

**“Prelude: Zo Trembley”**

**“Welcome and Community News”**

**“Readying Ourselves for Worship”**

**“Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground.  
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**ONE:** So on this – TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY –  
We’ll explore our inner *DIVINE* light,  
that light that transforms our daily living  
into an embodied spiritual practice of our human ‘*functionality.*’  
We’ll look at 5 symbols -- the foundation of mandalas across Space  
& Time – which have provided people with a context for their lives.  
And, we’ll divine their ‘historical meanings’ as still points for  
reflection in our contemporary and often chaotic daily lives.

**“A Poem for Centering Ourselves”**

***Blessing in the Chaos***

To all that is chaotic  
in you,  
let there come silence.  
Let there be  
a calming  
of the clamoring,  
a stilling  
of the voices that  
have laid their claim  
on you,  
that have made their  
home in you,

that go with you  
even to the  
holy places  
but will not  
let you rest,  
will not let you  
hear your life  
with wholeness  
or feel the grace  
that fashioned you.

Let what distracts you  
cease.  
Let there come an end  
to what diminishes  
and demeans,  
and let depart  
all that keeps you  
in its cage.

Let there be  
an opening  
into the quiet  
that lies beneath  
the chaos,  
where you find  
the peace  
you did not think  
possible  
and see what shimmers  
within the storm.

--Jan Richardson, *The Cure for Sorrow: A  
Book of Blessings for Times of Grief*

## **"Becoming Present to God and Each Other...Our Check-in:**

~ **The Joy of Passing the Peace** ~

**"Gathering as God's People:"**

**"Shine, Jesus, Shine" #123 in Worship & Praise**

Please stand as you are able.

**"Bible Wisdom Teaching"**

**Transfiguration** is a very systematic discipline, working best for the scientifically-inclined mind and is deemed "very hard work." Also "when transfiguring, it is important to make firm and decisive wand movements. Do not wiggle or twirl your wand unnecessarily, or the Transfiguration will certainly be unsuccessful" *as stated by Emeric Switch in A Beginner's Guide to Transfiguration.*

There were a number of factors a wizard had to take into account when carrying out Transfiguration spells—body weight (a), viciousness (v), wand power (w), concentration (c) and a fifth unknown variable (Z), as described by the following mathematical formula... (as taught to first year students at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry).

**Then, there's this version:**

**The Transfiguration:** a complete change of form or appearance into a more beautiful or spiritual state. In the 'transfiguration' we perceive the Christ body as it ascends into the secret, high, spiritual place uniting with the Most High; similar to when we lift up our thoughts to the Most High. The apostles of Jesus in this story represent human faculties or functions of the human body – parts of the body, glands and organs—as having functional support for the spiritual body. So, when we lift up our faculties, our bodies, we become a spiritual reality and our body becomes Truth, refined and vitalized in every cell, quickened and harmonized in every function, transformed into living, luminiferous energy, beautiful, strong, whole, young, eternal, incorruptible, a true embodiment of the divine energy.

**Reading from the Gospel of Mathew 17:1-9**

***One:*** *May we hear anew the origin stories of our faith and draw from the roots of our tradition.*

**All: Thanks be to our God**

**“Kids’s Time”**

Dancing with the Stars (and squares, triangles, circles, etc)

**“Sharing our Innermost Lives with God”**

**Immanence, Transcendence, Divination**

Accessing the divine within

**“Opening Ourselves to God’s Grace”**

**Five Universal Symbols**

**...and the Cross**

Please turn to the blank page at the back of your bulletin

**“Period of ‘Silent’ Reflection”**

Create a personal mandala.

**“Sharing Our Wisdom”:**

**Community Prayers and,**

**The Pastoral Prayer**

Sharing our mandala images/encounters with our divine selves.

(or not...)

**“The Lord’s Prayer/Special Music”**

**“OH, DIVINE LOVE WITHIN” by Rosie Rain**

**“Benediction”**

**Holy One...**

**Calm me into a quietness that**

**...HEALS**

**LISTENS...**

**MOLDS...**

**my longings, passions, wounds and wonderings**

**into a more (w)holy human shape.**

*One: Now that the worship has ended, may the service truly begin.*

**“Our Response:”**

*Holy One, now we your servants go in peace.*

*Your Word lives on in us.*

**“Postlude: Zo Trembley”**

