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TRANSFIGURATION

TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

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Order of Worship  
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost  
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Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. BCP p. 78  
*Philippians 1:2*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. BCP p. 79

*Officiant and People together,*

***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.***

*The Priest 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.*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips. BCP p. 80

*People* ***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

*Officiant & People* ***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

*Officiant* The mercy of the Lord is everlasting. BCP p. 81

*People* ***Come let us adore him.***

**Psalm 78:1-7** BCP p. 694-695

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
***incline your ears to the words of my mouth.***

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
***I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.***

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
***we will not hide from their children.***

4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, \*  
***and the wonderful works he has done.***

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, \*  
*which he commanded them to teach their children;*

6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; \*  
*that they in their turn might tell it to their children;*

7 So that they might put their trust in God, \*  
*and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

## First Reading

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

A Reading from the book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. “Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.” But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

*Reader*

Here ends the Reading.

*You are God: we praise you;  
 You are the Lord; we acclaim you;  
 You are the eternal Father:  
 All creation worships you.  
 To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
 Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
     Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
     heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
 The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
 The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
 Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you;  
     Father, of majesty unbounded,  
     your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
     and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
 You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
 the eternal Son of the Father.  
 When you became man to set us free  
 you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
 You overcame the sting of death  
 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
 You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
 We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
     Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
     bought with the price of your own blood,  
     and bring us with your saints  
     to glory everlasting.*

## Second Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

A Reading from Matthew.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I

tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

*Reader* Here ends the Reading.

## Homily

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

Hymn 324

## The Collect of the Day

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*O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

*Officiant and People*

## Nicene Creed

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*All stand.*

*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.*

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates*

Hymn 436

## Holy Communion

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*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.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***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. Hosanna in the highest.***

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we bring you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Father, we now celebrate the memorial of your Son. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of his death, and proclaim his resurrection, until he comes again. Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Son Jesus Christ. Make us a living sacrifice of praise.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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*The Celebrant then continues*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Celebrant and People*

### Vail

*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,  
forever and ever. Amen.*

### Edwards

*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

*The Celebrant says*

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.

*At this time, all baptized people are welcome and encouraged to receive the bread of Communion. Please remain in your seat and we will bring the bread to you. Please hold the bread and pray until all have received. We will partake of the bread together.*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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*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 & Dismissal