

Faith Episcopal Church at Wheeler Memorial Chapel

The Seventh Sunday of Easter ☩ May 29, 2022 ☩ Memorial Day Weekend

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

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At 8:30, The Holy Eucharist: Rite One is 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." Continue on page 333.

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

Entrance Hymn #460 v. 1-3 – Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

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: O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.* As we Remember those who have given their lives for Liberty, and those who have died violently in Uvalde, Texas, and elsewhere: Be our light in the darkness, O Lord. In your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers, and let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*

The First Lesson - Acts 16:16-34

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. ☩ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ☩ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he & his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house & set food before them; & he & his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Psalm 97

¹ The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; *let the multitude of the isles be glad.

² Clouds and darkness are round about him,

*righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

³ A fire goes before him *and burns up his enemies on every side.

- ⁴ His lightnings light up the world; *the earth sees it and is afraid.
⁵ The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord,
 *at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
⁶ The heavens declare his righteousness, *
 *and all the peoples see his glory.
⁷ Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!
 *Bow down before him, all you gods.
⁸ Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *because of your judgments, O Lord.
⁹ For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; *you are exalted far above all gods.
¹⁰ The Lord loves those who hate evil;
 *he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
¹¹ Light has sprung up for the righteous, *and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
¹² Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, *and give thanks to his holy Name.

The Second Reading – Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words: "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

✠ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." ✠ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. ✠ The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." ✠ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The Gradual Hymn #215 – See the Conqueror

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ✠ "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

✠ The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon – How shall we pray? What shall we pray?

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 Minister leads the Prayers of the People – Responses to Katherine Lee Bates, *American the Beautiful*

1 O beautiful for spacious skies,

May the wide-open skies by day open our hearts, may gentle rains quench the thirst in our souls, and may the moon and stars by night teach us that we have guides in the darkness.

For amber waves of grain,

As the seeds of the earth feed us all, may we find sensible ways to feed and treasure the earth.

For purple mountain majesties

Joining the Psalmist to lift our eyes to the hills, may we discover again that our help comes from the Lord. May purple mountains bring us to both royalty and repentance.

Above the fruited plain!

Where our soil, streams and reservoirs grow dry, may we find the means to bring forth water and the will to conserve it. Where our economies have crushed farming, may we renew this strength. Where Europe's Ukrainian bread basket suffers, may we be steadfast in helping. And for our own daily bread, let us give thanks.

America! America! God shed his grace on thee,

May we find renewed grace in wisdom, fresh paths to justice, and the strength of resolve.

And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea.

May God save us from careless destruction of abundant gifts, from hoarding our treasure and refusing to share. May we find tremendous joy in our shared companionship and allegiances.

2 O beautiful for heroes proved - In liberating strife,

May we be humbled and thankful for the untold sacrifices of our military, first responders, and civilians whose time and toil are for the sake of others – indeed, for the sake of the world.

Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life!

May we treasure the dignity, perhaps even glory, while weeping at the tragedy, of lives given to protect and liberate others. At the tombs of known and unknown soldiers and sailors, first responders and teachers – for these and many more – we give thanks beyond all measure.

America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,

We are so stymied in this country today, enduring a social, religious, economic and political gridlock that keeps some of us from our families or friends, and keeps our country from moving forward, all the more so from justice. As we pray for our leaders, may we ask God to mend and guide each one of us first.

Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law.

Gifts without responsibility, freedoms without accountability, rights without purpose are like tumbling sagebrush and chaff in the wind. May the Great Spirit be the wind we favor, that the words “from many we are one” may ring true.

3 O beautiful for patriot dream, That sees beyond the year

Martin Luther King, Jr. wondered whether American promises and dreams are checks that can be cashed: May we back our dreams with the gold that is our loyalty, commitment and work.

Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears!

Monuments, accomplishments, and communities are never built without tears. May our tears water the soil of our country, for one another's sake, and for the sake of bringing forth new life, goodness, liberty and peace.

America! America! God shed his grace on thee,

Still: May we find the grace of wisdom, the means of justice, and the strength of resolve.

And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea.

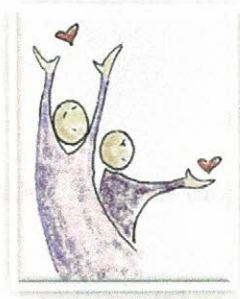
We pray in remembrance of all who have died in service to our communities and country, and those who have died through violence. We also ask our Lord: Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary; soothe the dying; shield the joyous – and all for your love's sake. (Please offer your prayers aloud or in the quiet of your hearts.) *Amen.*

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 WLP #810 – *You who dwell in the shelter***

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, Hymn – *Be still and know*

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 #719 – America the Beautiful*

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, 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! Our next meeting is in mid-June.

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!