16 Pentecost

September 12, 2021



St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church

Our Guest Celebrant this morning is Fr. Michael Moore

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 available from a Greeter has a form that you may use. WELCOME!

GREETINGS



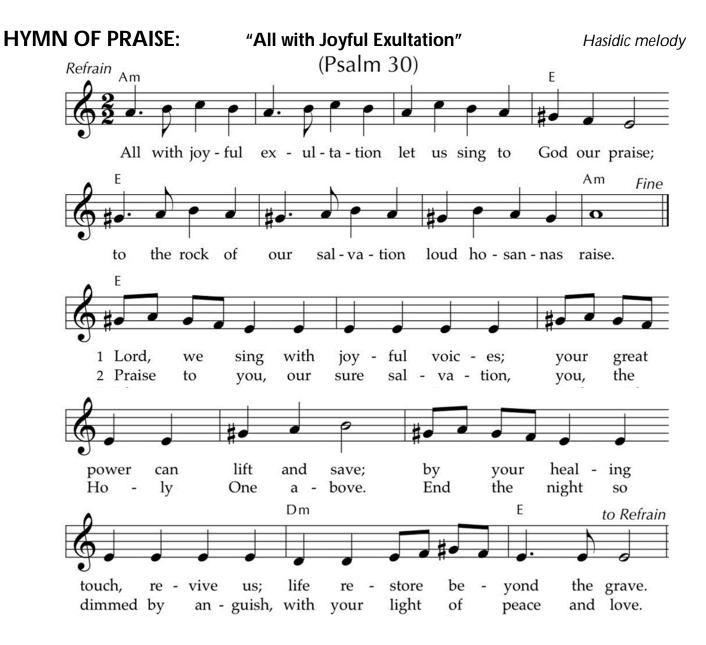
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Priest: 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:

Proverbs 1:20-33

²⁰Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. ²¹At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: ²²"How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? ²³Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. ²⁴Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, ²⁵and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, ²⁶I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, ²⁷when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. ²⁸Then they will

call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. ²⁹Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, ³⁰would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, ³¹therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. ³²For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; ³³but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

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

People: Amen. Amen.

CANTICLE: A Song in Praise of Wisdom

Wisdom is a reflection of eternal light, * a flawless mirror of God's activity, an image of divine goodness. Though Wisdom is only one, * she can accomplish everything; remaining self-contained, * she transforms all around her. In every generation * Wisdom enlightens holy souls, making them friends of God, * making them prophets. For God loves nothing so much * as the person who lives with Wisdom. She is more radiant than the sun, * and outshines every constellation. She excels daylight by far, for day is eclipsed by night; * but evil does not overshadow Wisdom. She spans the earth from pole to pole * and orders all things well.

THE SECOND READING:

James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

People: Amen. Amen.

"God is Calling Through the Whisper" GRADUAL 1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs, 2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers, 3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise. through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair. through the hymns of earth and an - gels, and the car-ols of our hearts. Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der: Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing: Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:

THE GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

God is call - ing—can you hear?

God is call - ing—can you hear?

God is call - ing—and we hear!

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

call - ing—can you hear?

call - ing—and we hear!

God is call - ing—can you hear?

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them

that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Priest: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Amen. Amen.

THE SERMON Fr. Michael Moore

A DECLARATION OF FAITH

I believe in the one true God, the Creator of humanity, who creates and sustains the universe in wisdom and power, who calls us into being and into relationship with God by grace, whose nature is love.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who lived that we might see God, who died that we might be reconciled to God, who rose again that we might experience the life of God, who freely accepts and welcomes all who come to him, not on the basis of merit, but on the basis of unconditional love.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who is God present with us now, who shows us our need for God, who assures us of God's love in all circumstances, who lives the life and love of Jesus Christ through us.

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 the Church.

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

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.

People: That the life of Christ may be revealed in us.

Leader: Strengthen all who minister in the name of Christ.

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: Father, 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: 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, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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

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

People: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth"



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Priest: The Lord be with you.

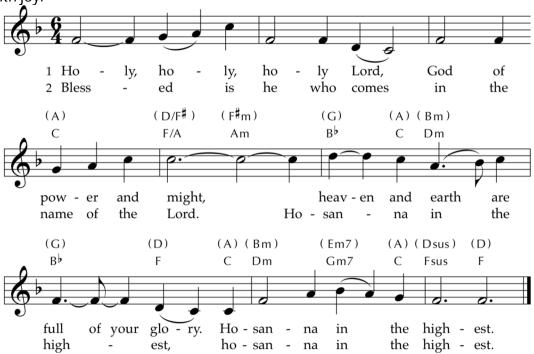
People: And also with you.

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.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:



Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant, poured out for you and for all. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Priest and People

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Saint Cyprian and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Priest and People

Blessed are you now and for 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,

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.

and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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

CLOSING HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"



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 Baroque Trumpet Young

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 B** using the **New Revised Standard Version** of the Bible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer List

We pray for those known to the people of St. Cyprian's who are ill or who have asked for our prayers: Adele Anthony, Dick & Jean Parker, Henning Toensmann, Mike Cash, Barb Lofquist, Jane Schwab, Carol Ann Romaine, Dick Massom, Joe Finnegan, Teza Lord, Bill Schwab, Kirby von Egidy, Bobbi Miller, Bill Wall, Elise Osako, Pat Laurencelle, Tom Lutton, Jon Wiles, Jim Colee, and Beth.

We pray also for Karen Mullis, Jaime Turner, Lori & Jagger, Penny, Jay Holdman, Brian, Angela & Ariel, Terress Lang, Bobby Morrow, Steve Larew, Rick & Margie Oney, Barbara Presha, Bob Merrell, Donna Miami, Bruce Cudworth, Hal Dockins, Marty Turner, Peter Morin, Norma Sherry, Geordy Maisch, Martha Shannon, Daria, Bob Mermell, Linda Parker, Marnie, Jeff, Dennis O'Neill, George Libonate, Patti Morrissey, Janet Sowers, Bonnie Wahiba, Foster Swann, Peter Ripley, Garrison Williams, Debbie Gagnon, Irma Brooks, Kelli Ann Dishmon, Jim Bullock, Allison Paisley, Carrie C., Susie, Catherine Martin, Liza Aston, 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

We fed 40 thankful people at on Tuesday. Thank you to everyone who helps support this ministry. Our next DWD will be October 5th. If you would like to participate there will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church next week or call, text or email Linda Kish at (904)377-7666 or lindarkish@gmail.com

Zoom Meetings

Racial Justice Discussion Group – On Summer Break Aging Angels – Mondays at 10am Virtual Coffee Hour – Wednesdays at 10am Centering Prayer – Wednesdays at 4:30pm

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