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May 8, 2022



St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church

Our Guest Celebrant this morning is Fr. Michael Moore

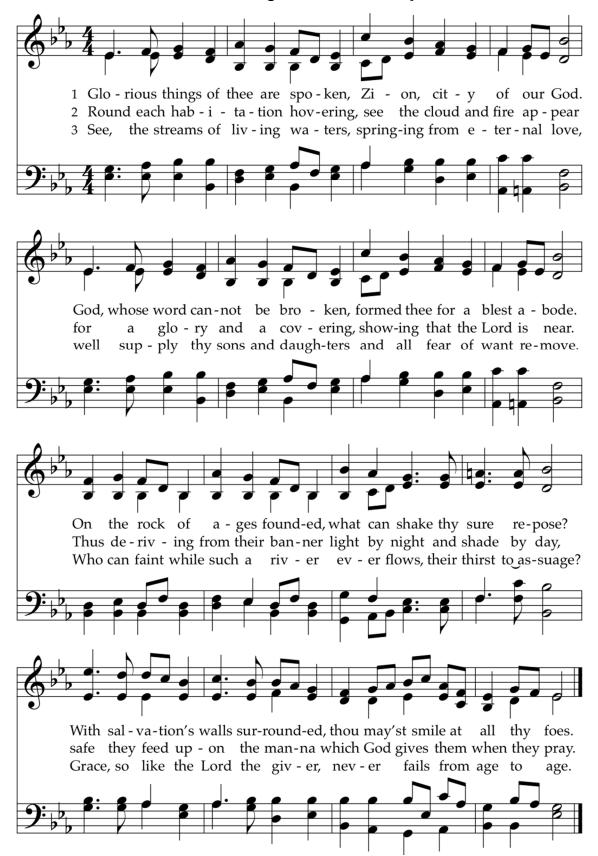
WELCOME

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!

PRELUDE

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OPENING HYMN "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Priest:Alleluia. Christ is risen.People:Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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: "All with Joyful Exultation" Hasidic melody (Psalm 30) Refrain Am E All with joy - ful ex - ul - ta - tion let us sing to God our praise; Ε Am Fine 0 the rock of sal - va - tion loud ho - san - nas raise. our to E 1 Lord, with joy - ful voic - es; we sing your great 2 Praise sal - va - tion, the sure to you, our you, lift heal - ing and save; by your power can Ho One End the ly a bove. night so Ε Dm to Refrain touch, life the grave. re - vive us; store be yond re _ _ and love. dimmed by an - guish, with your light of peace

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest:The Lord be with you.People:And also with you.Priest:Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING:

Acts 9:36-43

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

PSALM 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

³He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

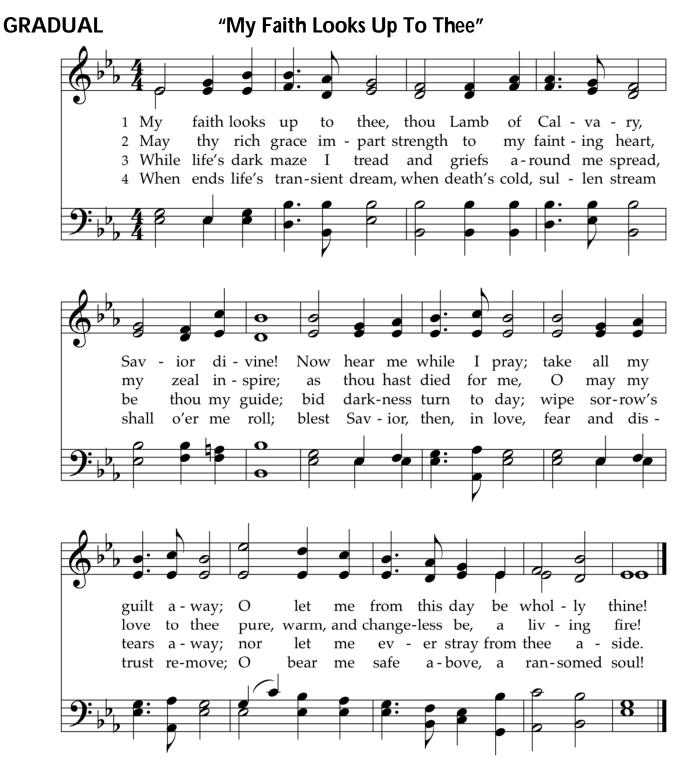
THE SECOND READING:

⁹I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Revelation 7:9-17

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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



THE GOSPEL:

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.*People:* Glory to you Lord Christ.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

Priest:The Gospel of our Lord.People:Amen. Amen.

THE SERMON

Fr. Michael Moore

ANTHEM

"Down to the River to Pray"

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.

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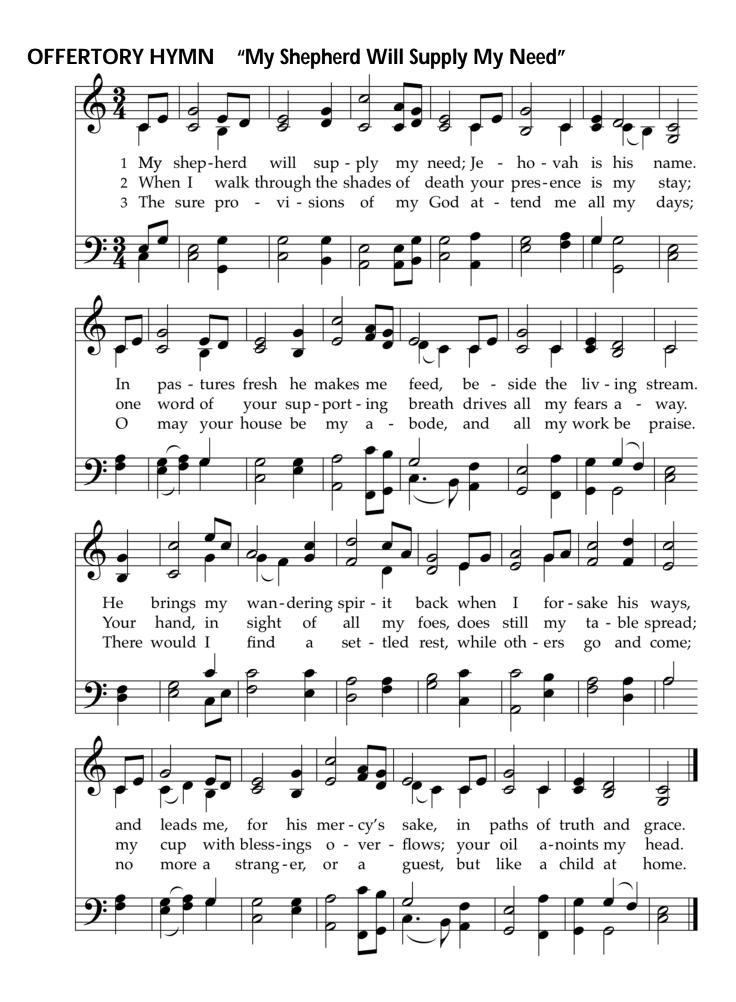
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

| Leader: | Blessed are you eternal God. |
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| 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: People: | Lord you have called us to serve you. 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. |
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THE PEACE

- *Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- People: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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:

LEVAS 255

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 ... of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest ... hosanna in the highest.

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, 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

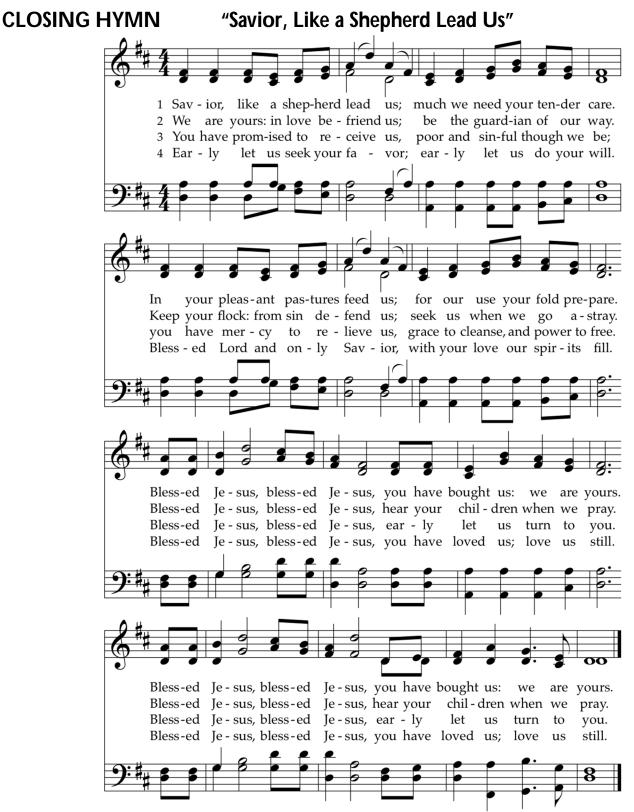
Let us pray.

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

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

Priest:Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.People:Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Duke Street"

Lasky

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 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: Linda Larrimore, Michelle Park, Pat Ethridge, Laurey & Jagger, Dick Massom, George Paul, Sandra Parks, Neal Jones, Kirby von Egidy, Henning Toensmann, Jane Schwab, Carol Ann Romaine, Bobbi Miller, Elise Osako, Pat Laurencelle, Jon Wiles, Jim Colee, and Beth.

We pray also for Patricia Maxwell, Anthony Patterson, Jane Rhodes, Eileen White, Dave Barth, Anthony & Claire, Raymond & Leslie Stricklen, Louise Carpentier, 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, Penny, 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, 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 the office at 904-829-8828 or email Holly at stcyprianschurch@att.net. And, please let us know when to take someone's name off our Prayer List.

Dining With Dignity – THANKS!

Many thanks to all who donated food 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, June 7. Please be on the lookout for the sign-up sheet in the back of the church, or call Linda Kish at (904) 429-9473 with what you would like to bring or if you can help serve.

Ecumenical Food Pantry

Contributions of non-perishable food items, especially cereal, soup, canned vegetables, peanut butter and jelly, are appreciated. Weekday drop off is in the church office M/T/Th/F 9 to 4:30 and Wednesday till noon. The food basket is at the back of the church. For monetary donations, make out a check to the church with "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 – On Summer Break

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