order to beat the heat!! Notice the gorgeous blooming Palo Verde tree in the background!*

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*Congratulations to The Rev. Bill Magie who was ordained on March 17, 1993, and served as a Deacon in the Episcopal Church for 33 years. We celebrated this milestone anniversary at this past Sunday's 8am service.*





*A wonderful time was had by all at this year's ECW Spring Luncheon & Style Show this past Saturday.*

## **Worship & Formation**



## **Prayer and Reflection**

**Sundays | 7:30am and 9:30am**

### **Parish House Chapel**

As a Christian community, fellowship and prayer are among the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please, observe quietude when entering and exiting the sanctuary for worship so that members may greet one another quietly and also pray and light candles. For those in need of and seeking silence for prayer and reflection, we are opening the Parish House Chapel before each service for prayer. Please observe silence when in the chapel so that this may be a space for those in need of silent prayer and contemplation.

## **Compline**

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays | 7:00pm AZ time**

### **via Zoom**

Compline/Evening Prayer is held via [ZOOM](#). Meeting ID: 740-940-1419. Passcode: 514 514. Contact Barbara Press with questions at (847) 651-1396. NOTE: There will be no Compline on April 1 and April 2.

## **Morning Prayer**

**Wednesdays | 9:30am AZ time**

### **via Zoom**

Please join us via [ZOOM](#) to prayerfully start the day. Meeting ID: 740-940-1419. Passcode: 514 514. Contact Barbara Press at (847) 651-1396 for questions.

## **Bible Study & Coffee Hour**

**Thursdays | 10:00am**

### **Fellowship Hall**

March 12 through April 16 we are studying Catechism: Episcopalian 101. Please join us! NOTE: There will be no Bible Study & Coffee Hour on April 2.

## **Morning Eucharist**

**Thursdays | 11:45am**

**Parish House Chapel**

Please join us in a small group setting as we celebrate Holy Eucharist.

## **Prayer Requests**

**Updated Weekly**

A list of those on our prayer list is posted in the Narthex. Prayers are offered up at Compline, by the Daughters of the King, and in the Sunday Services. Please contact the [Church Office](#) with your requests and updates.

# **Ministries**



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### **Altar Flowers**

**Donations requested for weekly arrangements**

Altar flowers can be dedicated in honor of special life events such as birthdays and anniversaries, in memory of a loved one or as a general thanksgiving. If you would like to donate altar flowers, please sign-up on the flower sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. [Ruby Seyffert](#) will then reach out to you regarding any special requests.

### **Altar Guild**

**Saturday, April 11 | 9:30am**

**Sacristy**

Altar Guild members care for the altar, vestments, vessels and linens under the direction of the Rector. They prepare the altar and worship space for services including weekend worship, weddings, funerals and baptisms. Contact [Barbara Press](#) to volunteer or to learn more.

## **Episcopal Church Men (ECM)**

**Tuesday, April 18 | 8:00am**

**Birdie's Bar and Grill, 500 S 80th St, Mesa**

ECM is for all men at Transfiguration and they socialize and plan upcoming activities at meetings. For questions, please contact John Collins at [jartcol98@gmail.com](mailto:jartcol98@gmail.com) or (480) 406-3121.

## **Episcopal Church Women (ECW)**

**Saturday, April 11 | 10:30am**

**Fellowship Hall**

All women who attend Transfiguration are included in ECW. The group meets the first Saturday of each month to plan their projects and activities with a potluck lunch following the meeting. For questions, contact [Peg Wier](#).

## **Lord's Soup Kitchen**

**Wednesday, April 15 | 9:00am**

**Fellowship Hall Kitchen**

In March this group prepared delicious **15 Bean & Ham Soup** that is in the Fellowship Hall freezer. Their dedication continues to bless our community, bringing comfort and kindness with every hearty bowl of soup. Anyone wanting to volunteer for this ministry can join us again in March. For questions please call Miriam Waddington at (559) 707-5810.

## **Stitchery Ministry**

**Thursday, March 26 | 1:00pm**

**Parish House**

This group meets the second and fourth Thursday each month to knit, crochet, sew and quilt. In addition to giving to our own members in need, the ministry donates prayer shawls and other hand stitched items to hospitals, nursing homes, shelters and other charitable organizations. No previous experience required - the group can help you learn how to knit, crochet, etc. Contact [Linda Jo Johnson](#) if you have questions.

## **Sunday Morning Ministry**

**8:00am and 10:00am services**

We are looking for committed individuals to serve in several very important roles during both Sunday services:

- Acolytes
- Chalice Bearers
- Greeters
- Readers
- Digital Ministry (service streaming)
- Offering Counters

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office at (480) 986-1145 or email [officetransfig@gmail.com](mailto:officetransfig@gmail.com).

## **Trekking on Tuesday**

**Tuesdays | 8:30am**

**Apache Junction Library**

This group gathers in the parking lot behind the Apache Junction Library, 1177 N. Idaho Road. For no more than one hour, they follow fairly level dirt trails that wander through the desert landscape with a great view of the Superstition Mountains. Please wear sturdy walking shoes and bring a bottle of water! Contact Lynn Graff if you have any questions at 480-201-2939.

# **Giving**



## **Second Sunday Offering**

**Sunday, April 12 | 8:00am & 10:00am services**

April's collection will be [Lutheran Social Services of SW](#). It helps children and their parents build strong, self-reliant foundations through fun and educational activities designed to support growth and learning.

## Online Giving

Pledging and financial gifts to the Church of The Transfiguration can be made using the following methods:

- For credit card or ACH gifts, you can use the QR code on the back of the weekly bulletin or this link: <https://onrealm.org/EpiscopalChurchTransfiguration/Give>
- If you prefer to use Zelle via your banking app, you can find the church via our email address: [officetransfig@gmail.com](mailto:officetransfig@gmail.com)

## Planned Giving

Did you know that you can donate to the Transfiguration Endowment Fund today? You don't have to wait to do this until your Last Will & Testament or Trust is executed. To learn more, please [click here](#) for an informational brochure or contact the [Church Office](#).

## Financial Report

Click [here](#) to see the Year End Transfiguration financial report (starting on p. 15). Hard copies are also available in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, please contact the Church Office.

# Around the Diocese



## Rosary Group

**St. Augustine's, Tempe**

**Saturdays during Lent | 7:00-7:30pm  
via Zoom**

In preparation for Sunday, every Saturday evening during Lent, Sr. Lisa-Brigid convenes a group to pray the Mysteries of the Rosary over Zoom. No previous experience with the rosary is necessary, and rosaries are available upon request. If you would like to join, please use this Zoom [link](#).

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## Diocesan Publication

Please contact the [church office](#) if you would like to receive the *Arizona Episcopalian*, a free quarterly publication from the Diocese. To sign up for the weekly Diocesan email *E-Pistle* click [here](#).



## Who We Are



The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration is an open and affirming Christian community in the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement.

We acknowledge the living culture of the Salt River Pima and Maricopa people, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, and pay tribute to the unique role they play in the life of this region.

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## Clergy and Staff

[Fr. John Caleb Collins](#), Rector

Office (480) 986-1145 or Mobile (480) 980-1981 (call or text)

[Janice Scalzo](#), Office Administrator

Judy Barnhart, Music Director

Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am – 1pm

## Office Volunteers

Anita Joy

Ruby Seyffert

[Janet Krahn](#) (Sunday Morning Ministry scheduling)

Office volunteers: Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-12noon

## **Leadership**

### **Executive Committee**

[Fr. John Caleb Collins](#), Rector

[Wayne Smith](#), Senior Warden (480) 245-9310

[Doug Wynn](#), Junior Warden

[Tom Kevern](#), Treasurer

Jane Stoneback, Clerk

Ruby Seyffert, Deputy Warden

Janice Scalzo, Office Administrator

### **Vestry Members**

Ron Gurnee

Anita Joy

Janet Krahn

Jo Laslo

Barbara Press

Sharon Smorynski

### **Social & Digital Ministry**

[Thomas Blum](#), Website

[Fr. John Caleb Collins](#), Facebook page

[Mary Hovden](#), Transfiguring Times (please send stories, announcements, photos, etc. to Mary [here](#))

[Peg Wier](#), Sunday worship service streaming

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