

22 Pentecost

October 29, 2023



St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church

WELCOME

St. Cyprian's is a welcoming, inclusive, vibrant community of faith, where every person is invited to engage in our worship, mission, and ministry. This booklet contains all you will need for this morning's worship. Information about upcoming events, activities, and ministries are found on the Announcement page. If you are a visitor to our live-streaming service, we would be honored if you would leave your name and email address to keep you informed of news of our church and ministries. WELCOME!

A Note about Communion – Our communion is bread and wine (by intinction). The celebrant will dip the bread in the chalice, placing it on your hand. If you do not wish to have the wine, simply let the celebrant know. Those not wishing to receive may come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

PRELUDE

Prelude on the hymntune "Forest Green"

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OPENING HYMN

"God of Our Life"

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1 God of our life, through all the cir-cling years, we trust in thee.
 2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us a - bide.
 3 God of the com - ing years, through paths un-known we fol-low thee.

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
 Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land. Be thou our guide.
 When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a - lone. Our ref-uge be.

With each new day, when morn - ing lifts the veil,
 With thee to bless, the dark - ness shines as light,
 Be thou for us in life our dai - ly bread,

we own thy mer - cies, Lord, which nev - er fail.
 and faith's fair vi - sion chang - es in - to sight.
 our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Leader: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"All with Joyful Exultation" (Psalm 30)

Hasidic melody

Refrain Am E

All with joy - ful ex - ul - ta - tion let us sing to God our praise;

E Am *Fine*

to the rock of our sal - va - tion loud ho - san - nas raise.

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1 Lord, we sing with joy - ful voic - es; your great
2 Praise to you, our sure sal - va - tion, you, the

power can lift and save; by your heal - ing
Ho - ly One a - bove. End the night so

Dm E *to Refrain*

touch, re - vive us; life re - store be - yond the grave.
dimmed by an - guish, with your light of peace and love.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING:

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Amen. Amen.**

PSALM 1

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

² Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶ For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

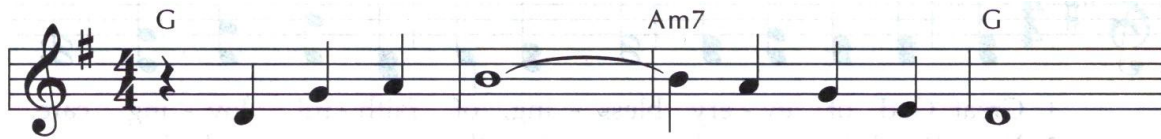
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Amen. Amen.**

GRADUAL HYMN

"Though I May Speak"

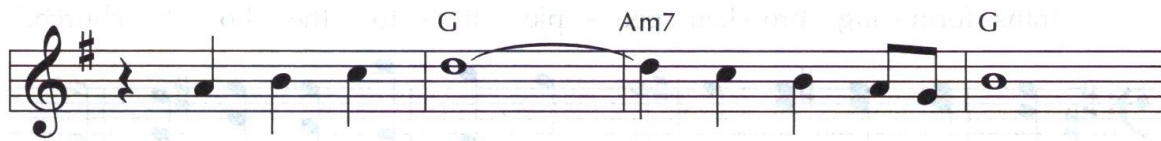
Gift of Love



1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,
3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,
and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,
but not be given by love with - in,
Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

THE GOSPEL:

Matthew 22:34-46

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
'Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet'?"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Deacon: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Amen. Amen.**

THE SERMON

CLERENE ROMEO

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Pie Jesu" - Gabriel Faure

"Blessed Jesus, Lord our God, grant them Thy eternal rest."

MORRIS DUENOW, tenor

A DECLARATION OF FAITH

**We believe in the one God who has created the land and sea and heavens
and all that is in them;**

who established a world that is good;

who gives to us the task of watchful and responsible care over it;

who is certainty and truth.

**We believe in the one God who in Jesus Christ assumed our humanity
and knew our life as child, youth, and adult;**

who dined with sinners and lived with the homeless;

who confronted popular opinion and power;

who remained obedient in temptation and suffering;

whose triumph was a servant's death and resurrection.

We believe in the one God who comes to us as comforter and advocate;

who does not leave us as orphans;

who brings peace and calms the troubled heart;

who bestows gifts for serving, healing, showing compassion, and doing miracles;

who alone is the power and the wisdom of our proclamation.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: As we remember that God is always seeking to be in communion with us, and that Jesus died for our sins to restore us to that communion, let us speak to God in prayer. As our prayer leader prays, we respond

People: **Lord, we thank you for always hearing us.**

Leader: Strengthen and inspire the servant leaders of the Episcopal Church, the leaders of all our sister churches within your holy, catholic church, and the leaders of all religions.
For this we pray.

People: **Lord, we thank you for always hearing us.**

PRAYER FOR THE CALLING OF A VICAR TO ST. CYPRIAN'S (See back page)

Leader: From Steven Charleston, Retired Episcopal Bishop and Citizen of the Choctaw Nation:
We pray for Your peace in troubled lands, in places where people fear each day, in cities or villages under threat of danger. We pray Your peace into the hearts of those who hate, into the minds of those who live in anger, of those who long for revenge. The hot winds of war sweep over so many lives, dear God, terror and cruelty following in their wake. We do not know what else to do, but stand here making our appeal to heaven. Peace, we pray. Peace against all the odds, peace without compromise, peace strong and enduring peace so children never worry as they go to sleep.
For this we pray.

People: **Lord, we thank you for always hearing us.**

Leader: Guide and strengthen us in our daily efforts and struggles to be doers of your will.
For this we pray.

People: **Lord, we thank you for always hearing us.**

Leader: Help us to do the tough but holy work of tearing down the walls that divide us: in our communities, in our churches, in our country and in the world.
For this we pray.

People: **Lord, we thank you for always hearing us.**

Leader: As we see our brothers and sisters who have no home, a shortage of food and those needs we know are essential, guide us to seek and serve Christ in all persons.
For this we pray.

People: **Lord, we thank you for always hearing us.**

Leader: We lift to you, all those who are suffering from sickness of body, mind and spirit, and ask for your healing to rest upon them. Let us always remember the healing we can bring simply by being present with those who suffer. At this time, please feel free to name those persons and concerns that are on your heart, either silently or aloud.
For this we pray.

People: **Lord, we thank you for always hearing us.**

Leader: We lift up to you those who have died. We thank you for receiving them into your loving embrace, and for comforting those who are grieving the death of a loved one.
For this we pray.

People: **Lord, we thank you for always hearing us.**

Deacon: 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 us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

People: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Deacon: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Deacon: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Germany

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
4 The cup of wa - ter given for you still holds the

cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
thresh - olds fraught with fears, from paths where hide the
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -

self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
tudes to view the sweet com - pas - sion of your face.

THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

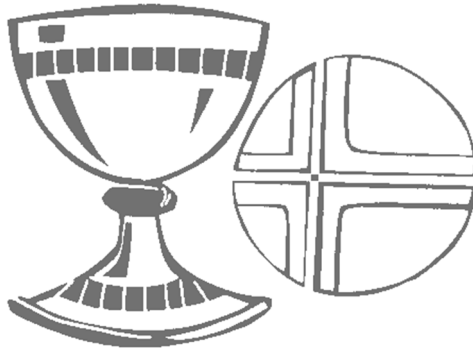
Leader: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

FRANCISCAN PRAYER

May God bless us with discomfort...

At easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with anger...

At injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless us with tears...

To shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain to joy.

And may God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

Amen.



**The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God
in loving memory Domingo Ceballos Gomez
by his daughter Alma Ceballos.**

CLOSING HYMN

"As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought"

Forest Green

1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and give,
3 In grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to-day,
to God, the giv-er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
to make our life an of-fer-ing that all may tru-ly live.
to serve your cause and share your love with all a-long life's way.
so we to-day our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:
O God who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,
of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.
help us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Leader: Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of God's Spirit.
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

PRAYER FOR THE CALLING OF A VICAR TO ST. CYPRIAN'S

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on St. Cyprian's, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a vicar for this mission, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. Bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer List

We pray for those known to the people of St. Cyprian's who are ill or who have asked for our prayers: Lanny Ballard, Jody Stowers, Mtr. Celeste Tisdelle, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Anita McDonough, Lynn Timmons, Martha Bailey, Sue Paul & Family, George Sage, Mignon Williams, Jonathan Brunjef, Joe Finnegan, Carrie C., Barb Lofquist, Michelle Curlee, Jane Schwab, Harrison, Brandi Killings, Kenny Brown, Clifford Romeo, Sue Rausch, Pat Ethridge, Laurey & Jagger, George Paul, Kirby von Egidy, Henning Toensmann, Carol Ann Romaine, Bobbi Miller, Elise Osako, Pat Laurencelle, and Jim Colee.

Those listed below will be prayed for by The Daughters of the King, and members and clergy of St. Cyprians.

Carole Prior, Ron, Jim, Tom, Chloe, Elena & Juliette, Lindsay, Parker Aune, Penny Rolleston, Stacy Borenstein, Dianne Quimby, Lian Obrey, Alan Turner, Sally Yocum, Isaac Katcher, Roger & Sandy Pinnicks, Susie, Bruce Cudworth, Melissa & Family, Traude, Pam & Dick Sherry, Michael, Lurna, Margaret, Sandy, Diane, Michael Kratz, Diane Radibeau Wise, Dick & Karin Jeter, John Neuman, Donna Bahr, Bev Curry and family, Patricia Maxwell, Anthony Patterson, Jane Rhodes, Anthony & Claire, Raymond & Leslie Stricklen, Cheryl Hundley, Curt Charlton, Susie Calvaruso, The Morrissey Family, Catherine Martin, and Liza Aston.

About the Prayer List – If you would like to add someone to our Prayer List with their permission, please call 904-829-8828 or email Dcn. Steve at stcyprianssteve@gmail.com. Please let us know when to take off someone's name.

Healing Service – Second Wednesday, Nov. 8th at 3pm**St. Cyprian's Activities**

Dining with Dignity- Tues. Nov. 7th
Cyprian Women- Sat. Nov. 11th at 10 am
Men's Night- Tues. Nov. 28th at 4pm

Zoom Meetings

Aging Angels – Tuesdays at 10am
Virtual Coffee Hour – Wednesdays at 10am
Centering Prayer – Wednesdays at 4:30pm
Racial & Social Justice Discussion Group – 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 10am

St. Cyprian's Staff

Steve Seibert – Deacon

Deacon's Office Hours: Tues & Wed 9:30am-4pm

Kathleen Vande Berg – Music Director & Organist

Holly Horahan – Church Administrator