

# First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 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, 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!

# PRELUDE

## "Awake, the Voice is Calling Us"

*Sobaje*

# OPENING HYMN "Lo! He comes with clouds descending"



The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful  
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling  
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -

va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,  
 bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
 ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;

swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,  
 claim the king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

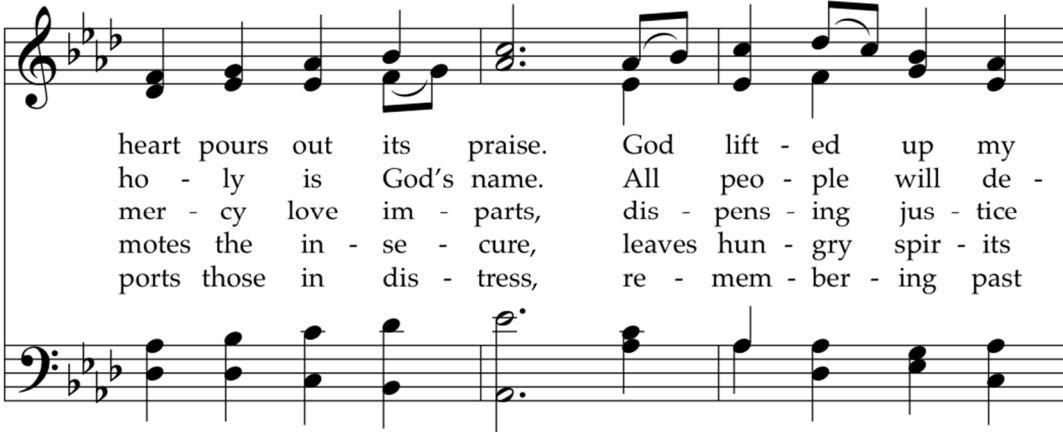
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## HYMN OF PRAISE:


### "Song of Mary"



1 My soul gives glo - ry to my God; my  
2 My God has done great things for me: yes,  
3 From age to age to all who fear, such  
4 Love casts the might - y from their thrones, pro -  
5 Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup -



heart pours out its praise. God lift - ed up my  
ho - ly is God's name. All peo - ple will de -  
mer - cy love im - parts, dis - pens - ing jus - tice  
motes the in - se - cure, leaves hun - gry spir - its  
ports those in dis - tress, re - mem - ber - ing past



low - li - ness in man - y mar - vel - ous ways.  
clare me blessed, and bless - ings they shall claim.  
far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.  
sat - is - fied; the rich seem sud - den - ly poor.  
prom - is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Priest:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING:

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

*People:* **Amen. Amen.**

## PSALM 25:1-9

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*

**let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>2</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*

**let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

<sup>3</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD, \*

**and teach me your paths.**

<sup>4</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*

**for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

<sup>5</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*

**for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>6</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*

**remember me according to your love**

**and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*

**therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**

<sup>8</sup>He guides the humble in doing right \*

**and teaches his way to the lowly.**

<sup>9</sup>All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*

**to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

## THE SECOND READING:

**1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you?

<sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. <sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you.

<sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

People: Amen. Amen.

## GRADUAL HYMN

### "My Lord! What a Morning"

My Lord! what a morn - ing; my Lord! what a morn - ing;

O my Lord! what a morn - ing, when the stars be - gin to

*Fine*

fall, when the stars be - gin to fall. 1 You will hear the trum - pet  
2 You will hear the sin - ner  
3 You will hear the Chris - tian

sound  
cry, to wake the na - tions un - der ground,  
shout,

*to Refrain*

look - ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

## THE GOSPEL:

Luke 21:25-36

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

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

*Priest:* The Gospel of our Lord.

*People:* **Amen. Amen.**

## THE SERMON

FR. TED VOORHEES

## CHOIR ANTHEM

**"While We Are Waiting, Come"**

*Cason*

## 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: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People:** ***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

Leader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and John our Bishop; for Fr. Ted and Pastor Deena, the clergy serving St. Cyprian's; and for all ordained and lay ministers;

**People:** ***For all who serve God in the Church.***

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

**People:** ***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People:** ***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People:** ***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People:** ***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People:** ***Who put their trust in you.***

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**People:** ***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

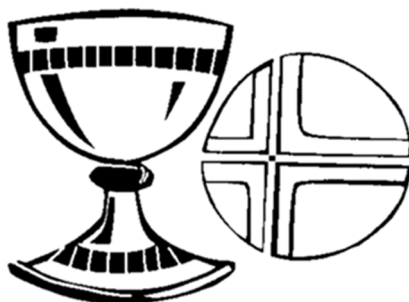
Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



## OFFERTORY HYMN

## "Savior of the Nations, Come"

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's  
2 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds; back to  
3 Now your man - ger, shin - ing bright, hal - lows  
4 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, vir - gin's

son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O  
God his path - way leads; out to van - quish  
night with new - born light. Night can - not this  
son, in - car - nate Word! To the ho - ly

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.  
light sub - due; let our faith shine ev - er new.  
Trin - i - ty praise we sing e - ter - nal - ly.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*  
*People*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



*Celebrant*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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 for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with blessed Cyprian and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever 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:* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People:* ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

*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

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      "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding"

*Descant*

2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;  
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day."  
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

## DISMISSAL

*Priest:* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of God's Spirit.  
*People:* Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE      "Savior of the Heathen, Come"

*Bach*

### **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 C** 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: 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 Bethany Ringgold Stevenson & Family, Richard & Betty Rose, Margaret Anne Payne, 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.

**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.

### **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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