



Faith Episcopal Church at Wheeler Memorial Chapel

The First Sunday after Epiphany – January 9, 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 February 19, at Good Shephard, Nashua.
- ✚ The Bishop's Committee Budget Meeting will be Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 10:00 – 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 #135, v. 1 & 2 – Songs of thankfulness and praise

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 Epiphany 1: Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

A Scripture Reading – Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed & made."

The Gradual Hymn – Prayer for Baptism (Song sheet – NEJ-C)

A Gospel Reading – Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." & Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Homily – Passing with flying colors

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

The Prayers of the People (Adapted: Prayers for the Candidates, the service of Holy Baptism, BCP)

Leader: Let us now pray together in this community of Christ's Baptism. Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open our hearts to your grace and truth. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send us into the world in witness to your love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ may carry the Light of your Creation and the Warmth of your Love into the world you have made and redeemed. **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 #771 WLP – O God of gentle strength

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 One baptized by John and revealed as God's Son 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 – Ukuthula (Song sheet – NEJ-C)

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 #787 WLP – We are marching in the light

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