7 Epiphany

February 20, 2022



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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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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: "The First Song of Isaiah"

Surely it is God who saves me; trusting him, I shall not fear. For the Lord defends and shields me and his saving help is near. So rejoice as you draw water from salvation's living spring; In the day of your deliverance thank the Lord his mercies sing.

Make his deeds known to the peoples; tell out his exalted Name.

Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his might proclaim.

Zion, lift your voice in singing; for with you has come to dwell,

In your very midst, the great and Holy One of Israel.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE FIRST READING:

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry

with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

People: Amen. Amen.

PSALM 37:1-12, 41-42

¹Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *

do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

²For they shall soon wither like the grass, *

and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *

dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

⁴Take delight in the LORD, *

and he shall give you your heart's desire.

 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *

and he will bring it to pass.

⁶He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *

and your just dealing as the noonday.

⁷Be still before the LORD *

and wait patiently for him.

⁸Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *

the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁹Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *

do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

¹⁰For evildoers shall be cut off, *

but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

¹¹In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *

you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

¹²But the lowly shall possess the land; *

they will delight in abundance of peace.

⁴¹But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; *

he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

⁴²The LORD will help them and rescue them; *

he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

³⁵Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

People: Amen. Amen.



THE GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

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

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] ²⁷"I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³²"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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.

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.

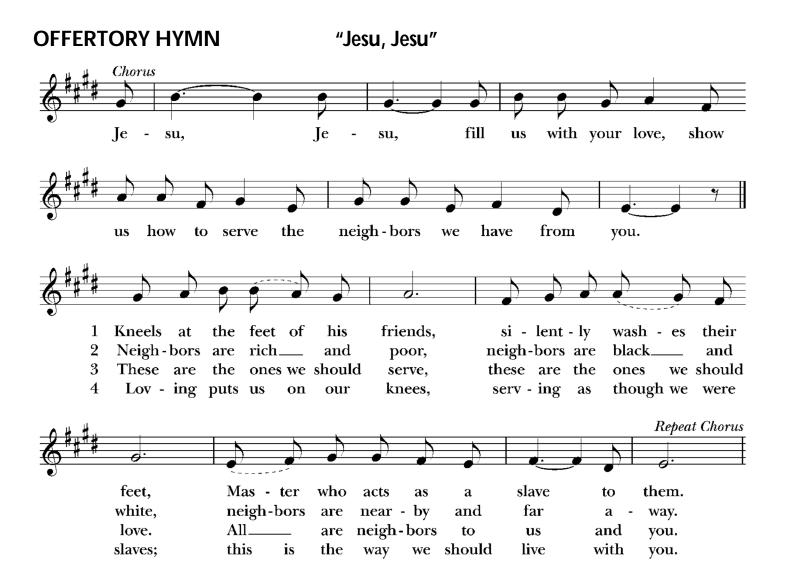
THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS





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

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

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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.

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 "The Church's One Foundation" 1 The chur-ch's one foun-da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord. 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth, 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der this world sees her op-pressed, toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war, on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One, 5 Yet She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word. sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth. her char-ter of her - e - sies dis-tressed, by schis-ms rent a - sun - der, by she waits the con-sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er-more: and mys-tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won: From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride. ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?" with the vi-sion glo-rious her long-ing eyes are blest, O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we, With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died. one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued. the morn of song. And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest. them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

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

"How Firm a Foundation"

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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.

Prayer List

We pray for those known to the people of St. Cyprian's who are ill or who have asked for our prayers: Linda Kish, Jane Holzkamp, Dick and Pastor Deena Galantowicz, Dick Massom, Goerge Paul, Lucy Lang, Frank Smith, teZa Lord, Sandra Parks, Clerene Romeo-Jackson, Jamie, Neal, Jax, Marion and Eldon Jones, Kirby von Egidy, Linda Larrimore, Henning Toensmann, Jane Schwab, Carol Ann Romaine, Bobbi Miller, Bill Wall, Elise Osako, Pat Laurencelle, Jon Wiles, Jim Colee, and Beth.

We pray also for Cheryl Hundley, Curt Charlton, Chuck Guagliardi, Susie Calvaruso, Jeff Robinson, Maury Husic, James Mangum, Terra Williams, Bethany Ringgold Stevenson & Family, Richard & Betty Rose, Margaret Anne Payne, Michael Scott, Glenda Greene, Raymond & Leslie Stricklen, Joan Athey, Elise Loney, Mary Caldwell, Eric & Denise Glaude, Karen Mullis, Laurey & Jagger, Penny, Brian, Angela & Ariel, Bobby Morrow, Steve Larew, Rick & Margie Oney, Barbara Presha, Donna Miami, Bruce Cudworth, Marty Turner, Peter Morin, Norma Sherry, Daria, Bob Mermell, Linda Parker, Dennis O'Neill, George Libonate, Patti Morrissey, Bonnie Wahiba, Foster Swann, Peter Ripley, Debbie Gagnon, Kelli Ann Dishmon, Jim Bullock, Allison Paisley, Carrie C., Catherine Martin, and Liza Aston.

<u>About the Prayer List</u> – If you would like to add someone to our Prayer please call or email Holly at 904-829-8828 or stcyprianschurch@att.net. And, please let us know when to take someone's name off our Prayer List.

Announcements

Dining With Dignity

We are still planning for Take Away bags for our next DWD on March 1st. We have some things on hand, but still need the following items:

75 Hard boiled eggs 40 Peanut Butter Crackers

6O packets of cookies 75 Bananas

75 halo tangerines 75 Peanut Butter Sandwiches

Please call or email Linda Kish to sign up. Everything must be delivered to the office by Tuesday morning.

Thank you all very much!

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 Initiative – MONDAY AT 11 AM Aging Angels – TUESDAY AT 10AM Virtual Coffee Hour – WEDNESDAY AT 10AM Centering Prayer – WEDNESDAYS AT 4:30PM "Between The Lines" – THURSDAYS AT 10AM

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

Contact Fr. Ted at StCypriansTed@aol.com for the study material.