

# First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020



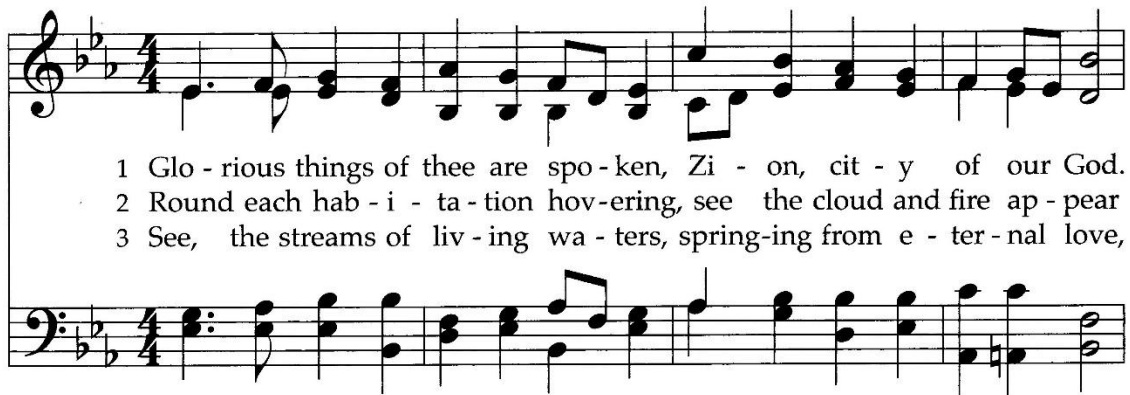
## St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church

### WELCOME

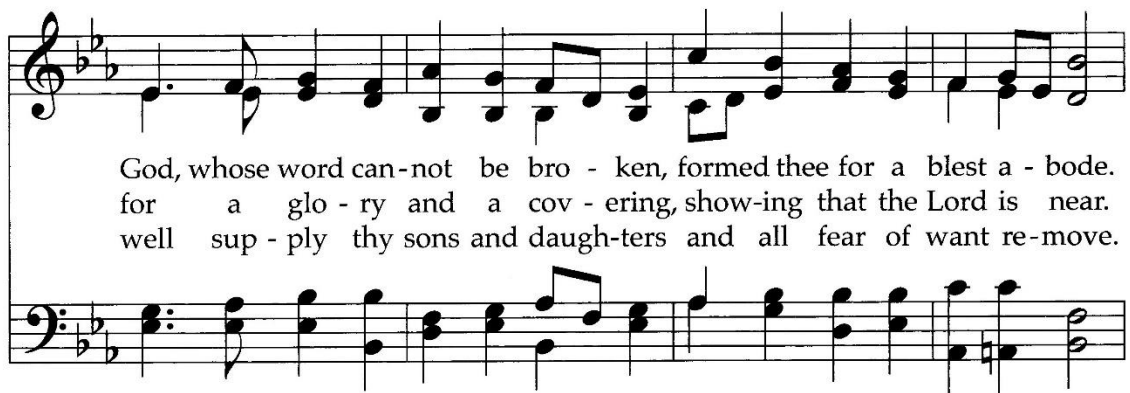
St. Cyprian's is a welcoming, inclusive, vibrant community of faith, where every person is invited to engage in our worship, mission, and ministry. This booklet contains all you will need for this morning's worship. Information about upcoming events, activities, and ministries are found on the last page. 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!

## PRELUDE

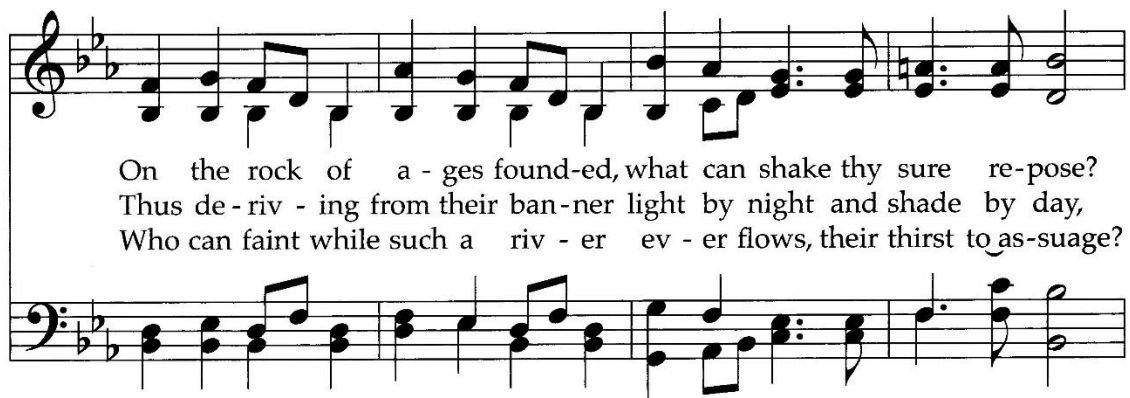
### OPENING HYMN "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"



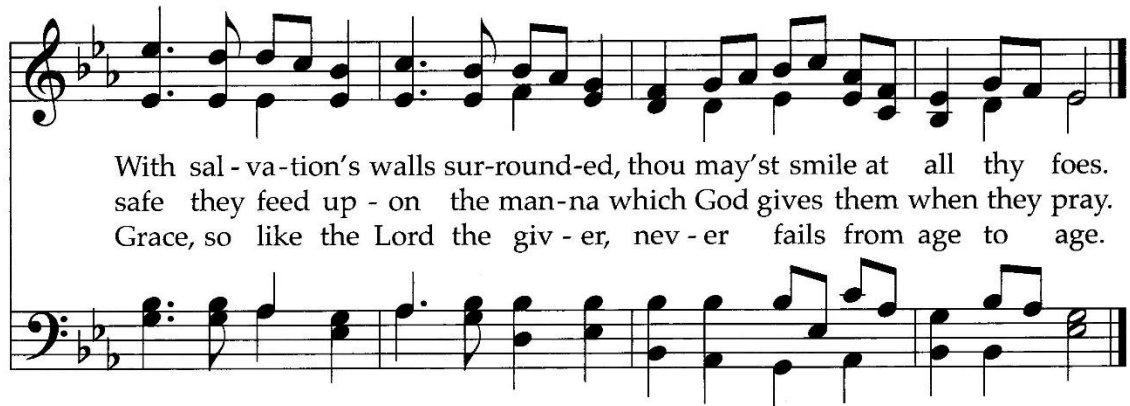
1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.  
2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear  
3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.  
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?  
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,  
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.  
Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant:* Blessed be our God:  
*People:* **Forever and ever. 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.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**  
*Priest:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING:

**Isaiah 64:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup>You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. <sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. <sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

## PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
**shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**  
<sup>2</sup>In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
**stir up your strength and come to help us.**

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

<sup>4</sup>O LORD God of hosts, \*  
**how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
**you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**

<sup>6</sup>You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
**and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
**the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

<sup>17</sup>And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
**give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**

<sup>18</sup>Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

## THE SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*People:* Amen. Amen.

## GRADUAL HYMN "Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

1 Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one bod - y.  
 2 Come now, O God of love; make us one bod - y.  
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.  
 4 Come, hope of u - ni - ty; make us one bod - y.

Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec-on-cile all peo - ple.

## THE GOSPEL:

Mark 13:24-37

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

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

[Jesus said,] <sup>24</sup>"In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. <sup>28</sup>"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup>"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

*Priest:* The Gospel of our Lord.

*People:* **Amen. Amen.**

## THE SERMON

FR. TED VOORHEES

## 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: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

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

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People:** *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People:** *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People:** *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People:** *For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

Leader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and John our Bishop; for Fr. Ted and Pastor Deena, the clergy serving St. Cyprian's; and for all ordained and lay ministers;

**People:** *For all who serve God in the Church.*

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*The people may add their own petitions aloud, or in the silence of their hearts*

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

**People:** *For your mercy is great.*

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*The people may add their own thanksgivings aloud, or in the silence of their hearts*

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

**People:** *And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*The people may add their own prayers aloud, or in the silence of their hearts*

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People:** *Who put their trust in you.*

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**People:** *Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; 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.*

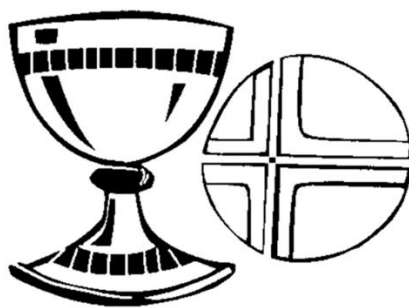
Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



## OFFERTORY HYMN "Prepare the Way, O Zion"



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



*Refrain*  
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*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 our thanks and praise.**

### *Celebrant*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.


You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)  
F C F B $\flat$  C F



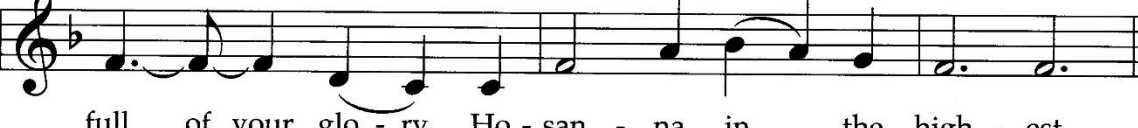
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F $\sharp$ ) (F $\sharp$ m) (G) (A) (Bm)  
C F/A Am B $\flat$  C Dm



pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)  
B $\flat$  F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### *The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with blessed Cyprian and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **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:* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

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

*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.**

## CLOSING HYMN

### "The King Shall Come"

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to  
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by  
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the  
2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry  
3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing  
4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph  
5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.  
3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;  
4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.  
5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

## DISMISSAL

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### About Our Worship Booklet

The worship in this booklet follows the form of **Holy Eucharist: Rite II** in the **Book of Common Prayer**. The **Declaration of Faith** is from the **Moravian Book of Worship**. The **Eucharistic Prayer** is **Prayer 2** from **Enriching Our Worship**. The readings from Holy Scripture are from **Lectionary Year B** 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: Sam McIlrath, Bill Wall, Steven Piroch, Karen & Bruce Cudworth, Adelaide and Anastasia, Matt Shirer, Benedetta & Family, Elise Osako, Joe Lynn Look, Ronald Stafford, Geordy Maish, Pat Laurencelle, Charlie Schwab, Elizabeth McGuinness, Tom Lutton, Annette Cappella, Jon Wiles, Jim Colee, Jim Lofquist, Kevin Cash and Beth.

We pray also for Kim, Michael Gallagher, Linda Parker, Nancy, Skip Hutton, Marnie, Jeff, Johnathon Edwards, Dennis O'Neill, George Libonate, Patti Morrissey, Amanda & Jim Pasnik, Janet Sowers, Bonnie Wahiba, Violet Drayton, Shirley Jones, , Foster Swann, Peter Ripley, Garrison Williams, Jonathan Bruce, Debbie Gagnon, Irma Brooks, Julie Forker, Kelli Ann Dishmon, Jim Bullock, Kris Phillips, Nancy Skadden, Ted D., Allison Paisley, Carrie C., Susie & Jeff, Catherine Martin, Liza Aston, Nury, Bill & Mary Jo Dudley.

**About the Prayer List** – 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  
(Closed November 30 & December 1)

### Dining With Dignity

Our next Dining With Dignity is scheduled for this Tuesday, December 1.  
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.

## Zoom Meetings

Book Study – *If It Takes All Summer* by Dan Warren – MONDAYS AT 11AM

Virtual Coffee Hour – WEDNESDAYS AT 10AM

Centering Prayer – WEDNESDAYS AT 4:30PM

Book Study – *Finding Jesus, Discovering Self* by Caren Goldman and Bill Dols – THURSDAYS AT 10AM



## St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church

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