



Faith Episcopal Church – Communion at Wheeler Chapel

The Rev. Susan LeSueur, Celebrant & Nancy E. Jamrog-Couret, Music Director

14th Sunday After Pentecost – August 29, 2021

9:00 am – An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist, *BCP p, 400 ff, adapted*

✚ Please wear a mask & observe social distance even if you are vaccinated. The CDC now advises that everyone wear a mask indoors because the “Delta Variant” is easily spread by vaccinated and unvaccinated people. The Episcopal Church in NH is following this guidance.

✚ Also note: This color print signifies music. Bold, black Italics signifies “say in unison.”

Gathering and Announcements – Opening Hymn #641 – Lord Jesus, think on me

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.

Collect of the Day: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 – James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. & You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. & But be doers of the word, & not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves &, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. & If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Gradual Hymn #482 – Lord of all hopefulness

A Gospel Reading – Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” & Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Homily – The Rev. Susan LeSueur

An Offering – Intercessions and Thanksgivings – then the Eucharistic Minister leads the **Prayers of the People**
In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (*Silence*) For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation; **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, & the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**
For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Rob our Bishop; and for all other ministers; **For all who serve God in the Church.**
For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *Silence – Please add your petitions*
Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal peace. *Silence – Please add your petitions*
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

✚ Unison: **Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

✚ 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 SONG SHEET – Guide us, Lord of all

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 and 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.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Breaking of the Bread, The Lord's Prayer, Holy Communion ☩ 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 #556 – Rejoice, ye pure in heart

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Ukuthula. **Thanks be to God. Ukuthula.**