

4 Epiphany

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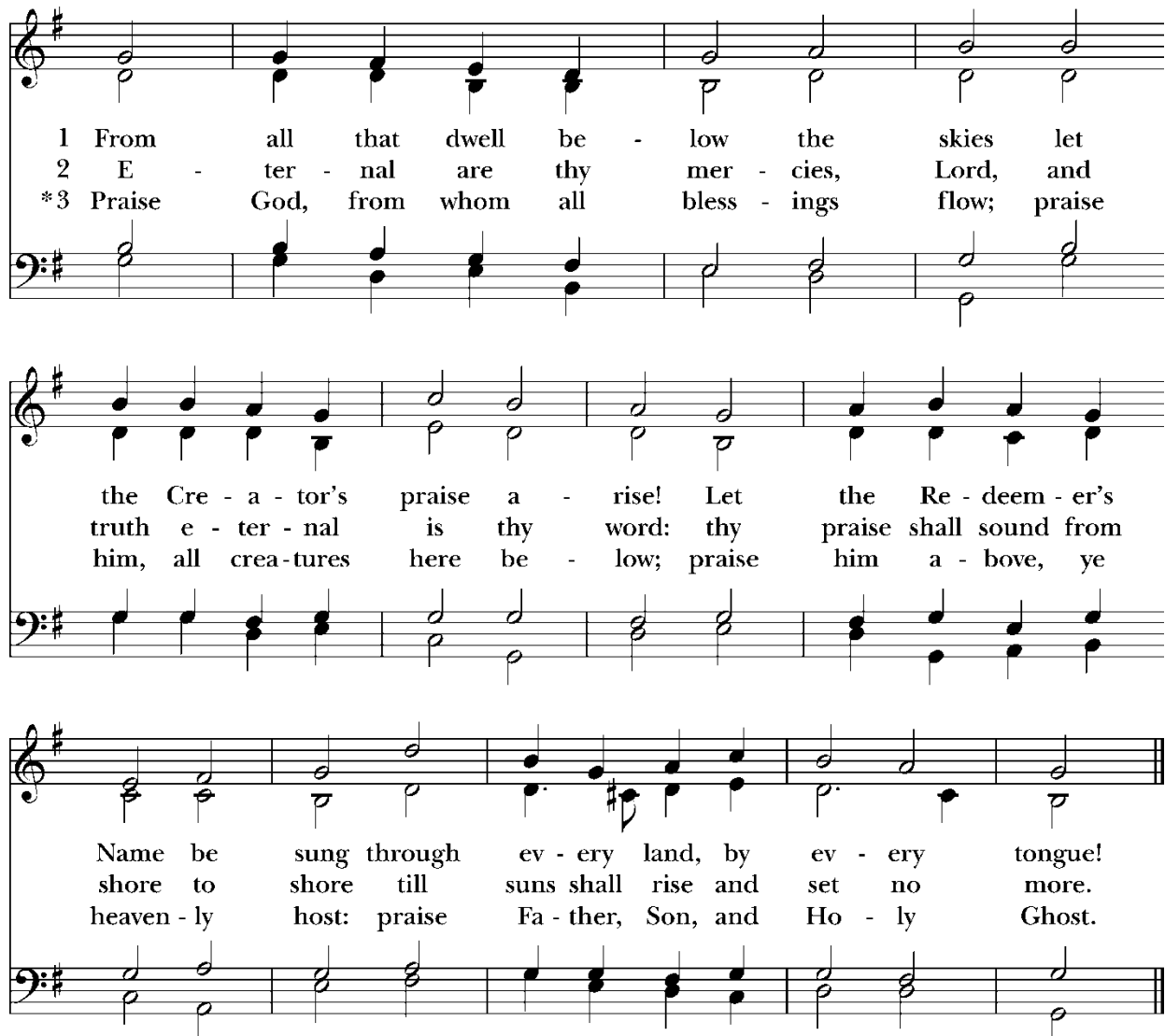
St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church

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. 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!

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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 govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

[Moses summoned all Israel and said to them,] ¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: ‘If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.’ ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: ‘They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.’”

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

PSALM 111

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
²Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.
³His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures forever.
⁴He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
⁵He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
⁶He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.
⁷The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.
⁸They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.
⁹He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant forever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.
¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures forever.



THE SECOND READING:

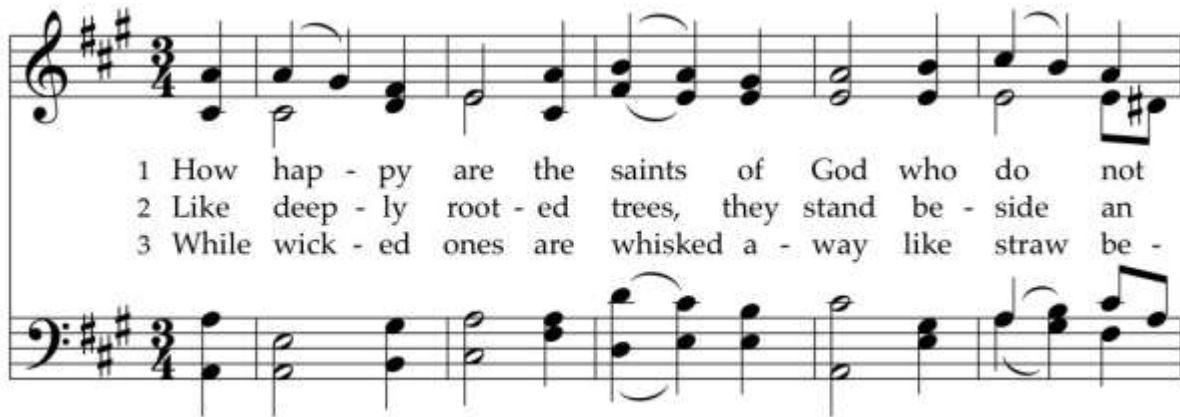
1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him. ⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. ⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall away.

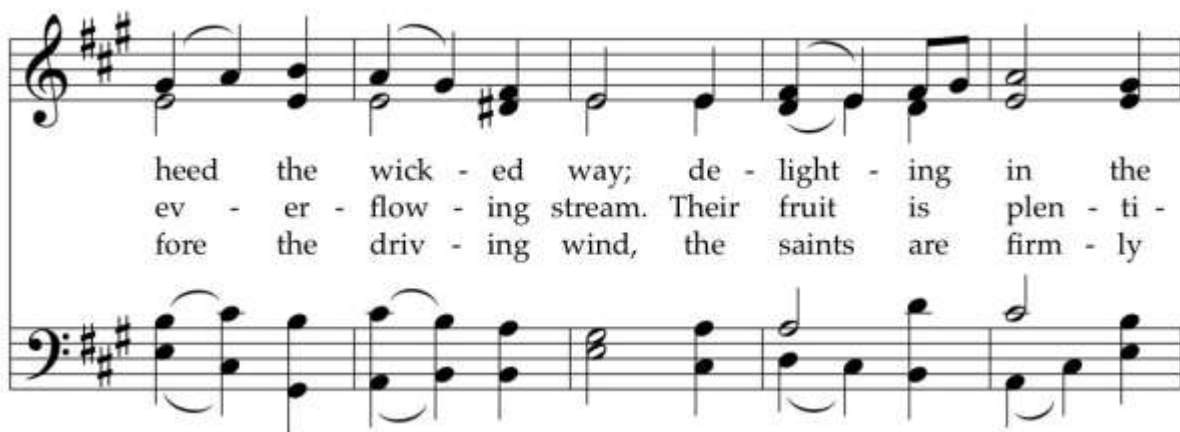
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: **Amen. Amen.**

GRADUAL HYMN "How Happy Are the Saints of God"



1 How hap - py are the saints of God who do not
2 Like deep - ly root - ed trees, they stand be - side an
3 While wick - ed ones are whisked a - way like straw be -



heed the wick - ed way; de - light - ing in the
ev - er - flow - ing stream. Their fruit is plen - ti -
fore the driv - ing wind, the saints are firm - ly



ho - ly Word they seek God's wis - dom night and day.
ful and good; their leaves are al - ways grow - ing green.
plant - ed still, and God will keep them to the end.

THE GOSPEL:

Mark 1:21-28

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

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

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one

another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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: 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 our faith

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

Leader: Grant that all peoples of the earth may truly and humbly serve you,

People: **That the image of God may be revealed in us.**

Leader: Strengthen all who minister in your name.

People: **Give us courage to proclaim your gospel.**

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: **Into your hands we commend them.**

Leader: 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: Lord 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.

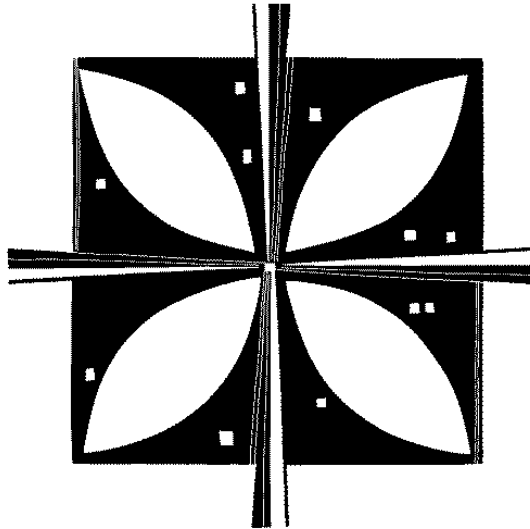
Amen.

THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



OFFERTORY HYMN "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fool - ish
2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be - side the Syr - ian
3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O calm of hills a -
4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy

1 ways! Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in
2 sea, the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let
3 bove, where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the
4 cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and
5 balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak

1 pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
2 us, like them, with - out a word, rise up and fol - low thee.
3 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in - ter - pret - ed by love!
4 let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
5 through the earth-quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

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

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing

Celebrant and People

LEVAS #255

**Holy, holy ... holy, holy ... holy Lord, God of hosts,
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord
... of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest ... hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, forever 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.**

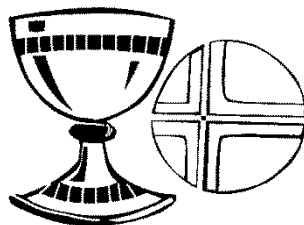
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Priest: 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.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

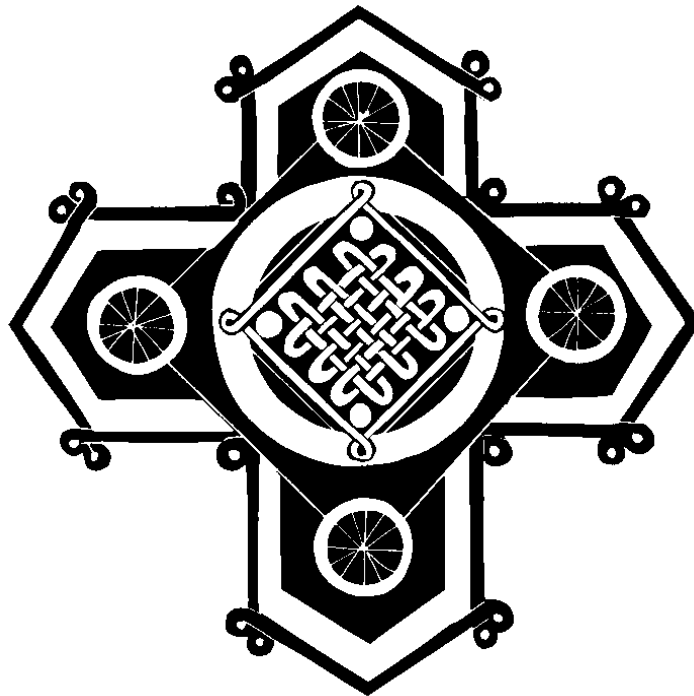
Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us,
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
You have united us with Christ and one another;
And you have made us one with all your people in
heaven and earth.
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

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.

POSTLUDE

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: Carol Ann Romaine, Pastor Deena, Jane Holzkamp, Kirby von Egidy, Bobbi Miller, Bill Wall, Margie Costas, Adelaide and Anastasia, Matt Shirer, Benedetta & Family, Elise Osako, Geordy Maish, Pat Laurencelle, Charlie Schwab, Tom Lutton, Annette Cappella, Jon Wiles, Jim Colee, Jim Lofquist, Kevin Cash and Beth.

We pray also for Nan Weaver, Norma Sherry, Martha Shannon, Marie Kaufman, Mary Lynn & Wayne Hartley, Daria, Bob Mermell, Ervin Bullock, Janine, Kim, Linda Parker, Nancy, Jeanette Webster, Skip Hutton, Marnie, Jeff, Johnathon Edwards, Dennis O'Neill, George Libonate, Patti Morrissey, Janet Sowers, Bonnie Wahiba, Foster Swann, Peter Ripley, Garrison Williams, Debbie Gagnon, Irma Brooks, Julie Forker, Kelli Ann Dishmon, Jim Bullock, Kris Phillips, Allison Paisley, Carrie C., Susie, 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 flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Priscilla Sheeley.

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

Please be Mindful of Social Distancing

Dining With Dignity

Many thanks to all who donated food, clothing, and/or funds in January to help provide a dignified meal to our homeless sisters and brothers in the area. Our next Dining With Dignity is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2.

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 of *Caste* – BEGINS JANUARY 25 AT 11AM

The Racial Justice Discussion Group will resume on January 25 at 11 am to begin our next book, *Caste: The Origins of our Discontents* by Pulitzer Prize recipient Isabel Wilkerson. We'll start with the preface (page xv) and Part One: Toxins in the Permafrost and Heat Rising All Around, which goes to p. 35.

Virtual Coffee Hour – WEDNESDAYS AT 10AM

Centering Prayer – WEDNESDAYS AT 4:30PM

NEW! "*Reading Between The Lines*" – THURSDAYS AT 10AM

"*Reading Between The Lines*" is a study of one of the Scripture lessons from each week's lectionary.