

# First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 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, 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!

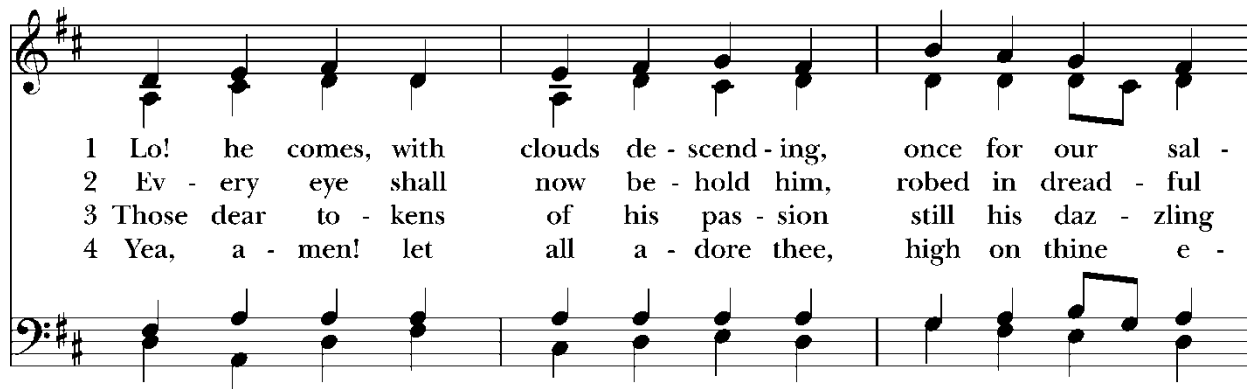
# PRELUDE

# "Savior, of the Nations, Come "

*Scheidt/Kauffmann*

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

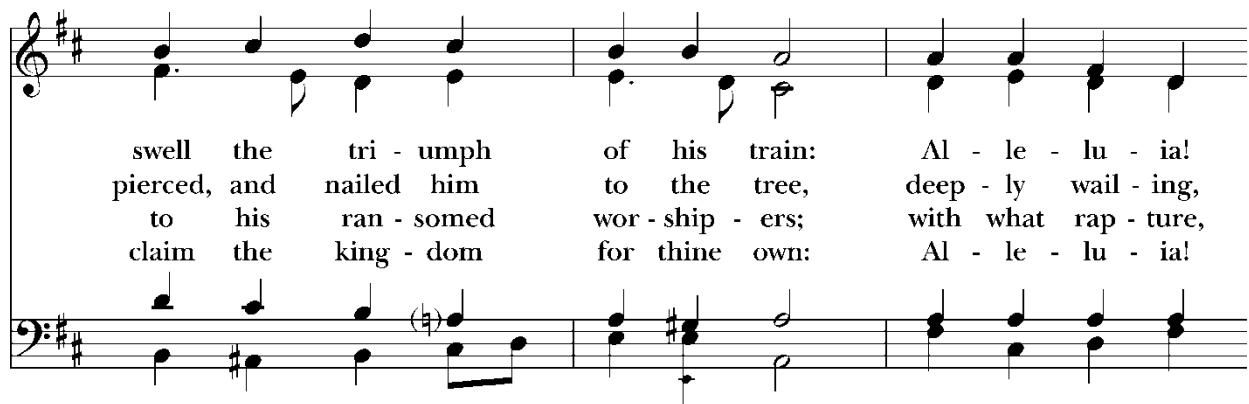
*St. Thomas*



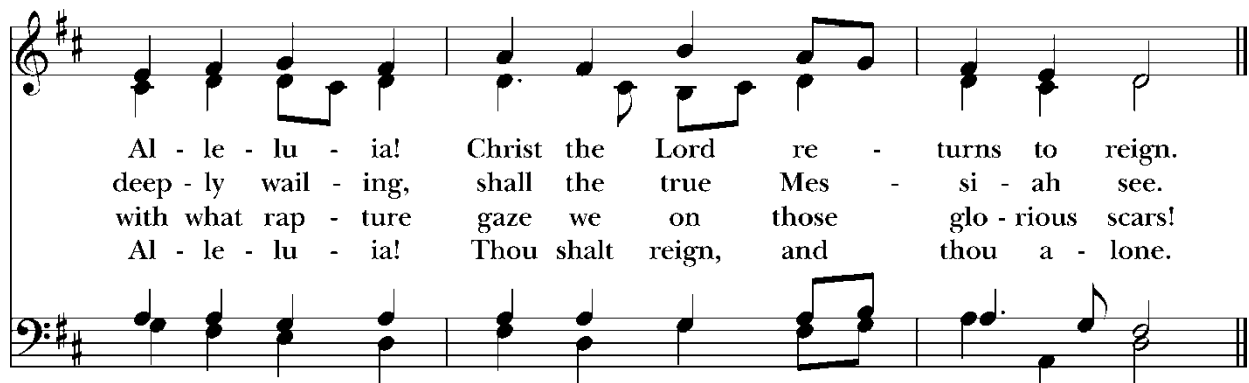
1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful  
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling  
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -



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

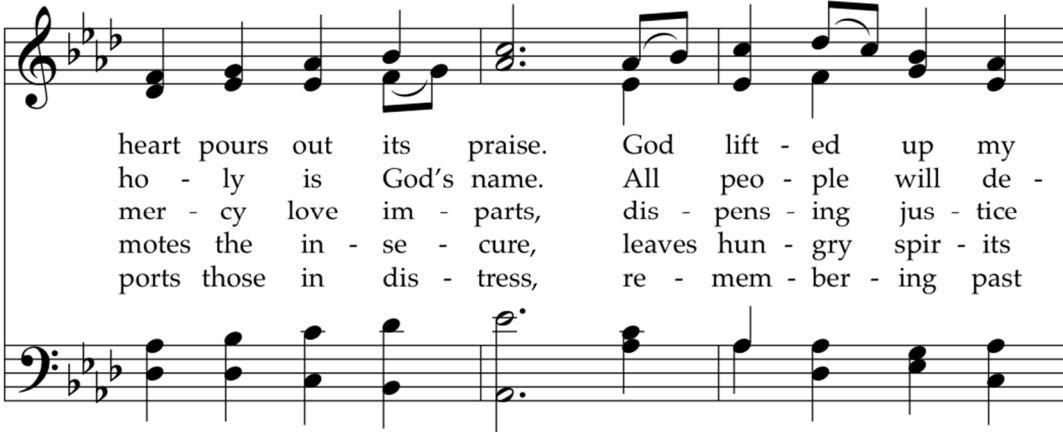
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## 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:

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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

## PSALM 122

<sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to me, \*  
    **"Let us go to the house of the LORD."**  
<sup>2</sup> Now our feet are standing \*  
    **within your gates, O Jerusalem.**  
<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
    **that is at unity with itself;**  
<sup>4</sup> To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, \*  
    **the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**  
<sup>5</sup> For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
    **the thrones of the house of David.**  
<sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
    **"May they prosper who love you.**  
<sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls \*  
    **and quietness within your towers.**  
<sup>8</sup> For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
    **I pray for your prosperity.**  
<sup>9</sup> Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
    **I will seek to do you good."**

## THE SECOND READING:

Romans 13:11-14

<sup>11</sup>You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

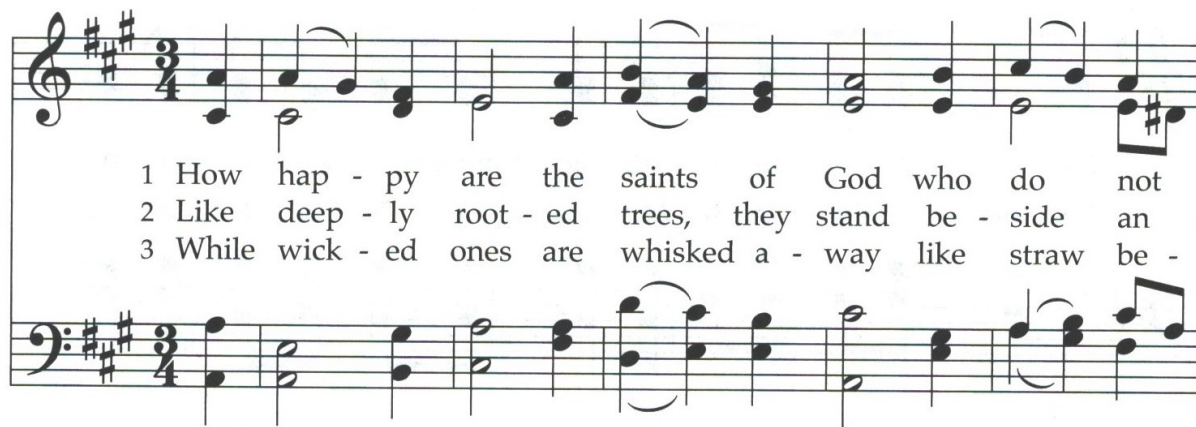
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*People:* Amen. Amen.

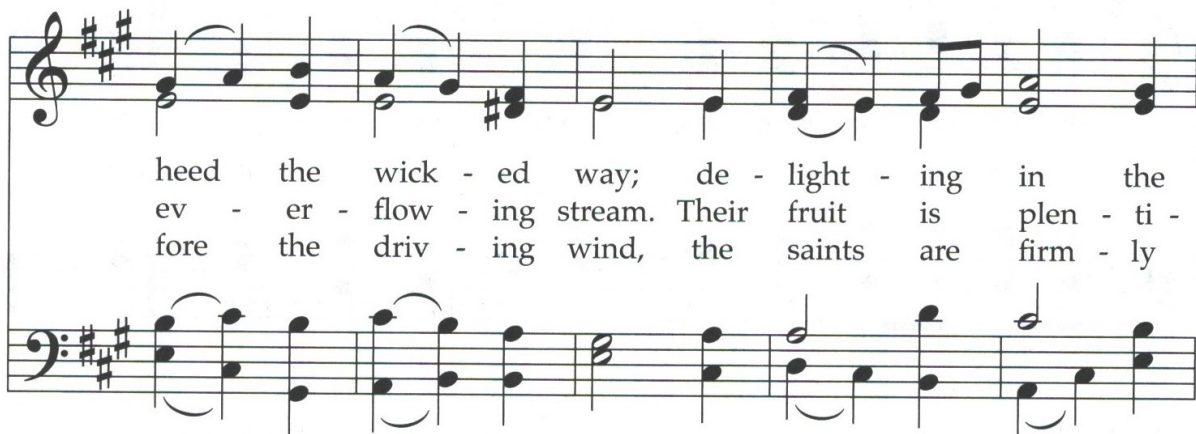
## GRADUAL HYMN

### "How Happy Are the Saints of God"

*Wareham*



1 How hap - py are the saints of God who do not  
2 Like deep - ly root - ed trees, they stand be - side an  
3 While wick - ed ones are whisked a - way like straw be -



heed the wick - ed way; de - light - ing in the  
ev - er - flow - ing stream. Their fruit is plen - ti -  
fore the driv - ing wind, the saints are firm - ly



ho - ly Word they seek God's wis - dom night and day.  
ful and good; their leaves are al - ways grow - ing green.  
plant - ed still, and God will keep them to the end.

## THE GOSPEL:

Matthew 24: 36-44

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

**FR. MICHAEL MOORE**

## CHOIR ANTHEM

**“Soon and Very Soon”**

*arr. Schroeder*

## 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 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.**

## PRAYER FOR THE CALLING OF A VICAR TO ST. CYPRIAN'S (See back page of the bulletin)

*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.**

## THE PEACE

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

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



## OFFERTORY HYMN

## "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"

*Llangloffen*

1 Re - joice! Re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing; re - plen-ish them with oil;  
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing and dark - er night is near.  
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this shad - owed sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon he will draw nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, watch with ex - pec - ta - tion; at mid - night comes the cry.  
a - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the Bride-groom is at hand!  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

## THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.



# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

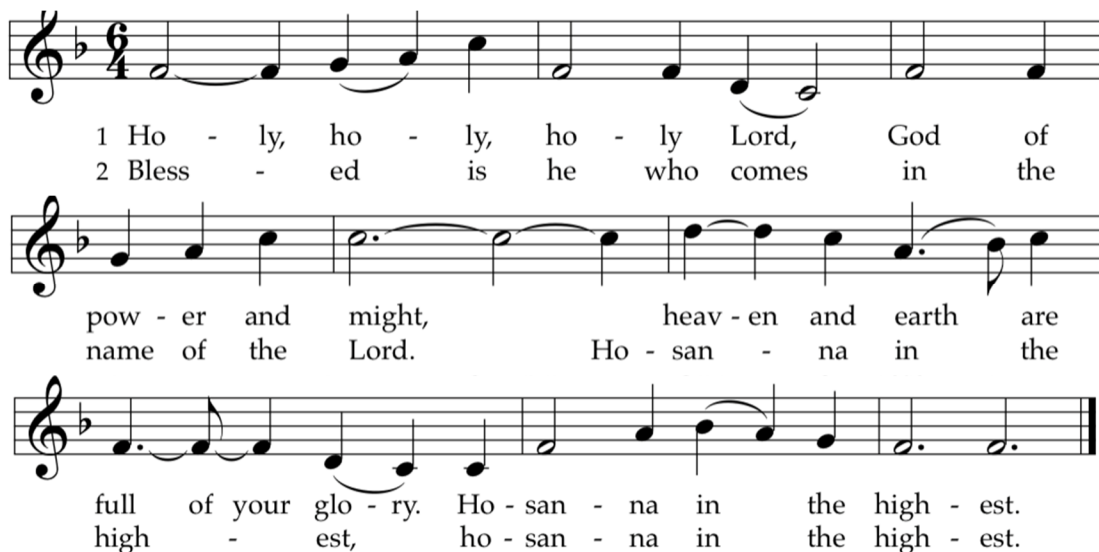
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

*Celebrant*

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.

## COMMUNION ANTHEM "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

## 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 "Lift Up Your Heads"

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is  
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

**"Savior, of the Nations, Come"**

*Bach*

## **PRAYER FOR THE CALLING OF A VICAR TO ST. CYPRIAN'S**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on St. Cyprian's, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a vicar for this mission, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Prayer List**

We pray for those known to the people of St. Cyprian's who are ill or who have asked for our prayers: Mignon, Jane Schwab, Domingo C., Harrison, Lelia Druzdis, Brandi Killings, Kenny Brown, Clifford Romeo, Sue Bauknight, Sue Rausch, Michelle Park, Pat Ethridge, Laurey & Jagger, Dick Massom, George Paul, Neal Jones, Kirby von Egidy, Henning Toensmann, Carol Ann Romaine, Bobbi Miller, Elise Osako, Pat Laurencelle, Jim Colee, and Beth.

We pray also for Melissa & Family, Traude, Pam & Dick Sherry, Lucas Dooley, Michael, Lurna, Margaret, Sandy, Diane, Maryann Brockman, Michael Kratz, Diane Radibeau Wise, Ken Curlee, Marc Carpenter, Dick & Karin Jeter, John Neuman, Ruby Boliver, Donna Bahr, Nancy Skadden, Bill Gourley, Mary Knieps and family, Bev Curry and family, Patricia Maxwell, Anthony Patterson, Jane Rhodes, Anthony & Claire, Raymond & Leslie Stricklen, Louise Carpenter, Cheryl Hundley, David O'Byrne, Curt Charlton, Susie Calvaruso, Jeff Robinson, Maury Husic, James Mangum, Bethany Ringgold Stevenson & Family, Richard & Betty Rose, Margaret Anne Payne, Joan Athey, Elise Loney, Mary Caldwell, Karen Mullis, Brian, Angela & Ariel, Bobby Morrow, Steve Larew, Marty Turner, Norma Sherry, Daria, Linda Parker, Dennis O'Neill, The Morrissey family, Bonnie Wahiba, Peter Ripley, Debbie Gagnon, Kelli Ann Dishmon, Catherine Martin, and Liza Aston.

**About the Prayer List** – If you would like to add someone to our Prayer please call the office at 904-829-8828 or email Holly at stcypriansstaug@gmail.com. And, please let us know when to take someone's name off our Prayer List.

### **Zoom Meetings**

**Aging Angels – Tuesdays at 10am**

**Virtual Coffee Hour – Wednesdays at 10am**

**Centering Prayer – Wednesdays at 4:30pm**

**Racial & Social Justice Discussion Group – Thursdays at 10am**

#### **St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church**

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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 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.