



Wheeler Memorial Episcopal Church at Wheeler Memorial Chapel

The Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 22, 2022

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

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

**At 8:30, The Holy Eucharist: Rite One is on page 323 in *The Book of Common Prayer*. The Collect, Readings are printed below. at the Offertory, the Celebrant says, "All things come of thee, O Lord." The People respond, "And of thine own have we given thee." Continue on p. 333.
At 10:00, An Order for Celebrating Holy Eucharist**



Prelude, Gathering, Announcements – Hymn #400 v. 1, 2, 3 – *All creatures of our God and King*

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: O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Scripture Reading – Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. **&** I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. **&** Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Gradual Hymn (song sheets) – *Shall we gather at the river*

A Gospel Reading – John 5:1-9

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **&** Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

Homily – *Water?*

The Eucharistic Minister leads the Prayers of the People (adapted from the Marriage Blessing on BCP p. 431)
Loving God, we ask for Your blessings on children, mothers, fathers, and communities who are thirsty. Purify, protect, and multiply their water sources. ***Strengthen all of our resolve so all people may fully enjoy the benefits of clean water.***

Heavenly Father, remind us of Your command to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. ***Don't let us rest until we know we have done everything we can to meet this necessity for others and for the earth.***

Great Healer, You are good and merciful. Touch all creatures who are endangered by dirty water and poor sanitation and hygiene. ***Give us Your strength to fight off the illnesses that wrack their bodies. Lead all communities to discover clean water sources close by so they can enjoy better health.***

We are grateful to You, Lord, for being our Source of living water — the One who satisfies our soul's deepest desire with the joy of salvation. ***Open our eyes to recognize You as the Source of living water for our parched souls in these days at hand. Let us be refreshed in Your love.***

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

Let us remember those who have died, that they may abide in the peace of Christ ... *(Please add your prayers.)*

Holy 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 WLP #773 – *Heal me, hands of Jesus*

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 ... (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.*

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 calls us to the River of Life 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 #505 – *O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God*

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 #522, v. 1, 2, 3 – Glorious things of thee are spoken*

The Dismissal an



d response, *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Ukuthula. Postlude*

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, and if there is anything we can do to make church-going easier for you.

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. Contact Vicar Pat+ at 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!

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 hope to begin the first Sunday in June.

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!

Matching Gift Donations and Concert for Ukraine – brought in \$4280. \$2000 have been disbursed to the World Central Kitchen. Soup for Ukraine, Krakow, Poland has received \$1140. Yulia Novobranets (who works on the ground assisting in many ways in Poland and Ukraine) has also received \$1140. Thank you one and all!