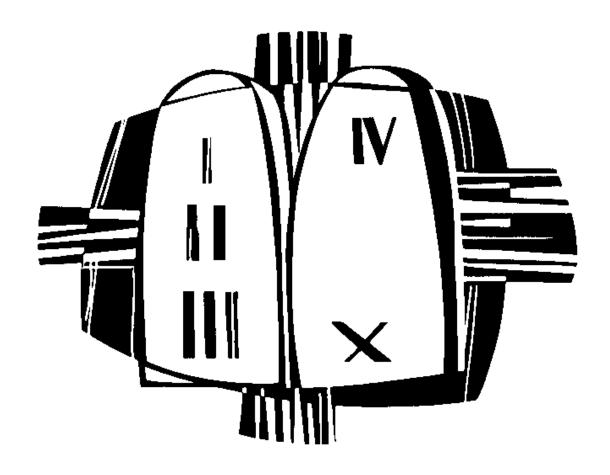
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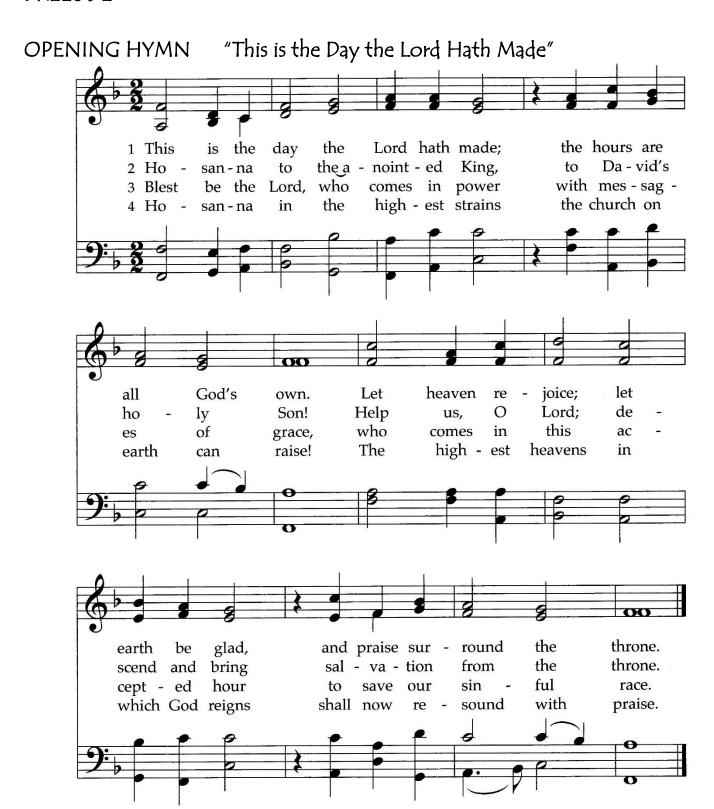
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St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church

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, and ALL are welcomed at our Communion Table . This booklet contains all you will need for this morning's worship. Information about upcoming events, activities, and ministries are found on the last page. If you are a visitor, or new to St. Cyprian's, we would be honored to have your name and contact information to keep you informed of news of our church and ministries; the blue information brochure in each pew has a form that you may use. WELCOME!



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One. People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING:

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

¹God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

¹⁸When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." ²⁰Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

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

People: Amen. Amen.

PSALM 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, *

and the firmament shows his handiwork.

²One day tells its tale to another, *

and one night imparts knowledge to another.

³Although they have no words or language, *

and their voices are not heard,

⁴Their sound has gone out into all lands, *

and their message to the ends of the world.

⁵In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *

it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;

it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; * **nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *

the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *

the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *

sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, *

and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can tell how often he offends? *

cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * **O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

THE SECOND READING:

Philippians 3:4b-14

^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

People: Amen. Amen.



THE GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

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

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] ³³"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." ⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders

rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Priest: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Amen. Amen.

THE SERMON

FR. TED VOORHEES

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(A New Zealand Prayer Book)

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us.

You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.

You came to us before we came to you.

You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ,

who lived and died and rose again.

You are with us now.

You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

You empower us to be your gospel in the world.

You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Blessed are you eternal God,

People: To be praised and glorified for ever.

Leader: Source of all love, hear us as we pray for the unity of all humanity,

People: May we all be one that the world may rejoice.

Leader: Grant that all people may truly and humbly serve you,

People: That your holy life may be revealed in us.

Leader: Strengthen all who minister in your name.

People: Give us courage to proclaim your good news.

Leader: Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world.

People: Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.

Leader: Make us alive to the needs of our community.

People: Help us to share one another's joys and burdens.

Leader: Look with kindness on our homes and families, People: Grant that your love may grow in our hearts. Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble.

People: In your presence may they find strength.

Leader: We remember those who have died.

People: O God, into your hands we commend them.

Leader: Remembering blessed Cyprian we praise you for all your saints who have entered

your eternal glory.

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader: We pray for our own needs and blessings ...

Particular intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered silently or aloud.

Leader: O God, you have called us to serve you.

People: Grant that we may walk in your presence:

Your love in our hearts, Your truth in our minds, Your strength in our wills,

Until, at the end of our journey,

We may know the joy of our homecoming

And the welcome of your embrace,

Amen.

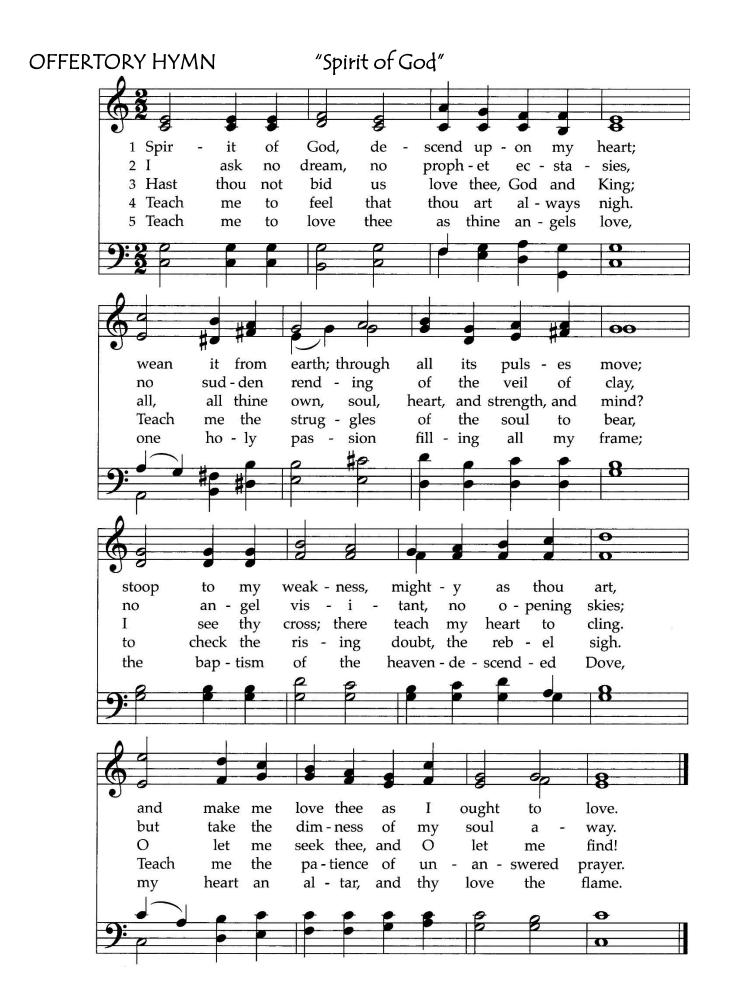
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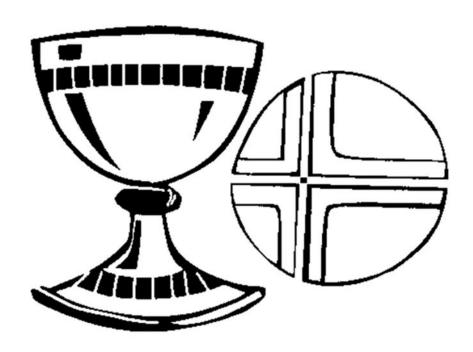
Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS







THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our 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 priest continues

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, and 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. 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 and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah; God of Isaac and Rebekah; God of Jacob and Rachel; 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, and worship, from generation to generation. **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

Priest: Alleluia. We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God. Feed on them in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

BLESSING

May God's blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, and the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always.

Amen.



DISMISSAL

Priest: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of God's Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

About Our Worship Booklet

The worship in this booklet follows the form of **Holy Eucharist: Rite II** in the **Book of Common Prayer**. The **Affirmation of Faith** is borrowed from the **New Zealand Prayer Book**. (The New Zealand Anglican Church is part of the worldwide Anglican Communion.) The **Eucharistic Prayer** is **Prayer C** from the **Book of Common Prayer**. The readings from Holy Scripture are from **Lectionary Year A** using the **New Revised Standard Version** of the Bible.

Prayer List

We pray for those known to the people of St. Cyprian's who are ill or who have asked for our prayers: Ronald Stafford, Geordy Maish, Mark Kish, Janet Sowers, Pat Laurencelle, Charlie Schwab, Elizabeth McGuinness, Tom Lutton, Annette Cappella, Jon Wiles, Jim Colee, George Sage, Jim Lofquist, Kevin Cash, Bill Wall, and Beth.

We pray also for George Libonate, Patti Morrissey, Jim and Amanda Pasnik, Violet Drayton, Shirley Jones, Adelaide and Anastasia, Foster Swann, Garrison Williams, Jonathan Bruce, Victoria Balsamo, Debbie Gagnon, Irma Brooks, Julie Forker, Kellianne Dishmon, Jim Bullock, Kris Phillips, Nancy Skadden, Ted D., Allison Paisley, Gay Guthery, Carrie C., Susie & Jeff, Catherine Martin, Liza Aston, Nury, Bill & Mary Jo Dudley.

<u>About the Prayer List</u> – If you would like to add someone to our Prayer List please use the form you'll find on the table near the door. And, please let us know when to take someone's name off our Prayer List.

Announcements

The Church is Open Daily for Prayer 9-4:30

Please be Mindful of Social Distancing

Dining With Dignity

Our next Dining With Dignity is scheduled for this Tuesday, October 6. Please watch the announcements in the Voice as we make our plans during this Covid-19 coronavirus crisis.

Ecumenical Food Pantry

The Ecumenical Food Pantry is now open five days a week during this Covid-19 coronavirus crisis, and the need for food is extremely high. If you want to bring food contributions for the Ecumenical Food Pantry, the church is open for prayer daily from 9am until 4:30pm, and the food basket is just inside the door.

If you would like to make a monetary contribution (each \$1 buys 5lbs. of food), please mail the check to the church and put Food Pantry in the memo line.

Book Study – <u>If It Takes All Summer</u> by Dan Warren ZOOM – MONDAYS AT 11AM

> Virtual Coffee Hour ZOOM – WEDNESDAYS AT 10AM

Centering Prayer
ZOOM – WEDNESDAYS AT 4:30PM

Book Study – <u>Finding Jesus, Discovering</u> Self by Caren Goldman and Bill Dols ZOOM – THURSDAYS AT 10AM

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