



The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE COMMUNION TABLE

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.

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 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. The Chapel will be open at 7:30 am and at 9:30 am respectively. Please, observe silence when in the chapel so that this may be a space for those in need of silent prayer and contemplation.

Thought for the Week

*“The reason we are old and wise is because
God protected us when we were young and stupid”*

Announcements

YOUR RECTOR AND VESTRY ARE LISTENING...We receive suggestions and implement submissions as able and with discernment...

We now have Online Giving Cards available in the pews. If you give online or write a check for the month or year, you are invited to place the "I Give Online" card into the offering basket as a symbol of your offering for the blessing.



ECW (EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN) had their **Spring Luncheon & Style Show** on Saturday. **"TIPTOE THROUGH THE TULIPS"**. Fun was had by all!

Photos are this Thursday's **Transfiguring Times** newsletter.

LENTEN COLLECTION: Sunday, February 22 - Sunday, April 5

DOK (DAUGHTERS OF THE KING) is again 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

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

Catechism: Episcopalian 101 Thursday, March 12th - Thursday, April 16th 10:00 a.m. during Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) -or- Thursday March 12th - Thursday, April 16th 6:00 p.m. (ZOOM) Would you like to learn more about being an Episcopalian? Please join us for two options: Zoom sessions on Wednesday evenings and in person sessions on Thursday mornings. You're welcome to attend one, two or all sessions! Zoom link for the Wednesday session: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84488545184?pwd=8jdB9XE2iNGiJlmlEh9vRkz1DZim8.1>

SECRET PRAYER SISTERS You still have time to sign up for the next Secret Prayer Sister cycle. Forms are available on the center table in the Narthex or by contacting either **Jo Laslo** (818) 825-3007 or **Barbara Press** (847) 651-1396. Please leave your completed form at the church office, email or mail it. In February 2027 we will all gather for another fun day to give exchange.

ALTAR FLOWERS If you'd like to donate altar flowers, please sign up on the flower sheet posted on the wall in the Narthex. **Ruby Seyffert** (rubbyseyf521@gmail.com) will then reach out to you regarding any special requests.

During Lent, we pause all flower donations as part of our season of reflection.

BIBLE STUDY AND COFFEE HOUR is on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. They will be studying is: **"Catechism: Episcopalian 101"**

THURSDAY MORNING EUCHARIST is held in the Parish House Chapel on Thursday mornings at 11:45 a.m. (after Bible Study)

TREKKING ON TUESDAYS will gather at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot behind the Apache Junction Library located at 1177 N. Idaho Road Apache Junction 85119. We walk level trails through the desert landscape for approximately an hour. Walking shoes and water are recommended. Contact Lynn Graff if you have any questions. 480-201-2939

THE LORD'S SOUP KITCHEN There is now delicious **15 Bean & Ham Soup** that is in the Fellowship Hall freezer. Their caring work continues to bless our community, offering warmth and nourishment of one hearty bowl of soup at a time. If you feel called to volunteer with this ministry, please reach out to **Miriam Waddington** at **559-707-5810**.

THE BOOK CLUB choice for April is *"This Is How it Is"* by Laurie Frankel. Discussion will next be held on Friday, April 17th 10:00 a.m. (AZ time) **Discussion will be led by: Lynn Graff (ZOOM)**
Synopsis: this is a poignant novel that explores the complexities of family dynamics, identity, and unconditional love through the story of the Walsh-Adams family as they navigate the challenges of raising a transgender child.

March's **SECOND PLATE** collection was \$284.00 for **Jose's Closet** which is a program that offers foster and adoptive parents a place where they can obtain clothes and other items for their children. It also offers a place where foster and adoptive parents can exchange clothes, cribs, strollers, toys or other equipment. April's **SECOND PLATE** collection is: **Lutheran Social Services of SW**. Help children birth to five and their parents build strong, self-reliant foundations through fun and educational activities designed to support growth and learning.

FOOD BANK suggestions for next week: canned fruits, pudding, and gelatin. Please place items in the basket either in the Fellowship Hall or a basket marked **Food Bank Donations** in the Narthex. **70 lbs.** of food goods were donated in February. Thank you, Christine and Pam.

COMPLINE services will continue to be held indefinitely on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER is at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom. Meeting ID: 740-940-1419
Passcode: 514514. Contact **Barbara Press**: 847-651-1396.

2026 EPISCOPAL CHURCH CALENDARS are available *in the Narthex*.

We appreciate a donation to help offset the costs

THE STITCHERY MINISTRY meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish House Living Room. Please join them with your special talents of knitting, crocheting, sewing, quilting, any needlecraft. The ministry donates items to hospitals, nursing homes, shelters or other charitable organizations and crochets scarves for teddy bears. Contact **Linda Jo Johnson** at: lindajo3@gmail.com

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We are looking for committed individuals to serve in various roles during our Sunday services. Positions available include **Acolytes, Chalice Bearers, Greeters, Readers, and specifically COUNTERS AND DIGITAL MINISTRY**. This vital group plays an essential part in our worship experience and helps nurture the spiritual life of our community. Training and guidance will be provided to ensure you feel well-prepared and confident in your role. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the office at: 480-986-1145 or email. *(Training is available)*

UPCOMING DATES

Mar. 24th **TREKKING ON TUESDAYS** at: 8:30 a.m. (Meet in the Apache Jct. Library parking lot)
Mar. 26th (Thurs.) **BIBLE STUDY AND COFFEE HOUR** "Catechism: Episcopalian 101"
at: 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Mar. 26th (Thurs.) **THURSDAY MORNING EUCHARIST** at: 11:45 a.m. (Parish House Chapel)
Mar. 26th (Thurs.) **CATECHISM: EPISCOPALIAN 101** 6:00 p.m. (ZOOM)
Mar. 26th (Thurs.) **STITCHERY MINISTRY** 1:00 p.m. (Parish House Livingroom)
Mar. 29th (Sun.) **PALM SUNDAY** Services at: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
April 5th (Sun.) **EASTER SUNDAY** Services at: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Apr. 11th (Sat.) **ALTAR GUILD** Meeting 9:30 a.m. (Rector's Office)
Apr. 11th (Sat.) **ECW (Episcopal Christian Woman)** 10:30 a.m. (Parish House Livingroom)
Apr. 14th (Tues.) **VESTRY** meet at 4:30 P.M. (Parish House Livingroom)
Apr. 21st (Tues.) **ECM (Episcopal Church Men)** 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

***Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after each service to celebrate with coffee and snacks. Homemade treats and baked goods are always welcomed.
Your assistance in cleaning up after coffee hours is always appreciated.***

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PRAYERS

People on our prayer list are posted in the Narthex. Prayers are offered up for them each weeknight at **Compline**, by the **Daughter's of the King**, and in the **Sunday Service**.

Please contact the office with your requests and updates

**If you are unable to attend the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, you can join us on:
Livestream at 10:00 a.m. using:**

***facebook.com/transfiguration.mesa or
youtube.com/@transfigoffice7704/streams***

Pledging and financial gifts to the Church of The Transfiguration can be made using ZELLE (officetransfig@gmail.com) or use the QR code for credit card gifts.

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