# The Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021



# 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!

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#### "Before Thy Throne" **OPENING HYMN** Be fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us con - science true; help give Search out our hearts and make to us us to 3 heed - less word deed, for For sins of pride am - bi tious and Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi rits quick mind to feel, rea - dy der stand the to all their due. From love plea gold, from of sure, lust of suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub tle snare to to shame; fy: con sume the ill; purge the 0 pu out mean - ing of thy chas tening hand; what - e'er the pain and which grow cold, wean sins make the and train heart us us catch the simple ware, for lives be reft of un a God, be with the flame; a us in new - born peo - ple

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# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God who forgives our sins.

People: God's mercy endures for 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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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:

Exodus 20:1-17

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words [to Moses on Mount Sinai]:

<sup>2</sup>"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You 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. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

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

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

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

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You 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."

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

People: Amen. Amen.

# PSALM 19

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God, \*

and the firmament shows his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale to another, \*

and one night imparts knowledge to another.

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language, \*

and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*

and their message to the ends of the world.

<sup>5</sup>In 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.

<sup>6</sup>It 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.

 $^{7}$ The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  $^{*}$ 

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

<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; \*

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

 $^{9}$ The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever;  $^{*}$ 

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

 $^{10}$ More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  $^{st}$ 

sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

<sup>11</sup>By 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.

<sup>13</sup>Above 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.

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

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

People: Amen. Amen.



THE GOSPEL John 2:13-22

Gospel reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Gospel reader: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Amen. Amen.

THE SERMON Fr. Ted Voorhees

# THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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. We worship you.

(New Zealand Prayer Book)

# THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people,

let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority,

let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For this city of St. Augustine, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth,

let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them,

let us pray to the Lord.

### Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation,

let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of blessed Cyprian and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

#### To you, O Lord our God.

# CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ,

strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

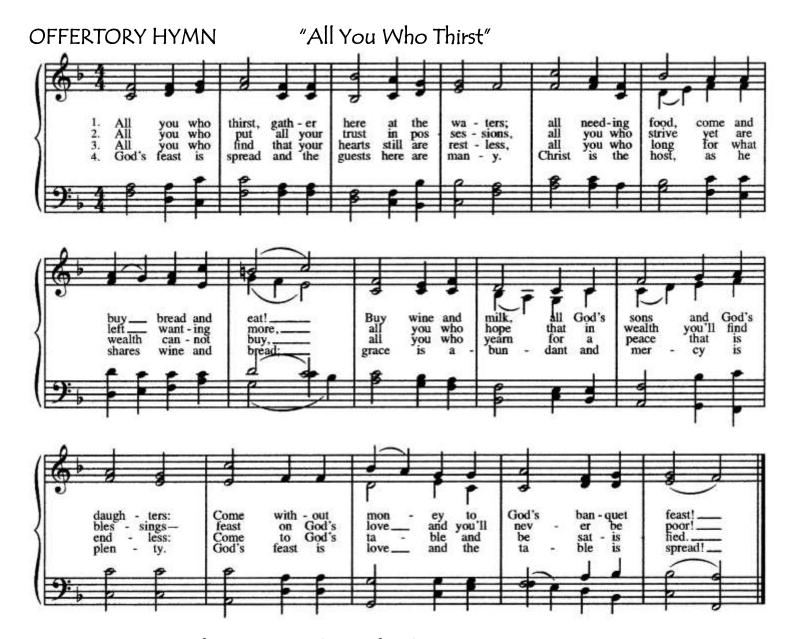
# THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

# **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**





# 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.

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.

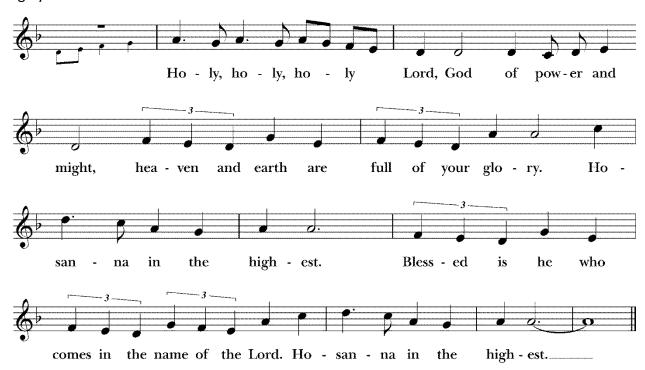
## Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

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:



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 for the forgiveness of sins. 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 Forbearers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Ruth, and Mary; 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

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

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

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

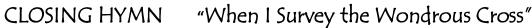
## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.** 





# DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

# **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 **Prayers of the People** are **Form I** (p383 BCP), the **Affirmation of Faith** is from the *New Zealand Prayer Book*, and we are using **Eucharistic Prayer C** (p369 BCP) during this Lenten season. 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: Jane Holzkamp, Kirby von Egidy, Bobbi Miller, Bill Wall, Margie Costas, Adelaide and Anastasia, Matt Shirer, Benedetta & Family, Elise Osako, Pat Laurencelle, Charlie Schwab, Tom Lutton, Annette Cappella, Jon Wiles, Jim Colee, Jim Lofquist, Bud & Kevin Cash and Beth.

We pray also for Nan Weaver, Norma Sherry, Martha Shannon, Daria, Bob Mermell, Ervin Bullock, Janine, Kim, Linda Parker, Nancy, Skip Hutton, Marnie, Jeff, 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.

<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.

# Dining With Dignity - THANKS!!!

Many thanks to all who donated food and/or funds to help provide a dignified meal to our homeless sisters and brothers in the area. We served 33 guest on a rainy and chilly evening. Most guest took two to-go bags, and we gave out five blankets. Our next Dining With Dignity is scheduled for this Tuesday, April 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.

# Zoom Meetings

- Racial Justice Discussion Group Mondays at 11am
  - Aging Angels Tuesdays at 10:30am
  - Virtual Coffee Hour Wednesdays at 10am
  - Centering Prayer Wednesdays at 4:30pm
  - Reading Between The Lines Thursdays at 10am

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