

Faith Episcopal Church at Wheeler Memorial Chapel

The Second Sunday after Epiphany – January 16, 2022 – Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.

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 Feb. 19, at 11:00, Good Shephard, Nashua.

✚ The year-end reports and proposed budget will be available via email Friday. Your 2022 pledge is welcome! The Annual Meeting is via Zoom at 2:00 pm on Sunday, January 23rd – watch for the link via email.

Prelude, Gathering and Announcements – Hymn #7, v. 1 & 3 – Christ, whose glory fills the skies

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.

Remembering Martin Luther King, Jr. – Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For Epiphany 2: Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word & Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, & obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you & the Holy Spirit lives & reigns, one God, now & for ever. **Amen.**

A Scripture Reading – Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Vicar Pat introduces the Gradual Commending Stephanie Wendt Holdgate – Into your hands (NEJ-C)



Into your hands, O merciful Savior,

We commend Your servant.

Acknowledge, we humbly beseech You,

A sheep of Your own fold,

A lamb of Your own flock,

A child of Your own redeeming.

Receive her into Your arms of mercy,

Into everlasting peace,

With the glorious company of Saints – Who live in light. Amen.

A Gospel Reading – John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, & the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Homily – Empty Jars

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

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, & 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, Rob our Bishop; and for all other ministers; **For all who serve God in the Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *Silence – Please add your 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 – Please add your 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.


At the Offertory & Preparation of the Altar, Nancy E. Jamrog-Couret leads – *We shall overcome*

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 #423 v. 1 & 4 – Immortal, invisible

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

Postlude