



The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration

The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

(Blessing of the Animals)

October 4, 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.

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

Thought for the Week

***“God created cats to teach us humility and dogs
to teach us unconditional love.”***

Announcements

Today...Aloha Potluck for Father Caleb...October 4, 2026, after the 10:00 a.m. service

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate **Father Caleb** and his journey to Hawaii. Together, we will gather in fellowship, share a potluck meal, and send him off with our love, prayers, and best wishes. We are grateful for **Father Caleb's** faithful ministry and the many blessings he has brought to our parish family. As he begins this exciting new adventure, let us surround him with encouragement and God's blessings for safe travels, joy, and new life.

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 (rubbysejf521@gmail.com)** will then reach out to you regarding any special requests.

*This week's altar flowers are given by **Juanita Quidera** and **John Collins** in honor of their son, **Father Caleb Collins**.*

They join the parish family in wishing him every blessing and a wonderful new chapter as he begins life in Hawaii.

October's **SECOND SUNDAY PLATE** is: **Paz de Cristo** which helps people struggling with hunger, poverty & homelessness. \$345.00 was sent to the **Syrian American Medical Society** for the **SECOND SUNDAY PLATE** in September.

FOOD BANK suggestions for next week: canned and dehydrated soups.

Please place items in the basket either in the Fellowship Hall or a basket marked **Food Bank Donations** in the Narthex. **95.5 lbs.** of food goods were donated in August.

Thank you, Christine Farrell and Pam Paul!!

THE LORD'S SOUP KITCHEN The faithful hands of **The Lord's Soup Kitchen** met Wednesday, September 23rd and made **Tomato Basil Soup** which can be located in the kitchen refrigerator. The Lord's Soup Kitchen continues to lift the spirits of our community, offering comfort, kindness, and the simple grace of a warm bowl of soup.

The Lord's Soup Kitchen is in need of a new leader. For many years, **Miriam Waddington** has faithfully dedicated her time, energy, and heart to leading this wonderful and giving ministry. We are deeply grateful for her service and commitment to helping others. If you feel called to continue this important work and lead this caring group, please prayerfully consider stepping forward and speak with Miriam for more information. **559-707-5810**.

ECM (Episcopal Church Men) met on Saturday, September 19th at Birdie's Bar & Grill. John Collins would like to thank all who attended. Our wonderful men's group once again has scheduled a delicious breakfast on Sunday, October 11th after each service.

2027 EPISCOPAL CHURCH CALENDARS are in the Narthex...

A small donation to help offset the cost is appreciated.

THE BOOK CLUB for Friday, October 16th **“A Violent End” by Maggie Wheeler**

Discussion leader is : Laura Whayne

Synopsis: Set in the rugged Ozark Mountains, **“A Violent End”** is a Southern revenge thriller about an honest man torn between his desire for a peaceful life and the violent legacy of his crime family

Discussion led by: Terri Heller. 10:00 a.m. (ZOOM)

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.

THE STITCHERY MINISTRY meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish House Living Room. The ministry donates items to hospitals, nursing homes, shelters or other charitable organizations and crochets scarves for teddy bears. Contact **Linda Jo Johnson** at: ***lindajoj3@gmail.com***

UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 4th (Sun.) **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

8:00 a.m. Service: Please bring a **photo of your pet** (no live animals at this service).

10:00 a.m. Service: You are welcome to bring either a **photo of your pet** or your **pet in person** (pets must be on a leash or in a carrier).

Oct. 4th is **Father Caleb’s** final sermon with the Church of the Transfiguration... **Aloha Potluck for Father Caleb after the 10:00 a.m.**



Oct. 11th (Sun.) **ECM** (Episcopal Church Men) **BREAKFAST** (after each service)

Oct. 13th (Tues..) **VESTRY** meets in the Parish House Living Room 4:30 p.m.

TREKKING ON TUESDAYS will meet again in the fall.

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VESTRY MEMBERS: **Ron Gurnee, Anita Joy, Janet Krahn, Jo Laslo,**
Barbara Press, Sharon Smorynski, Jane Stoneback

Music for September 27, 2026

PROCESSIONAL: H 114 “’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”

“Be Thou Exalted” (in place of S 280)

***BE THOU EXALTED, O LORD, ABOVE ALL EARTH
AND LET THE HEAVENS REJOICE, REJOICE!
BE THOU EXALTED, O LORD, ABOVE ALL THE EARTH
AND LET ALL HEAVEN REJOICE!***

(Written by Judi Barnhart)

GOSPEL: L 115 “Spirit of the Living God”

OFFERTORY Choir Only “She Sits Like a Bird”

Doxology (pg. 6 Order of Worship)

S 130 “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” (pg. 7 OOW)

COMMUNION: H 204 “Now The Green Blade Riseth”

RECESSIONAL: H 405 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”