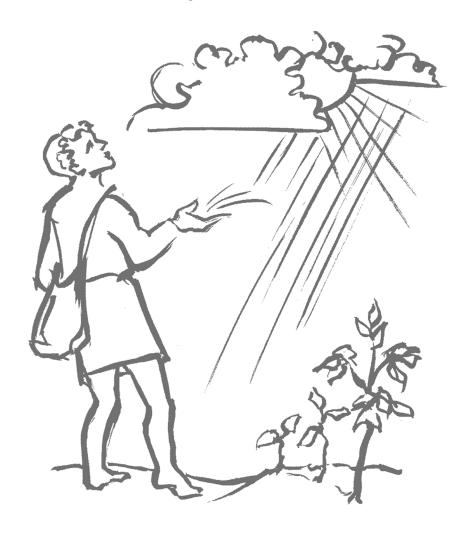
# 7 Pentecost

July 16, 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!

**A Note about Communion** – Our communion is bread and wine (by intinction). The celebrant will dip the bread in the chalice, placing it on your hand. If you do not wish to have the wine, simply let the celebrant know. Those not wishing to receive may come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

# **OPENING HYMN** "Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show" Llanfair 1 Praise the Lord! God's glo - ries show, to heaven ex - alt the strain, Al 2 Earth le - lu - ia! 3 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts, saints with - in God's courts be - low, Send it, heaven, to earth a - gain, Al le - lu - ia! the con-cert, bear your parts, an - gels round the throne a - bove, age, God's mer - cies trace, Al le - lu - ia! Age to All that breathes, your Lord a - dore, all see and share God's love. Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace! Al le - lu - ia!

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# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

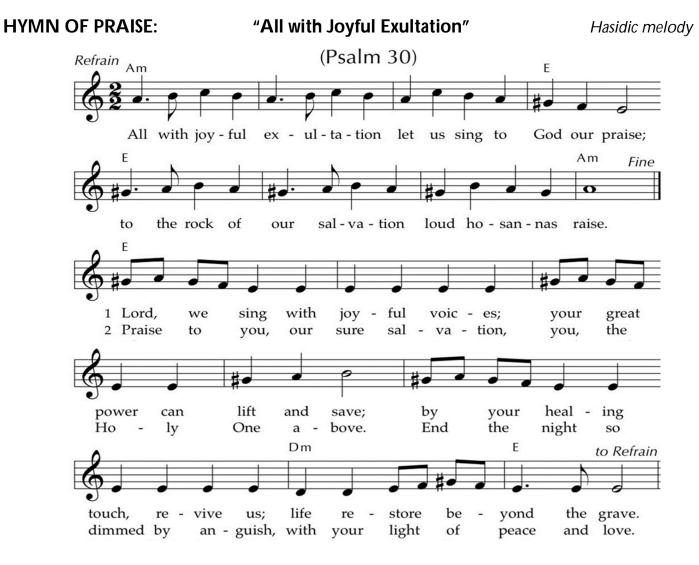
### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.** 



### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Priest: Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

<sup>10</sup>As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

People: Amen. Amen.

### PSALM 65

<sup>1</sup>You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; \*

to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, \*

because of their transgressions.

<sup>3</sup>Our sins are stronger than we are, \*

but you will blot them out.

<sup>4</sup>Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! \*

they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

<sup>5</sup>Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, \*

O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

<sup>6</sup>You make fast the mountains by your power; \*

they are girded about with might.

<sup>7</sup>You still the roaring of the seas, \*

the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

<sup>8</sup>Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; \*

you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; \*

the river of God is full of water.

<sup>10</sup>You prepare the grain, \*

for so you provide for the earth.

<sup>11</sup>You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*

with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

<sup>12</sup>You crown the year with your goodness, \*

and your paths overflow with plenty.

<sup>13</sup>May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*

and the hills be clothed with joy.

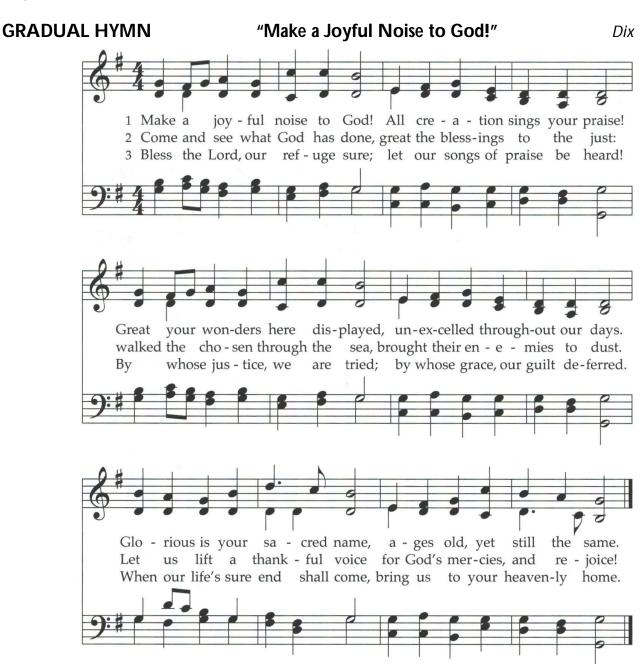
<sup>14</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \* let them shout for joy and sing.

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

People: Amen. Amen.



THE GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

<sup>1</sup>Jesus went out and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"

<sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Priest: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Amen. Amen.

THE SERMON FR. ANDY ZEMAN

### 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.

### 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 back page)

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.

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

You may add your own petitions either silently or aloud.

*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.

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

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 in eternal life. **Amen.** 

#### THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.



### 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

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy ... holy, holy ... holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. *LEVAS 255* 

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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Priest and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, 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. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of the Body of your Son,

and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out

to do the work you have given us to do,

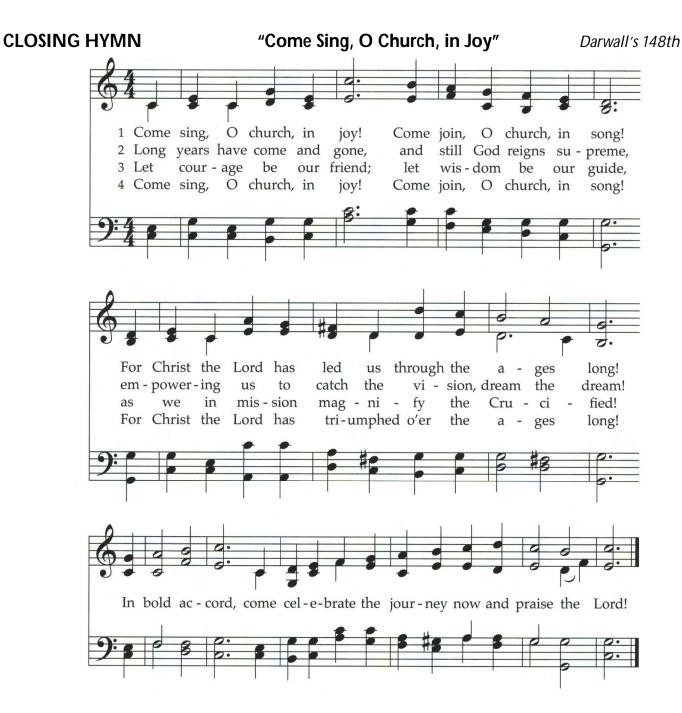
to love and serve you

as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### **BLESSING**



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **DISMISSAL**

Deacon: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **POSTLUDE**

### 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: George Sage, Paula Michalegko, teZa Lord, Mignon Williams, Jonathan Brunjef, Joe Finnegan, Carrie C., Barb Lofquist, Michelle Curlee, Cathy Hamilton, Frank Smith, Jane Schwab, Harrison, Brandi Killings, Kenny Brown, Clifford Romeo, Sue Rausch, Pat Ethridge, Laurey & Jagger, George Paul, Kirby von Egidy, Henning Toensmann, Carol Ann Romaine, Bobbi Miller, Elise Osako, Pat Laurencelle, Jim Colee, and Beth.

We pray also for Stacy Borenstein, Dianne Quimby, Lian Obrey, Alan Turner, Sally Yocum, Isaac Katcher, Roger & Sandy Pinnicks, Susie, Lee Padula, Bruce Cudworth, James Mangum, Melissa & Family, Traude, Pam & Dick Sherry, Michael, Laurna, Margaret, Sandy, Diane, Michael Kratz, Diane Radibeau Wise, Dick & Karin Jeter, John Neuman, Donna Bahr, Bill Gourley, Bev Curry and family, Patricia Maxwell, Anthony Patterson, Jane Rhodes, Anthony & Claire, Raymond & Leslie Stricklen, Cheryl Hundley, Curt Charlton, Susie Calvaruso, Jeff Robinson, James Mangum, Bethany Ringgold Stevenson & Family, Richard & Betty Rose, Margaret Anne Payne, Joan Athey, Elise Loney, Mary Caldwell, Brian, Angela & Ariel, Bobby Morrow, Steve Larew, Norma Sherry, Catherine Martin, and Liza Aston.

<u>About the Prayer List</u> – If you would like to add someone to our Prayer List please call the office at 904-829-8828 or email Deacon Steve at stcyprianssteve@gmail.com. And, please let us know when to take someone's name off our Prayer List.

### Healing Service – Second Wednesday, August 9 at 3pm

# St. Cyprian's Activities

Men's Night-July 25th at 4pm

### **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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Steve Seibert – Deacon

Deacon's Office Hours: Tues & Wed 9:30am-4pm

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Holly Horahan – Church Administrator

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