

## Announcements

**Good morning! Happy Easter!** If you are visiting or a newcomer, please introduce yourself to our clergy and members – and let us know if you would like to join our email list. When we come to Communion, please see the accompanying note in the bulletin – you are welcome to receive, be blessed or remain seated to say your prayers. This is your home this Easter morning – if you need something, please check with the clergy or one of our members.

**In the know?** You may follow Faith Episcopal Church on Facebook, ask to be added to our email and/or USPS list, and visit our diocesan website at [nhepiscopal.org](http://nhepiscopal.org). You may contact Vicar Pat+ at [awesme@aol.com](mailto:awesme@aol.com) or phone (603)424-6806.

**New! Here's a secure link to donate to Faith Episcopal Church by credit card:**

<https://app.autobooks.co/pay/faith-episcopal-church>

**Please come to A Concert for Ukraine next Sunday at 4:00 at St. James Methodist Church!** We have been offered two matching donations to support relief efforts: Mitch and Nancy Couret are offering \$1000 for donations made apart from concert donations; an anonymous donor (from outside our congregation) has offered to match the first \$500 received at the concert. Note: We are the organizers for this benefit and need your help! Please mark all donations "Ukraine". Speak to Vicar Pat+ to assist with ushering and donations; speak with Nancy to sing or assist with music.

### Flower Memorials and Prayers

**Pete and Barbara Linkroum** - with prayers for world leadership that, through inspired hearts and minds, mankind and our environment shall not only prevail but flourish in peace and love.

**Steve August, Tricia Mellor and Simon** - In Loving Memory of their fathers and grandfathers: Richard Mellor, Richard Kincaid and Rudolph August.


**Lorraine and Chuck Schuft** - With prayers for the safety and well being of the people of Ukraine.

**Susan Gaillardetz** - In Loving Memory of Roland Gaillardetz and Betsy Bernard.

**Mitch and Nancy Couret** - In Loving Memory of Suzanne Couret, Miller Jamrog and Pierre Lafitte.

**Anonymous** - In Thanksgiving for Easter and this community.

**Vicar Pat+** is offering the Paschal candle In Loving Memory of George and Betty Henking, Anne Sinclair and Ed Mailloux.



*Featuring*  
Nancy E. Jamrog-Couret, Organ and Piano  
Ukraine's National Anthem, Dixieland Music, The Great Gate of Kiev  
Choir Members and Leaders from the  
Merrimack Faith Communities  
Organized by Faith Episcopal Church

## A Concert for Ukraine

4:00 pm, Sunday, April 24, 2022

Hosted by St. James Methodist Church  
646 Daniel Webster HWY, Merrimack, NH

Please Donate Generously to Assist  
Refugees Moving through Poland  
And to Contribute to the Work of  
The World Central Kitchen

- ❖ Checks - Should be marked "Ukraine" and Made out to Faith Episcopal Church
- ❖ Cash Donations Welcome
- ❖ Please Speak to an Usher to donate by Credit/Debit card

*The First \$500 donated will be matched Dollar-for-dollar by an anonymous donor!*



**At 8:30, The Holy Eucharist: Rite One** begins on page 323 in *The Book of Common Prayer*. The Collect, Scripture Readings and Psalm are printed below. Following the Offertory, the Celebrant says, "All things come of thee, O Lord," and the People respond, "And of thine own have we given thee." Then continue on page 333.

**At 10:00, The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two** is printed below.  
The Lights are Dimmed ☉ Organ Prelude ☉ Welcome and Announcements

**The Lighting of the Paschal Candle** – *Please stand, facing the doorway.*

*Celebrant:* O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**As the Paschal Candle is carried to the Sanctuary, the People sing:**



The light of Christ has come in - to the world. The



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*Celebrant:* All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Easter Acclamation** – *Three times at the sounding of the cymbals:*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People:* The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Hymn of Praise #207** – *Jesus Christ is Risen today!*

*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.**

*Celebrant:* O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**The First Reading** – **Isaiah 65:17-25**

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,

and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord – and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent – its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

- <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \* his mercy endures for ever.  
<sup>2</sup> Let Israel now proclaim, \*"His mercy endures for ever."  
<sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my song, \*and he has become my salvation.  
<sup>15</sup> There is a sound of exultation and victory \*in the tents of the righteous:  
<sup>16</sup> "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*the right hand of the Lord is exalted!"  
<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but live, \*and declare the works of the Lord.  
<sup>18</sup> The Lord has punished me sorely, \*but he did not hand me over to death.  
<sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.  
<sup>20</sup> "This is the gate of the Lord; \*he who is righteous may enter."  
<sup>21</sup> I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*and have become my salvation.  
<sup>22</sup> The same stone which the builders rejected \*has become the chief cornerstone.  
<sup>23</sup> This is the Lord's doing, \*and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
<sup>24</sup> On this day the Lord has acted; \*we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**The Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**The Gradual Hymn #180 – *He is Risen! He is Risen!***

*Please remain standing, as a Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord. *People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon – The Rev. Michael B. Reinke, Curate**

### **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven & earth, of all that is, seen & unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead ✠ and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

**The Eucharistic Minister leads the Prayers of the People** (Adapted: Henry Van Dyke, #376 *Hymnal* 1982)

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee: **May your Great Spirit fill the souls and lives of all faithful people during Passover, Ramadan and Easter teaching us all that the joy of the Lord is our strength. Guide the churches and all people of faith to fulfill your mission in the world.**

God of glory, Lord of love: **The banners of power and majesty are carried by leaders and nations, yet the lust of power stains earthly majesty. Guide the leaders of our communities and countries to paths of peace and goodwill.**

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee: **Sometimes, we grow weary as we carry the burdens of our lives, and sometimes this world is filled with heartbreak. Many of us become hardened or closed. Guide us to unfold so we may care more deeply and act more thoughtfully for all the earth.**

Opening to the sun above: **It is easy to believe we must generate our own light and guard our own lamps. Yet you invite us to bask in your righteousness and love. Guide us to tend our lamps in our communities that share the warmth of justice and the brightness of joy.**

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness: **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 prayers aloud or in your hearts.)

Drive the dark of doubt away: **Grant us such awe and wonder that questions and uncertainties become signposts that guide our feet, for we do not want to live our lives in vain.**

Giver of immortal gladness: **Teach us again to find our gladness in eternal things that may be known to us even in every wildflower and every grain of sand.**

Fill us with the light of day: **We give thanks for all those who rejoice with us, yet upon a distant shore, in the radiance of eternal life.** (Please offer remembrances aloud or in the quiet of your hearts.)

- ✚ **The Celebrant or Assistant invites Offerings of Thanksgiving** – A donation is not required.
- ✚ **Celebrant:** Walk in love as Christ loved us & gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
- ✚ **As the altar is set with the gifts of bread and wine – *Do not be afraid*** (Nancy E. Jamrog-Couret)

**Eucharistic Prayer C** – *In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.*

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

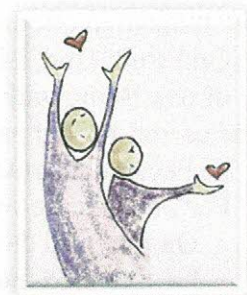
And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*The Celebrant and People sing the first verse of Hymn #362 –*



Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

*Celebrant:* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.



On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
*We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: 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. *Risen Lord, 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*Unison:* Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then offer it to the people.**



*All who sincerely wish to receive Holy Communion at our Lord's Table are welcome. We are continuing a safer way by using individual bread you choose as well as individual cups – the consecrated bread is gluten free; the cups hold port wine. Children or adults who wish a blessing instead: please cross your arms over your chest.*

**Hymns During Communion are #8 – Morning has broken, and Love is God's Meaning** (Song Sheet)

After Communion, the Celebrant says, "Let us pray."

*Unison:* Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Celebrant blesses the people.**

**Hymn #208 – The strife is o'er**

*Dismissal:* God in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia! Ukuthula!

*Response:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia! Ukuthula!**

**Postlude**