



## Faith Episcopal Church at Wheeler Memorial Chapel

The Fifth Sunday of Easter ☼ May 15, 2022

The Rev. Patricia E. Henking, Vicar ☪ The Rev. Michael B. Reinke, Curate  
Nancy Jamrog-Couret, Music Director; Jane Howard & Dawn MacKechnie, Wardens

**The 8:30, Holy Eucharist: Rite One will return next Sunday.**

**At 10:00, The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two ☼ Welcome and Announcements**

**Entrance Hymn #416 words only – *For the beauty of the Earth***

**The Easter Acclamation** – Alleluia! Christ is risen! ***The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

*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:* Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

**A Prayer in Spring** (by Robert Frost, while living in Derry, NH)

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today;  
And give us not to think so far away  
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here  
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,  
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;  
And make us happy in the happy bees,  
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird  
That suddenly above the bees is heard,  
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,  
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,  
The which it is reserved for God above  
To sanctify to what far ends He will,  
But which it only needs that we fulfill. ***Amen. (Please be seated.)***



### **The First Lesson - Acts 11:1-18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could



hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

### **Psalm 148**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*praise him in the heights.

<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all you angels of his; \*praise him, all his host.

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon; \*praise him, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup> Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*and you waters above the heavens.

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*for he commanded, and they were created.

<sup>6</sup> He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

<sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth, \*you sea-monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup> Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*tempestuous wind, doing his will;

<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills, \*fruit trees and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup> Wild beasts and all cattle, \*creeping things and winged birds;

<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*princes and all rulers of the world;

<sup>12</sup> Young men and maidens, \*old and young together.

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants. \* Hallelujah!

### **The Second Reading – Revelation 21:1-6**

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

### **The Gradual Hymn (Song sheets) – *They'll know we are Christians by our love***

✚ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

### **Continued – The Gradual Hymn (Song sheets) – *They'll know we are Christians by our love***

### **The Sermon – *The Rev. Michael B. Reinke***

#### **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 & 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 – from *A New Zealand Prayer Prayer Book***

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

Caring God, we thank you for your gifts in creation: for our world, *the heavens tell of your glory;*  
for our land, its beauty and its resources, *for the rich heritage we enjoy.*

We pray for those who make decisions about natural resources, *that we may use your gifts responsibly;*  
for those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry,

*that all may enjoy the fruits of their labours and marvel at your creation;*

for artists, scientists and visionaries, *that through their work we may see creation afresh.*

We thank you for giving us life; *for all who enrich our experience.*

We pray for all who are deprived of fulness of life, *for prisoners, refugees, and those who are sick;*  
for those in politics, medical science, social and relief work, and for your Church,  
*for all who seek to bring life to others.*

We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation. *Give us reverence for life in your world.*

We thank you for your redeeming love; *may your word and sacrament strengthen us to love as you love us.*

Let us pray aloud or in silence for those in any need, infirmity or trouble ... .. *(Please add your prayers.)*

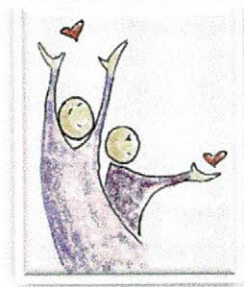
God, Creator, *bring us new life.* Jesus, Redeemer, *renew us.* Holy Spirit, *strengthen and guide us.*

## **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 & wine, Hymn #707 – *Take my life and let it be***

## **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 first verse of Hymn # 362 is sung)*

🎵 *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.*

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, 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, & 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, & the power, & the glory, for ever & ever. ***Amen.***

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

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.



*All who sincerely wish to receive Holy Communion are welcome. For safety, we use individual bread you choose as well as individual cups – the bread is gluten free; the cups hold port wine. If you wish a blessing instead: please cross your arms over your chest.*

### **During Communion (Song Sheet) – Ukuthula (NEJ-C)**

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. Recessional Hymn #376 – Joyful, joyful**

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

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

### **Announcements**

**Good morning! Happy Eastertide!** If you are visiting or a newcomer, please introduce yourself to our clergy and members – let us know if you would like to join our email list. **Vicar Pat+** wants you to know she is healing from COVID and will be back next week.

**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). 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>. **We also have a new Venmo account! Look for us to post our QR code soon!**

**Donations and Concert for Ukraine – Look for a full explanation of the disbursements next week.**

Following our discussion of **Bishop Charleston's Ladder to the Light**: we have decided to learn about the fundamental building blocks of world faiths through Joseph Campbell's ***The Power of Myth***, including his interviews with Bill Moyers, we might begin today, and definitely will be underway after services next week.

**Up-coming! The Bishop's Committee believes** it is still not wise to serve refreshments after services, nor to hold an indoor yard sale. We do feel it would be good to plan some outdoor, midweek evening services after Memorial Day – Watch this space!

**Services for Bob Knoll** will be held at 3:00pm tomorrow, at The NH Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH. Memorial contributions can be made to Faith Episcopal Church, Merrimack or Humane Society of Greater Nashua.