

# 15 Pentecost

September 13, 2020



## St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church

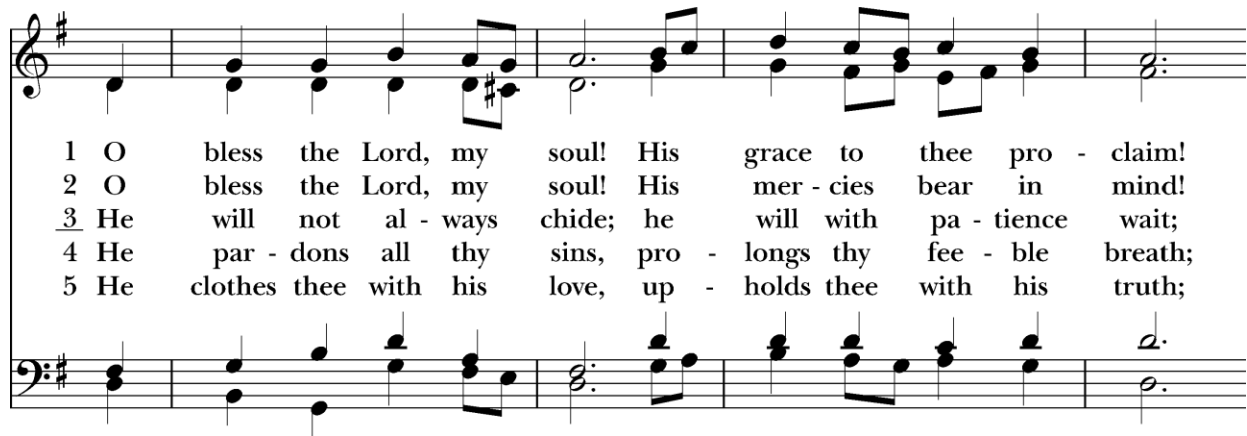
### WELCOME

St. Cyprian's is a welcoming, inclusive, vibrant community of faith, where every person is invited to engage in our worship, mission, and ministry, 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!


## PRELUDE

### OPENING HYMN

#### "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!  
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!  
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;  
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;  
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;



1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!  
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.  
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.  
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.  
5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,  
whose grace hath made thee whole,  
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:  
O bless the Lord, my soul!

## 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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING:

**Exodus 14:19-31**

<sup>19</sup>The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. <sup>20</sup>It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. <sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. <sup>24</sup>At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. <sup>25</sup>He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." <sup>26</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." <sup>27</sup>So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. <sup>28</sup>The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup>But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. <sup>30</sup>Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup>Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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

## CANTICLE: THE SONGS OF MOSES AND MIRIAM

God is my strength and my song \*  
**and has become my salvation.**  
Let me glorify this God of mine! \*  
**Let me magnify this God of my ancestors!**  
For valiant in battle is the God \*  
**whose holy name is The Lord.**  
The chariots and troops of Pharaoh \*  
**were thrown into the sea;**  
even the handpicked commanders \*  
**went down in the Red Sea waves.**  
The flood covered them over, \*  
**and they sank into the depths like a stone.**

Your right hand, so glorious in battle, \*  
**your right hand, O Lord, shattered the foe.**  
 In triumph you tumbled your adversaries; \*  
**your fire consumed them like stubble.**  
 The blast of your breath piled up the waters: \*  
**the floods stood up like a towering wall;**  
 in the very heart of the sea, \*  
**the murky depths congealed.**  
 "I will chase and catch them!" crowed the enemy; \*  
**"I will plunder and fulfill my lust;**  
 I will unsheath my sharpened sword \*  
**and destroy them by my own hand."**  
 Then you blew forth a mighty tempest \*  
**and the sea swallowed them up**  
 so that they plummeted like lead \*  
**in the billows that brought you glory.**  
 Who among the gods is mighty like you, O Lord? \*  
**Who is sovereign and awesome like you,**  
**a powerful worker of wonders?**  
 Then Miriam the prophet, the sister of Aaron, \*  
**raised a tambourine in her hand,**  
 and all the women danced after her with their tambourines \*  
**while Miriam led the song:**  
 "Sing to the Lord, the Exalted One, \*  
**who hurled horse and rider into the sea."**

## THE SECOND READING:

**Romans 14:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. <sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." <sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

## GRADUAL HYMN

## "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

## THE GOSPEL:

**Matthew 18:21-35**

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

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

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

<sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

*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.**

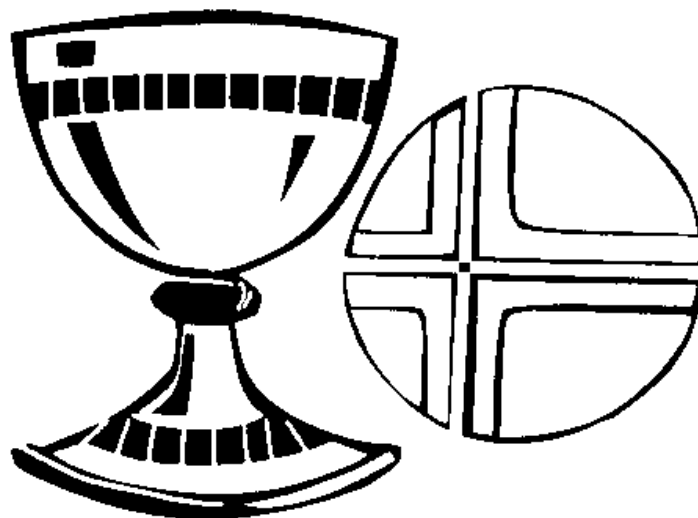
*Leader:* We pray for our own needs and blessings ...  
*Particular intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered silently or aloud.*

*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.**

## THE PEACE

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



# OFFERTORY HYMN

## "Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be  
 2 Through waves and clouds and storms God gent - ly  
 3 Leave to God's sov - ereign sway to choose and  
 4 Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast

un - dis - mayed. God hears thy sighs and  
 clears the way. Wait pa - tient - ly; so  
 to com - mand. So shalt thou, won - dering,  
 truth de - clare, and pub - lish with our

counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.  
 shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.  
 own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!  
 fi - nal breath thy love and guard - ian care.

## 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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

Live without fear.  
Your Creator has made you holy,  
has always protected you,  
and loves you with a power and a presence  
that is stronger than death.

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 "God of Compassion, In Mercy Befriend Us"



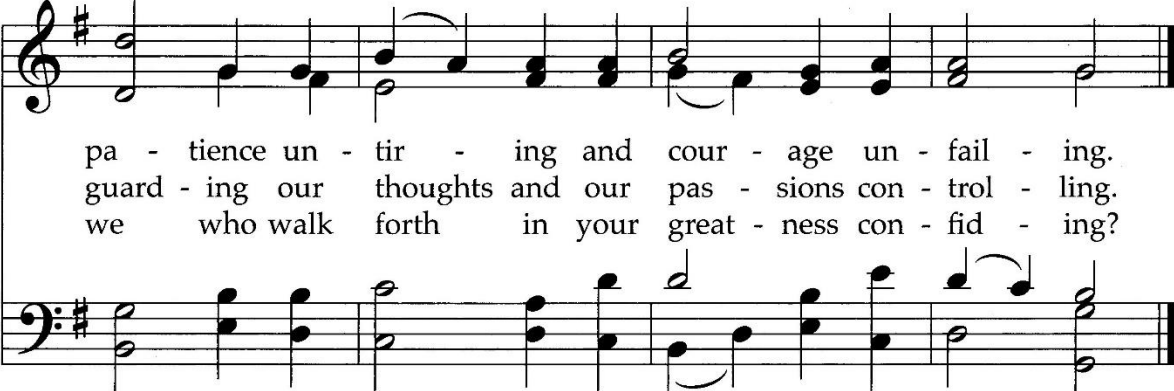
1 God of com - pas - sion, in mer - cy be - friend us,  
2 Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,  
3 How shall we stray, with your hand to di - rect us,



giv - er of grace for our needs all - a - vail - ing.  
stilled our rude hearts with your word of con - sol - ing.  
you who the stars in their cours - es are guid - ing?



Wis - dom and strength for each day ev - er send us,  
Wrap now your peace, like a man - tle, a - round us,  
What shall we fear, with your power to pro - tect us,



pa - tience un - tir - ing and cour - age un - fail - ing.  
guard - ing our thoughts and our pas - sions con - trol - ling.  
we who walk forth in your great - ness con - fid - ing?

## 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 **Declaration of Faith** is borrowed from the Moravian Book of Worship. (The Moravian Church and the Episcopal Church are in full communion with each other.) The **Eucharistic Prayer** is from **Enriching Our Worship**, a resource for the Episcopal Church's liturgy. 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: Elizabeth McGuinness, Tom Lutton, Annette Cappella, Jon Wiles, Jim Colee, George Sage, Jim Lofquist, Kevin Cash, Bill Wall, and Beth.

We pray also for Adelaide and Anastasia, Gus Bryant, Foster Swann, Garrison Williams, Bob & Laurie, 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.

**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

## 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.

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