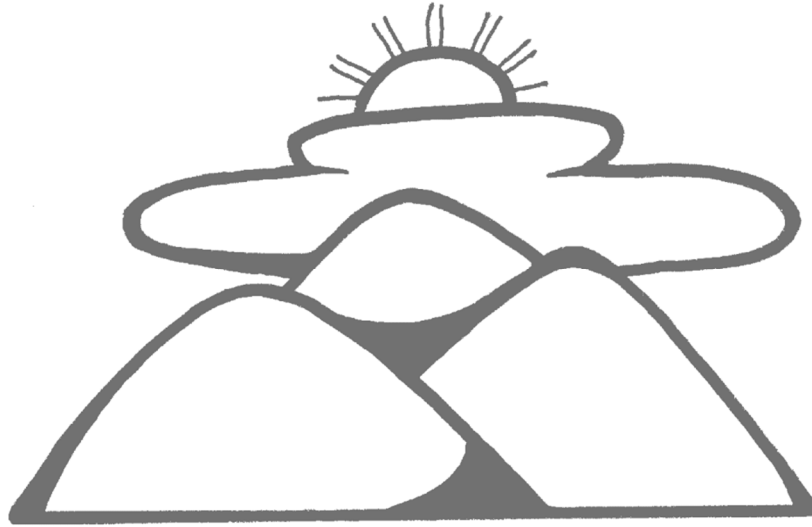


4 Epiphany

January 29, 2023



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!

PRELUDE**"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"***arr. Taylor***OPENING HYMN****"The Church's One Foundation"***Aurelia*

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,
4 Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion, and tu-mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has un-ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the word.
her char-ter of sal-va-tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
by schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed,
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.
One 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?"
till 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.
and to one hope she press-es, with ev-ery grace en-dued.
And soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic-to-rious shall be the church at rest.
like them, the meek and low-ly, may live e-ter-nal-ly.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING:

Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says: "Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel." ³"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what

King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

People: **Amen. Amen.**

PSALM 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *

who may abide upon your holy hill?

²Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *

who speaks the truth from his heart.

³There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; *

he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

⁴In his sight the wicked is rejected, *

but he honors those who fear the LORD.

⁵He has sworn to do no wrong *

and does not take back his word.

⁶He does not give his money in hope of gain, *

nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

⁷Whoever does these things *

shall never be overthrown.

THE SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

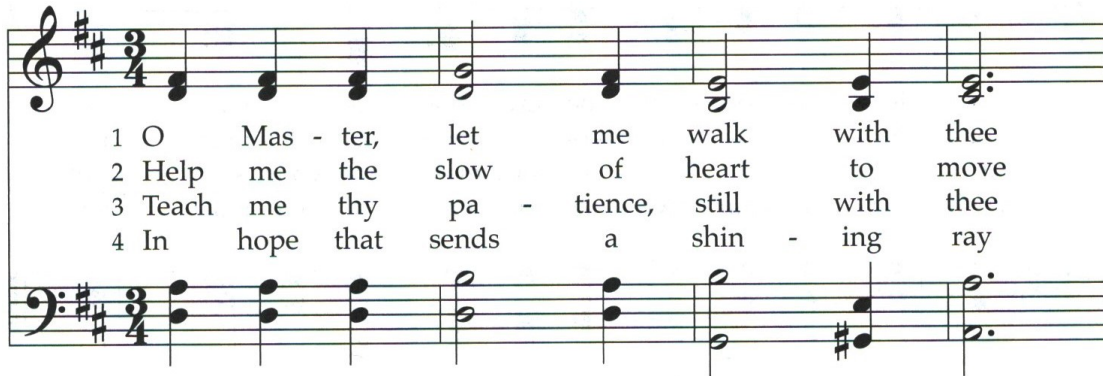
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Amen. Amen.**

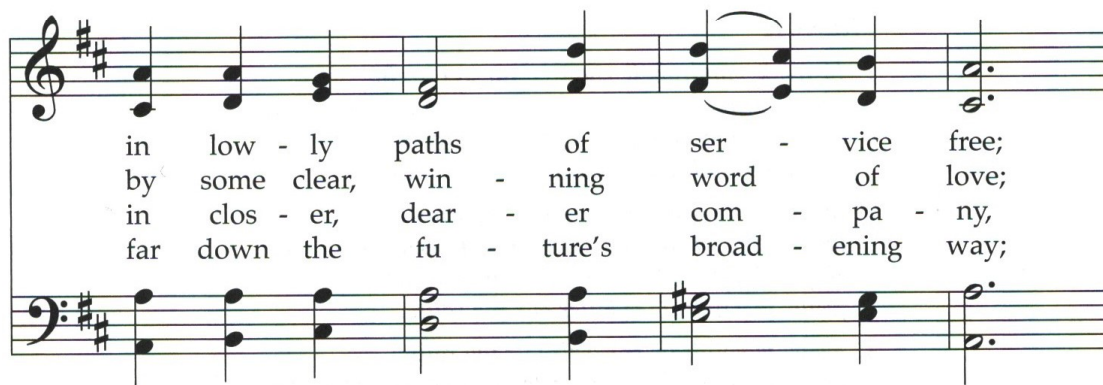
GRADUAL HYMN

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Maryton



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
2 Help me the slow of heart to move
3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray



in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
by some clear, win - ning word of love;
in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;



tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with



strain of toil, the fret of care.
guide them in the home - ward way.
trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

THE GOSPEL:

Matthew 5:1-12

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

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

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Priest: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Amen. Amen.**

THE SERMON

REV. JERRY LIABRAATEN

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Down to the River to Pray"

arr. Lee

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.**

PRAYER FOR THE CALLING OF A VICAR TO ST. CYPRIAN'S (See insert)

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.

Leader: Look with kindness on our homes and families,

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: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

Priest: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.
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

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -
 where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so)
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -
 where, Lord, (my Lord,) an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)

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

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

Celebrant and People

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.

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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

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

"Amazing Grace"

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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

"Amazing Grace"

Clegg

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. Bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy church; 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: Paul Dusek, Cathy Hamilton, Frank Smith, Mignon, Jane Schwab, Domingo C., Harrison, Brandi Killings, Kenny Brown, Clifford Romeo, Sue Bauknight, Sue Rausch, Michelle Park, Pat Ethridge, Laurey & Jagger, 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 Bruce Cudworth, James Mangum, Melissa & Family, Traude, Pam & Dick Sherry, Michael, Lurna, Margaret, Sandy, Diane, Maryann Brockman, Michael Kratz, Diane Radibeau Wise, Ken Curlee, Dick & Karin Jeter, John Neuman, 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, 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 Dammond, 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.

Weekly Healing Service – Wednesdays at 3pm

**The flowers today are given to the glory of God
and dedicated in loving memory of Dick Massom by Janet Stowers.
A special thank you to bride and groom Jacquelyn & Richard for donating them!**

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**

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