

## Faith Episcopal Church at Wheeler Memorial Chapel

The Fifth Sunday in Lent – April 3, 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."*

- ✦ **Palm Sunday** (AKA Passion Sunday) is next week with services here at 8:30 and 10:00. We expect to have in person worship on Maundy Thursday evening; join the ecumenical service in Nashua on Good Friday and decorate the Chapel on Saturday. We plan to return to regular worship formats beginning at Easter (8:30 and 10:00), *except* the means of distributing Communion. **NOTE: Easter flower forms are available today!**
- ✦ Discussion of Bishop Charleston's Ladder to the Light follows services. Next Sunday he will join us via Zoom at 4:00 pm EDT. The Zoom link will be sent via email; contact Vicar Pat if you need it and don't receive it by Friday.
- ✦ **Hold these dates:** The Turkish Cultural Center in Manchester will hold an Iftar Dinner on Saturday evening, April 16<sup>th</sup>. The Merrimack Faith Communities will have an Easter Sunrise service Easter morning. FEC leadership are calling together a Concert for Ukraine for 4:00 pm on April 24<sup>th</sup> – it will be held at St. James' Methodist Church. We need: Singers for two anthems (*Do not be afraid* and *Into your hands*, both by NEJ-C). We need ushers who will also safeguard the donations. Check with Nancy about singing and Vicar Pat about ushering.

### Prelude, Gathering and Announcements – Hymn #441 – *in the cross of Christ I glory*

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 alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### A Scripture Reading – Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

### Gradual Hymn #474 – *When I survey the wondrous cross*

### A Gospel Reading – John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

### Homily – *Wait, what did Jesus just say?*

**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: Hymn #102, *Once in royal David's City*)  
Once in royal David's city, stood a lowly cattle shed: **Remind us, Lord, that you visit humble places and dwell among lowly people. Let us know and love you in those who are thirsty, hungry, imprisoned, sick and lonely.** He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all: **Each person and every creature matters and belongs. Inspire us to care for all the earth and all its inhabitants.**

And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall: **Many people have no home, many children find no cradle. Inspire our hearts and show us how to help here at home and in response to refugees everywhere.** With the poor and mean and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy: **Guide us to turn to your grace and dignity when we forget how to greet those we think are beneath us, for then we, too, will find our Savior.** And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love: **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.)

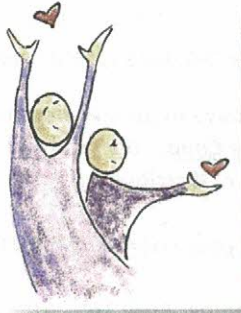
And he leads his children on, to the place where he is gone: **Bless us with the presence and gifts of your Holy Spirit so we may walk in your paths and sow the seeds of your glory, until we are all gathered in that heavenly place where you wipe away the tears from every eye.**

- ✦ 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 #382 – King of glory

### 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 has dinner with his friends 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

#### Hymn During Communion (Song sheets, both by NEJ-C) – Ukuthula

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 #398 – I sing the almighty***

**The Dismissal**

The Response, ***Thanks be to God. Ukuthula.***

**Postlude**



#### Celebrating Women – Did you know?

As a small girl, Cecil Frances Humphries (b. Redcross, County Wicklow, Ireland, 1818; Londonderry, Ireland, 1895) wrote poetry in her school's journal. In 1850 she married Rev. William Alexander, who later became the Anglican primate (chief bishop) of Ireland. She showed her concern for disadvantaged people by traveling many miles each day to visit the sick and the poor, providing food, warm clothes, and medical supplies. She and her sister also founded a school for the deaf. Alexander was strongly influenced by the Oxford Movement and by John Keble's *Christian Year*. Her first book of poetry, *Verses for Seasons*, was a "Christian Year" for children. She wrote hymns based on the Apostles' Creed, baptism, the Lord's Supper, the Ten Commandments, and prayer, writing in simple language for children. Her more than four hundred hymn texts – including *All things bright and beautiful* (see our sunflower on the first page) and *Once in royal David's city* (see our prayers today).