# Last Sunday After Pentecost

**November 21, 2021** 



# St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church

Our Guest Celebrant this morning is Rev. Mal Jopling

# **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!

### **OPENING HYMN**



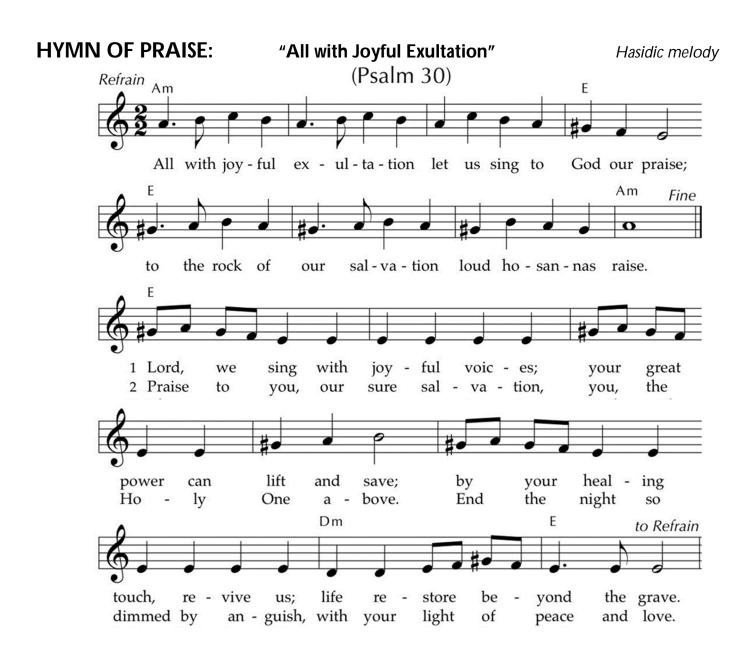
## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **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.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

### THE FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 23:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,

the oracle of the man whom God exalted,

the anointed of the God of Jacob,

the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

<sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue.

<sup>3</sup>The God of Israel has spoken,

the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly,

ruling in the fear of God,

<sup>4</sup>is like the light of morning,

like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,

gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

<sup>5</sup>Is not my house like this with God?

For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,

ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper

all my help and my desire?

<sup>6</sup>But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;

for they cannot be picked up with the hand;

<sup>7</sup>to touch them one uses an iron bar

or the shaft of a spear.

And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

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

People: Amen. Amen.

### **PSALM 132:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>Lord, remember David, \*

and all the hardships he endured;

<sup>2</sup>How he swore an oath to the LORD \*

and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

<sup>3</sup>"I will not come under the roof of my house, \*

nor climb up into my bed;

<sup>4</sup>I will not allow my eyes to sleep, \*

nor let my eyelids slumber;

<sup>5</sup>Until I find a place for the LORD, \*

a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

6"The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; \*

we found it in the fields of Jearim.

<sup>7</sup>Let us go to God's dwelling place; \*

let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

<sup>8</sup>Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, \*

you and the ark of your strength.

<sup>9</sup>Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; \*

let your faithful people sing with joy.

<sup>10</sup>For your servant David's sake, \*

do not turn away the face of your Anointed.

<sup>11</sup>The LORD has sworn an oath to David; \*

in truth, he will not break it:

12"A son, the fruit of your body \*

will I set upon your throne.

<sup>13</sup>If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, \*

their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."



### THE SECOND READING:

Revelation 1:4b-8

<sup>4b</sup>Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

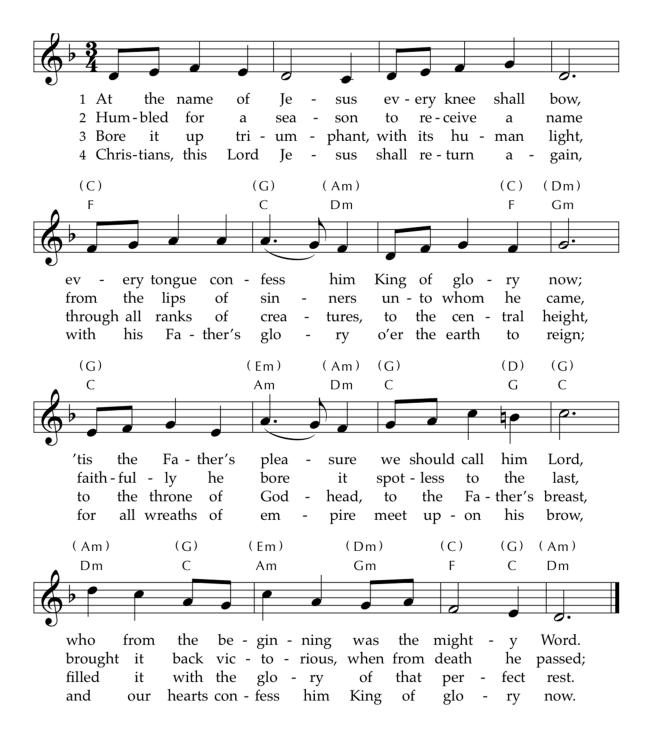
<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

People: Amen. Amen.

### **GRADUAL**

### "At the Name of Jesus"



THE GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

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

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

<sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

<sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

<sup>37</sup>Pilate

asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Priest: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Amen. Amen.

THE SERMON Rev. Mal Jopling

### 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.

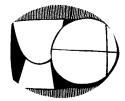
Amen.

### THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**



### OFFERTORY HYMN "For the Fruit of All Creation"



# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Priest: The Lord be with you.

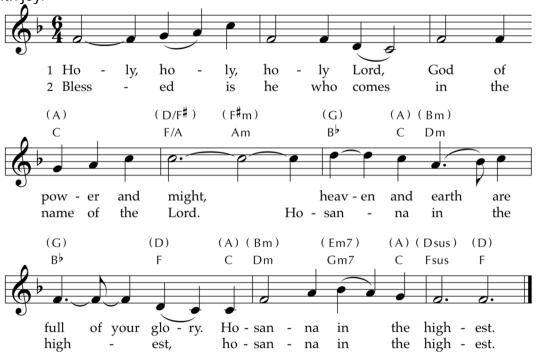
People: And also with you.

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 the

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.

### **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** "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" 1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc him shall end - less prayer and prais - es be made, 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev tongue dwell on his ery the pris-oners 4 Bless-ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe sive jour - neys his king-dom stretch from run; ces crown his head; his name, like sweet per throng to love with sweet - est in - fant song, and voic es loose their chains; wea - ry find leap the to liar King; an - gels de scend cu to our with shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

### **DISMISSAL**

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

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People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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### **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: Vicki Lewis, Sue Paul, Linda Larrimore, Henning Toensmann, Barb Lofquist, Jane Schwab, Carol Ann Romaine, Joe Finnegan, Bobbi Miller, Bill Wall, Elise Osako, Pat Laurencelle, Jon Wiles, Jim Colee, and Beth.

We pray also for Michael Scott, Glenda Greene, Kirby von Egidy, Raymond & Leslie Stricklen, Joan Athey, Elise Loney, Holly and Mark Arnim, Mary Caldwell, Gracia McCabe, Eric & Denise Glaude, Karen Mullis, Jaime Turner, Penny, 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, Daria, Bob Mermell, Linda Parker, Marnie, Jeff, Dennis O'Neill, George Libonate, Patti Morrissey, Bonnie Wahiba, Foster Swann, Peter Ripley, Garrison Williams, Debbie Gagnon, Irma Brooks, Kelli Ann Dishmon, Jim Bullock, Allison Paisley, Carrie C., Susie, Catherine Martin, and Liza Aston.

<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**

The next date for St. Cyprian's is December 7th. To participate, call or text Linda Kish at (904) 377-7666, to see what we need this or what you can offer. We will continue to collect warm clothes to distribute through the winter months.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

We have met our goal of \$5,000 to be a sponsoring congregation. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

### **Zoom Meetings**

Racial Justice Discussion Group – Mondays 11am Aging Angels – Tuesdays at 10am Virtual Coffee Hour – Wednesdays at 10am Centering Prayer – Wednesdays at 4:30pm

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