The Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022



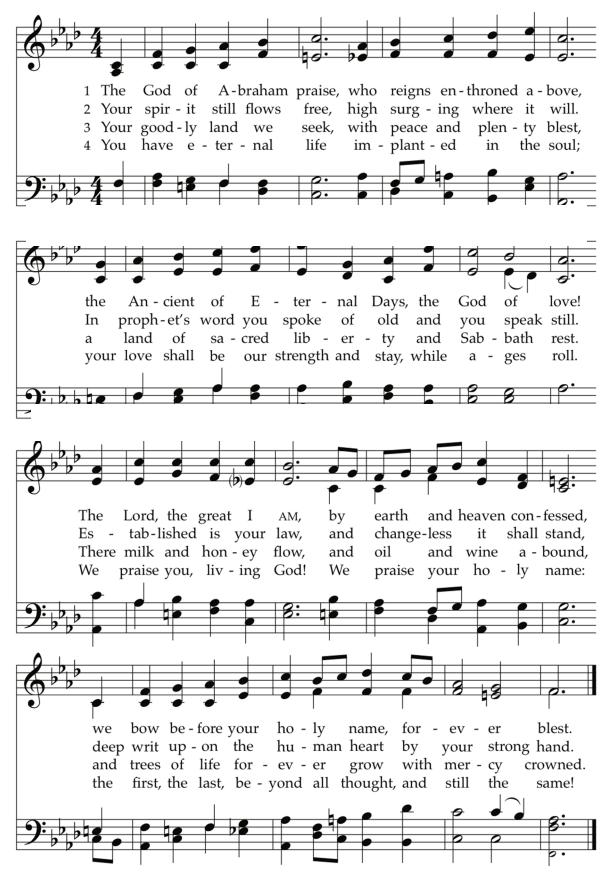
St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church

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. We expect those who are worshipping with us in-person to be fully vaccinated, wear a mask, and honor social distancing. 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!

OPENING HYMN

"The God of Abraham Praise"



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OPENING ACCLAMATION

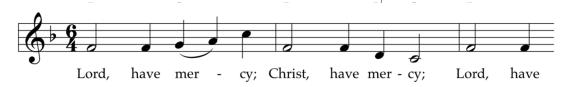
Celebrant: Blessed be God who forgives our sins.

People: God's mercy endures for ever.

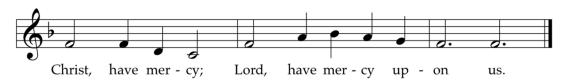
COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

LORD HAVE MERCY







THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING:

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

¹The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord God, how am I

to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

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

People: Amen. Amen.

PSALM 27

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *

the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *

it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

³Though an army should encamp against me, *

yet my heart shall not be afraid;

⁴And though war should rise up against me, *

yet will I put my trust in him.

⁵One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

⁶To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *

and to seek him in his temple.

⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *

he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

⁸Even now he lifts up my head *

above my enemies round about me.

⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *

I will sing and make music to the LORD.

 $^{10}\mbox{Hearken}$ to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *

have mercy on me and answer me.

¹¹You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *

Your face, LORD, will I seek.

¹²Hide not your face from me, *

nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
¹³You have been my helper; cast me not away; *

do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

¹⁴Though my father and my mother forsake me, *

the LORD will sustain me.

¹⁵Show me your way, O LORD; *

lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

¹⁶Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *

for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD *

in the land of the living!

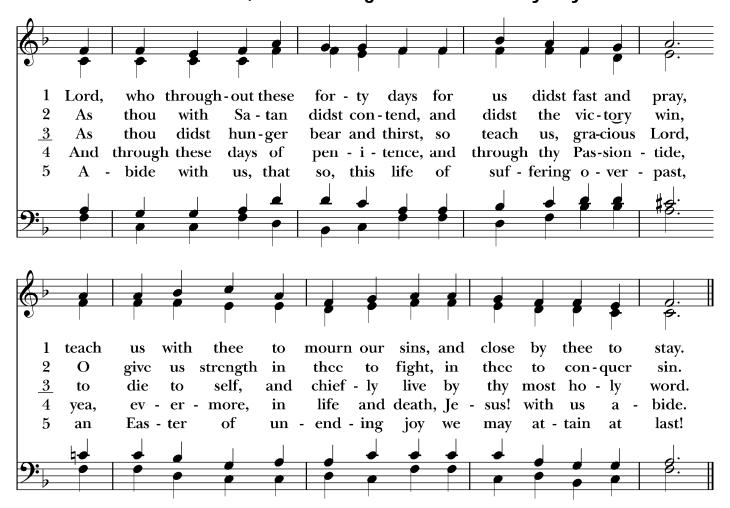
¹⁸Oh, tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; * wait patiently for the LORD.

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

People: Amen. Amen.

GRADUAL HYMN "Lord, Who Through-Out These Forty Days"



THE GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³¹Some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children

together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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.

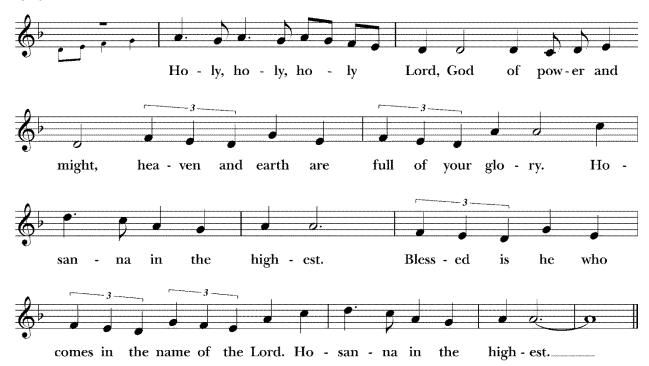
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

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.

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

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.





DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

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



We pray for those known to the people of St. Cyprian's who are ill or who have asked for our prayers: Dick and Pastor Deena Galantowicz, Dick Massom, George Paul, Lucy Lang, teZa Lord, Sandra Parks, Neal Jones, Kirby von Egidy, 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 Raymond & Leslie Stricklen, Louise Carpentier, Anita Myketuk, Cheryl Hundley, David O'Byrne, Curt Charlton, Susie Calvaruso, Jeff Robinson, Maury Husic, James Mangum, Terra Williams, Bethany Ringgold Stevenson & Family, Richard & Betty Rose, Margaret Anne Payne, Michael Scott, Glenda Greene, Joan Athey, Elise Loney, Mary Caldwell, Eric & Denise Glaude, Karen Mullis, Laurey & Jagger, Brian, Angela & Ariel, Bobby Morrow, Steve Larew, Rick & Margie Oney, Barbara Presha, Donna Miami, Bruce Cudworth, Marty Turner, Peter Morin, Norma Sherry, Daria, Linda Parker, Dennis O'Neill, George Libonate, Patti Morrissey, Bonnie Wahiba, 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.

Dining With Dignity

Many thanks to all who donated food, clothing, and/or funds to help provide a dignified meal to our homeless sisters and brothers in the area. Our next Dining With Dignity is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5. We are planning to return to serving a buffet style meal, so please signup in church, or call Linda Kish at (904) 429-9473

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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