

Faith Episcopal Church – Communion at Wheeler Chapel

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost and Independence Day – July 4, 2021

8:30 am – The Holy Eucharist: Rite One BCP p. 323, Collect & Scriptures below

10:00 am – An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist, *adapted from BCP p, 400 ff.*

Please wear a mask & observe social distance if you have not yet been vaccinated. Thank you!

Prelude – Brahms: *Like a melody it passes (Wie Melodien Zieht Es)*

Gathering and Announcements – The Opening Hymn – #718 – *God of our fathers*

The Collect for Purity – *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.*

The Collect for Independence Day – Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Scripture Reading – Deuteronomy 10:17-21

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

The Gradual Hymn – #569 – *God the Omnipotent!*

A Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:43-48

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Homily – *For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords ...*

An Offering – Intercessions and Thanksgivings – then the Eucharistic Minister leads the Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (*Silence*) For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; ***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation; ***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; ***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Rob our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *Silence – The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord; ***For your mercy is great.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal peace.

Silence – The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; ***Who put their trust in you.***

- ✚ Unison: *Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. Amen.*
- ✚ Celebrant: Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Hymn At the Offertory and Preparation of the Altar – #717 – My country, 'tis of thee
Consecration of Bread and Wine – The Great Thanksgiving**



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| Celebrant | The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. |
| People | <i>And also with you.</i> |
| Celebrant | Lift up your hearts. |
| People | <i>We lift them to the Lord.</i> |
| Celebrant | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. |
| People | <i>It is right to give God thanks and praise.</i> |
| Celebrant | Let us pray together: |

We give thanks to God for the work and blessing of Creation – and for sending Christ into the world in Love and Peace. We remember before God our hope in gathering today ...

***Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora! Mi corazón te sabe decir: santo eres Señor!
Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you! My heart is glad to say, the words: You are holy, 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, & 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."

Recalling Christ's suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this remembrance of your unfailing love.

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

We pray that all may receive the benefits of Christ's work, and the renewal of the Holy Spirit.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

The Breaking of the Bread, The Lord's Prayer, Holy Communion

✚ **During Communion – From the Song Sheet – Guide us, Lord of All (By Nancy E. Jamrog-Couret)**

After Communion, the Celebrant says: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant offers the Blessing

Recessional Hymn #719 – O beautiful for spacious skies

Dismissal – Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Ukuthula. Thanks be to God. Ukuthula.

Postlude – Marcello: The Heavens Declare the Glory of God (Psalm 19)