



Faith Episcopal Church at Wheeler Memorial Chapel

The Third Sunday in Lent – March 20, 2022

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

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

8:30 am – Holy Eucharist Rite I ☩ 10:00 am – An Order for Celebrating Holy Eucharist

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

☩ **Masks are optional starting this week. We hope to return to regular worship formats beginning at Easter, except the means of distributing Communion.**

☩ **Copies of Bishop Charleston's Ladder to the Light are available – our discussion follows services.**

Prelude, Gathering and Announcements – Hymn #574 v. 1, 2 – *Before thy throne*

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 of the Day: Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

For Annunciation: Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross & passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives & reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now & for ever. **Amen.**

A Scripture Reading – Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside & look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ☩ Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk & honey, to the country of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, & the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." ☩ But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' & they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, & the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Gradual Hymn #635, v. 1, 3, 6 – *If thou but trust in God*

A Gospel Reading – Luke 13:1-9

At that time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." ☩ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Homily – *What's up with the fig tree?*

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 (adapted from the hymn by Charles Wesley)

Come, thou long expected Jesus: *Lead us to seek and know the presence of Emanuel, God-with-us.*

Born to set thy people free: *Teach us to cherish freedom and work to bend the arc of history toward justice.*

From our fears and sins release us: *Guide us to find deliverance, wealth and blessings in your Spirit.*

Let us find our rest in thee: *Inspire us to walk humbly, love kindness and to be your peace makers.*

Israel's strength and consolation: *Even in the cradle of our faith, renew a right spirit within your people.*

Hope of all the earth thou art: *Make us gentle and open with those who call you by other names or walk in other ways, that we may seek Light and joy together.*

Dear desire of every nation: *The Scriptures wonder, "Why do the nations so furiously rage?" Help us find our voices – even as we pray for our leaders now, show us how to understand and how to help.*

Joy of every longing heart: *Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary; soothe the dying; shield the joyous – and all for your love's sake.* (Please offer your prayers aloud or in the quiet of your hearts.)

✚ 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 – Hymn #385 – *Many and great*

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 Christ who resisted temptation with Truth 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

Hymns During Communion (Song sheets) – *Ukuthula* then Hymn #597 – *O day of peace that dimly shines*

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 #344 – *Lord, dismiss us*

The Dismissal and response, ***Thanks be to God. Ukuthula. Postlude***

