



Faith Episcopal Church at Wheeler Memorial Chapel

The Second Sunday and Ninth Day of Christmas – January 2, 2022

The Rev. Patricia E. Henking, Vicar & The Rev. Michael B. Reinke, Curate

Nancy E. Jamrog-Couret, Music Director; Jane Howard & Therese Wright, Wardens

8:30 am – The Holy Eucharist Rite 1 – BCP page 323 and following

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

✚ Please wear a mask & observe social distance whether or not you are vaccinated.

✚ Also note: *This color print signifies music. Bold, black Italics signifies "Please say in unison."*

✚ The Rev. Michael Reinke will be ordained to the priesthood this Saturday at 11:00, at Good Shephard, Nashua

✚ The Bishop's Committee Budget Meeting will be Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 10:00 – Pledge Packets/sheets are available!
Please turn in 2022 pledges this week! The Annual Meeting will be via Zoom at 2:00 pm on Sunday, January 23rd.

Prelude, Gathering and Announcements – Hymn #96, v. 1 & 3 – Angels we have heard on high

The Collect for Purity – Unison – 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 Christmas II: O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Light a Christ Child Candle (NEJ-C) (the final two verses)

Light a Christ Child candle for God's Spirit that is love: Glories of the heav'nly host open realms of love above.

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Light a Christ Child candle. Pray for Peace and Harmony. Let it blaze a Path of Love for all humanity.

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A Scripture Reading – Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. & I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

The Gradual Hymn #128, v. 1 & 5 – We three kings

A Gospel Reading – Matthew 2:1-15

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

Homily – Where shall we begin?

Our Thank Offering – Prayers of Gratitude and Intercession may be offered – A donation is not required.

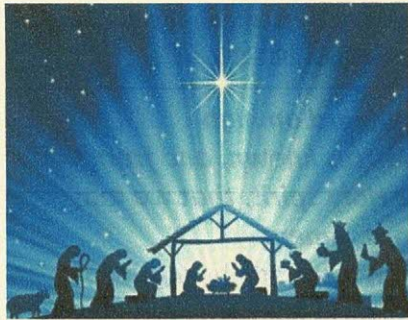
The Prayers of the People (Adapted: *The Bidding Prayer*, Lessons and Carols at King's College, Cambridge)

Beloved in Christ, let us pray for the needs of Christ's whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for unity and kindness within the Church He came to build. And because this of all things would rejoice His heart, let us at this time remember in His Name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn; the lonely and unloved; the aged and the little children; all those

who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love Him not, or who by sin have grieved His heart of love. Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one. The almighty God bless us with His grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

✚ Celebrant: Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

At the Offertory & Preparation of the Altar – *The work of Christmas (NEJ-C)*



Consecration of Bread and Wine – The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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 God thanks and praise.*

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, 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."

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.

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.

May the Child born at Christmas 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 Breaking of the Bread, The Lord's Prayer, Holy Communion

Everyone who sincerely wishes to receive Communion is welcome. Please take (gluten-free) bread from the tin, and then take a small glass of wine, drink from your cup and return it. If you prefer a blessing, let us know by crossing your arms over your chest.

**During Communion – The chorus from *On the Hillsides (NEJ-C)* is repeated reverently –
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Then 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 Blessing – Recessional Hymn #100, v. 1 & 4 – Joy to the world!

The Dismissal is followed by the response, ***Thanks be to God. Ukuthula.***

Postlude

