



Faith Episcopal Church at Wheeler Memorial Chapel

The Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 27, 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 plan 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 #690 – *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

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: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Scripture Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation: in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Gradual Hymn #470 – *There's a wideness in God's mercy*

A Gospel Reading – Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. & "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Homily – *Home?*

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 Marriage Blessing on BCP p. 431)
O God, you have consecrated the covenants you make with your people: **Write your Law upon our hearts, make us new creations in Christ, and renew a right Spirit within us.**

You have revealed the spiritual unity between Christ and the Church: **Send therefore your blessing upon us,**

your servants, strengthening us to love, honor, and cherish one another in this community and in our lives. Grant us faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness: *That our hearts, our homes and our fellowship with friends and strangers may be havens of blessing and peace.*

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep us: ***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.)

The Lord mercifully with his favor look upon us, upon those we love and pray for, and upon the world Christ came to save: ***Fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace; that we may live faithfully in this life, finding renewal and strength to help draw the whole creation home in Peace. 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 Colors of the Wind* – Sadie Gage

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.

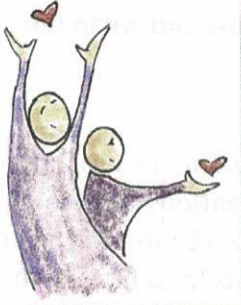
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

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 welcomes us Home 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, both by NEJ-C) – *Ukuthula* then *Ancient Ladders*

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 #385 – *Many and great*

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

