



Faith Episcopal Church at Wheeler Memorial Chapel

The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany – February 20, 2022 – Sexagesima Sunday

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

Nancy E. Jamrog-Couret, Music Director; Jane Howard & Dawn MacKechnie, Wardens

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

✚ Also note: *This color print signifies music. Bold, black Italics signifies "Please say in unison."*
✚ Congratulations to The Rev. Michael Reinke, ordained to the priesthood yesterday.

Prelude, Gathering and Announcements – Hymn #599 – Lift every voice and sing

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.

Collect: O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Scripture Reading – Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Gradual Hymn #671 – Amazing grace

A Gospel Reading – Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Homily – Start Your Impossible

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 (Song sheet – NEJ-C) – Windows

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 & 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 anointed to heal our vision and set us free 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

During Communion – **Ukuthula (Song sheet – NEJ-C) – AND Hymnal #707 – Take my life, and let it be**

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 #686 – Come thou, thou fount of every blessing

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

Make me an instrument (from The Prayer Attributed to St. Francis)



Make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord. And where there's doubt true faith in you.
**Oh Master, grant that I may never seek, So much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.**
Make me an instrument of your peace. Where there's despair in life let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness only light. And where there's sadness, ever joy.
**Oh Master, grant that I may never seek, So much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.**
Make me an instrument of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
In giving of ourselves that we receive, And in dying that we are born to eternal life.