ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

AN INCLUSIVE CONGREGATION IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION



HOLY EUCHARIST

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2026

Our Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m **Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken… No music)**

10:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist Rite II (With music … Livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube)**

If you are unable to attend in person, you can join us via Facebook or YouTube:

Our 10:00 a.m. service is livestreamed:

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

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.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after each service in our Fellowship Hall



The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration

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Thought for the Week

"Happiness is Found in Appreciating What is Already Here"

Founded in 1785, The Episcopal Church was originally the Church of England in the American Colonies. As the only U.S.-based member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, The Episcopal Church, with nearly 2 million active members, is part of the world's third-largest group of Christians with 110 million Anglicans and Episcopalians worldwide. We are denominational descendants of—and partners with—the Church of England and the Scottish Episcopal Church. The mission of the church, as stated in the Book of Common Prayer's catechism, is "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ."

PRELUDE *When the music starts, we ask for quiet to prepare our hearts for worship through prayer and silent meditation.*

PROCESSIONAL *With all standing as able.*

L 14 "Soon and Very Soon" for 10 a.m.

OPENING ACCLAMATION *(pg 355)*

CELEBRANT: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

PEOPLE: **And Blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

CELEBRANT: 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.**

GLORIA

The following hymn is sung: ***S 102 "Holy God" Trisagion***

Holy God, Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us"

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--

as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--

to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader: The Word of the Lord *People*: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM **Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18**

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Reader: The Word of the Lord *People*: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING **The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord *People*: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL HYMN ***L 115 "Spirit of the Living God"***

Stand as you are able

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL **Mark 13:24-37**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,

and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will

not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord *People*: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE SERMON

THE CREED *Please stand as you are able to recite the Nicene creed* *(pg. 358)*

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE **Form III** *(pg. 387)*

The Leader and People pray responsively, all standing as able

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.
We pray for all bishops, especially ++Sean, our Presiding Bishop, +Jennifer, our Bishop, and +Ricardo, the Bishop of our Companion Diocese of Western Mexico, and Deacon Amy+, and all priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
We honor and pray for our Indigenous neighbors.
That we may dwell together in respectful harmony.
We pray for the city of Mesa and surrounding cities, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.
Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.
Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.
We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For the Election of a Rector

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

CONFESSION OF SIN *Please stand or kneel as you are able* *(pg. 360)*

Celebrant says: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

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.

Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE *Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People*: **And also with you.**

People offer one another greetings of peace.

Celebrant offers prayers for birthdays, anniversary, travel, memorials, and specific prayers as requested. (pages 828-832 of the Book of Common Prayer)

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY *During the Offertory, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.*

H 68 "Rejoice, Rejoice"

Please stand as you are able, while the ushers bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the celebrant.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer C* *(pg. 369)*

People remain standing as they are able. Celebrant, faces them and sings or says:

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 him 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.**

People: **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:

Celebrant and People: **S 125 (Hymnal)**

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.

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,

Celebrant and People:

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

The Holy Communion

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Ruth, Naomi and Hagar, ; 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.

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

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. ***Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer **(pg. 364)**

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

Celebrant and People:

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All people are welcome to receive communion. *At the direction of the ushers please come forward to the altar, as you are able. If you need a gluten-free wafer, inform the minister.*

The Cup is only available by intinction (carefully dip wafer in wine).

If you do not wish to receive communion, but would like a blessing, when you come forward, please cross and fold your arms in front of your chest.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **[*Amen.*]**
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **[*Amen.*]**

COMMUNION HYMN *H 671 "Amazing Grace"*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray *(pg. 365)*

Celebrant and People: **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.**

BLESSING

Celebrant blesses the people.

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN ***L 18 "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"***

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

People: **Thanks be to God. ALLELUIA!**

After the service, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are always delighted to welcome The Venerable Amy Bryan to the Church of the Transfiguration. She is always an exceptional and inspiring speaker whose warmth, wisdom, and engaging presence make him a true joy to have with us. We always look forward to her visits and are grateful for the opportunity to hear her thoughtful and uplifting messages.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN -November 1st - 29th Our annual Stewardship Campaign, ***Plenty Good Room*****,** will continue Sunday, November 29th . Stewardship packets are available to pick up in the Narthex. Today, **Ruby Seyffert** will be our speaker at both services. Thanks to **Sandy Simpson**, **Janice Scalzo, and John Remington** for sharing their messages with us. To date we have received **27** pledge cards for a total of: **$72,693.00**. Our goal is to receive **90** pledges for a total of **$190,000.** Please check the Stewardship section on our website and if you have questions, contact: **Mary Hovden. maryhovden@gmail.com.**

There will only be one service next Sunday at 9 am, December 6 for Bishop's Visit

BISHOP'S VISIT Sunday, December 6th 9:00 a.m. (one service) Sanctuary & Hall

Please join us for ***The Rt. Rev. Jennifer A. Reddall's*** visit to Transfiguration. After presiding at a combined 9:00 a.m. service she will also meet with us at coffee hour after the service. Please plan to attend as we welcome ***Bishop Reddall*** and ***The Venerable Amy Bryan*** who will serve as the Chaplain to the Bishop.

RECTOR SEARCH UPDATE

The Vestry met on Tuesday, November 19th and wanted to share the following update about our Rector Search Process. Please join us on Sunday, December 20th after a combined 9:00 a.m. service where *the* ***Rev. Canon Dr. Robert T. Phillips, Interim Canon to the Ordinary & Deployment Office*** will conduct a parishioner involvement workshop with us. Your input is vitally important as we prayerfully search for our next Rector! If you have questions about the search process, please contact our Senior Warden, **Wayne Smith** at ***wsmith17@cox.net***

RUMMAGE SALE was a **HUGE SUCCESS!!** THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the success of our rummage sale. A special thank you to our amazing volunteers whose hard work, dedication, and teamwork made it all possible. With a special thanks to Jo Laslo for her leadership. All your efforts are greatly appreciated! Regular rummage sale was **$2755.39** and the Boutique brought in a total of: **$714.00** TOTAL for the Rummage Sale: **$3469.39**

SECOND SUNDAY PLATE was **PROJECT HELP which** provides short-term support for families and students in the East Valley. We donated $290.00 December's **SECOND SUNDAY PLATE** is **Native Health** which provides medical services, behavioral services, WIC (virtual), Community Health & Wellness programs, and food assistance health.

FOOD BANK suggestions for next week: boxed cereals and crackers. Please place items in the basket either in the Fellowship Hall or a Narthex basket marked ***Food Bank Donations.*** **119.5 lbs.** of food goods were donated in October. Thank you, Christine Farrell and Ruby Seyffert for your help in getting it all to the food ban

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 (*rubyseyf521@gmail.com)* will then reach out to you** regarding any special requests.

Today's altar flowers are given by ***Ruby Seyffert for her great granddaughter, Thalia's birthday***

ECM (Episcopal Church Men) Their next meeting will be Saturday, December 19th at **Birdie's Bar & Grill at 8:00 a.m.** They ask you to let them know if you plan to attend when a date, so that they can reserve enough seats. All men are welcome!

THE LORD'S SOUP KITCHEN The faithful hands of **The Lord's Soup Kitchen** has made **Chicken Tortilla Soup** which can be located in the kitchen refrigerator. A HUGE THANK YOU to ***Phillip and Deb Sheffield*** for graciously taking over the Lord's Soup Kitchen Ministry. Their willingness to step forward and serve our community in this important outreach is a true blessing…they are part of the "VILLAGE". 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. If you feel called to continue this important work, please consider stepping forward and speaking with ***Phillip or Deb*** for more information call **605-280-0631 or email: *gringasheffield1954@gmail.com.***

THE BOOK CLUB for Friday, December 18th 11:00 a.m. (ZOOM/AZ TIME) **THE BOOK CLUB** The book for December is: **"Dark August" by Katie Tallo** Discussion leader is: ***Judy Nixon*** *Synopsis: An electrifying, page-turning debut about a young woman haunted by her tragic past, who returns to her hometown and discovers that there might be more to her police detective mother's death*

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. Contact ***Linda Jo Johnson*** at: ***lindajoj3@gmail.com***

BLOOD DRIVE **Thursday, December 3rd 2026** **12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)**
The blood drive is open to Transfiguration parishioners and the public. Please consider participating in this very worthy cause. The need for blood is great, and donations tend to decrease over the summer months. To donate appointment, go to the website: ***https://www.redcross.org/giv.html/find-drive.***

UPCOMING DATES

December 3rd (Thurs.) **BLOOD DRIVE** 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

December 3rd (Thurs.) **BIBLE STUDY** 10:00 a.m. (Parish House Living Room)

December 5th (Sat.) **ALTAR GUILD** 9:30 a.m. (Rectory)

December 5th (Sat.) **ECW** (Episcopal Church Women) 10:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

December 6th (Sun.) ONLY ONE SERVICE, at 9:00 a.m. Bishop Jennifer Reddall presiding

Dec 10th (Thurs.) **STITCHERY MINISTRY** 1:00 p.m. (Parish House Livingroom)

December 20TH (Sun.) ONLY ONE SERVICE, at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Canon Robert T. Phillips presiding