

# 8 Pentecost

July 23, 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!

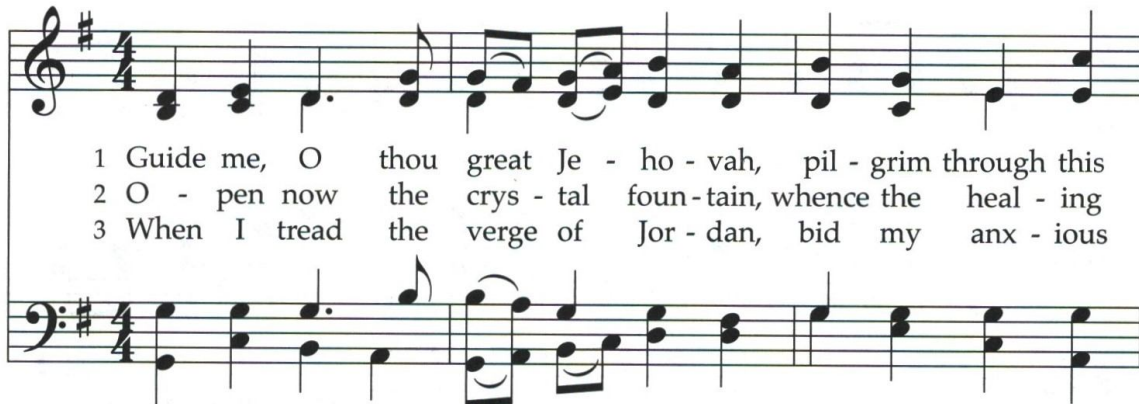
**A Note about Communion** – Our communion is bread and wine (by intinction). The celebrant will dip the bread in the chalice, placing it on your hand. If you do not wish to have the wine, simply let the celebrant know. Those not wishing to receive may come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms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

PRELUDE

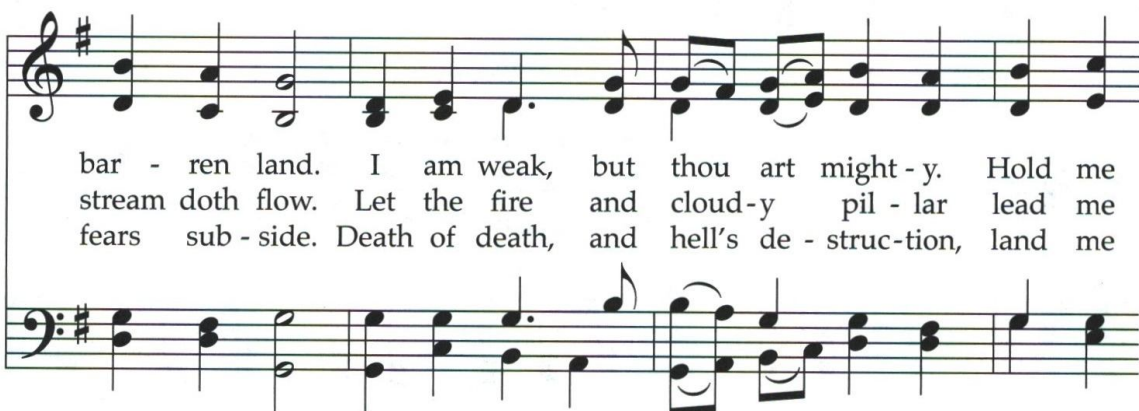
OPENING HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

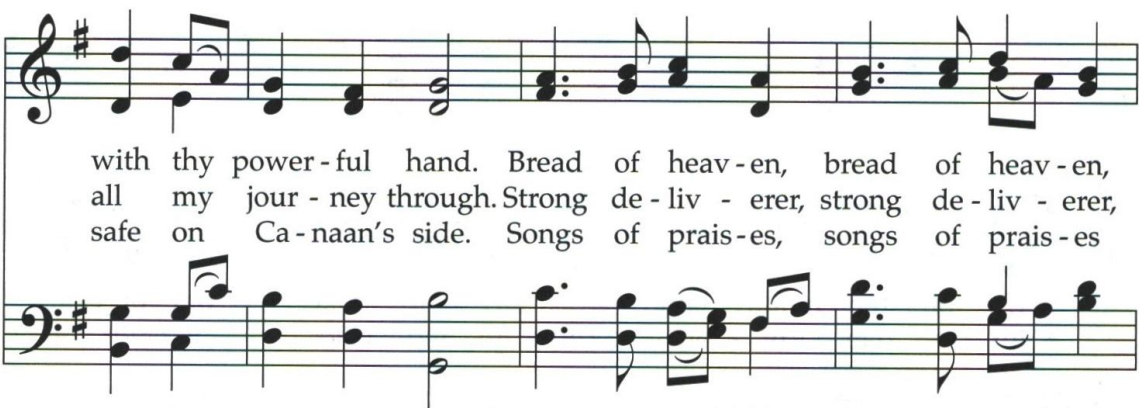
CWM Rhondda



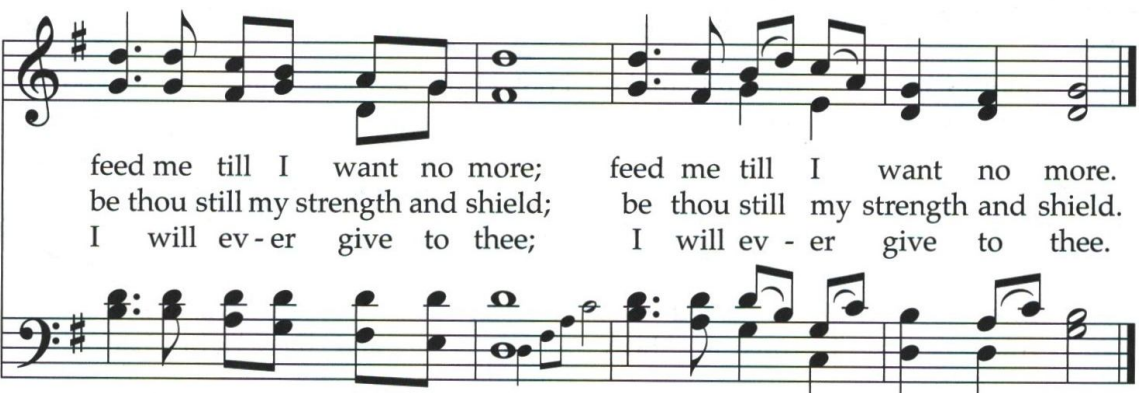
1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

# 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE:

### “All with Joyful Exultation”

*Hasidic melody*

Refrain *Am* (Psalm 30) *E*

All with joy - ful ex - ul - ta - tion let us sing to God our praise;

to the rock of our sal - va - tion loud ho - san - nas raise.

1 Lord, we sing with joy - ful voic - es; your great

2 Praise to you, our sure sal - va - tion, you, the

power can lift and save; by your heal - ing

Ho - ly One a - bove. End the night so

touch, re - vive us; life re - store be - yond the grave.

dimmed by an - guish, with your light of peace and love.

*Dm* *E* *to Refrain*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking; Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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 44:6-8**

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. <sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. <sup>8</sup>Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

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

## PSALM 86:11-17

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; \*

**knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.**

<sup>12</sup>I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, \*

**and glorify your Name for evermore.**

<sup>13</sup>For great is your love toward me; \*

**you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.**

<sup>14</sup>The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my life; \*

**they have not set you before their eyes.**

<sup>15</sup>But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, \*

**slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.**

<sup>16</sup>Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*

**give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.**

<sup>17</sup>Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \*

**because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

## THE SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-25

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

*People:* Amen. Amen.

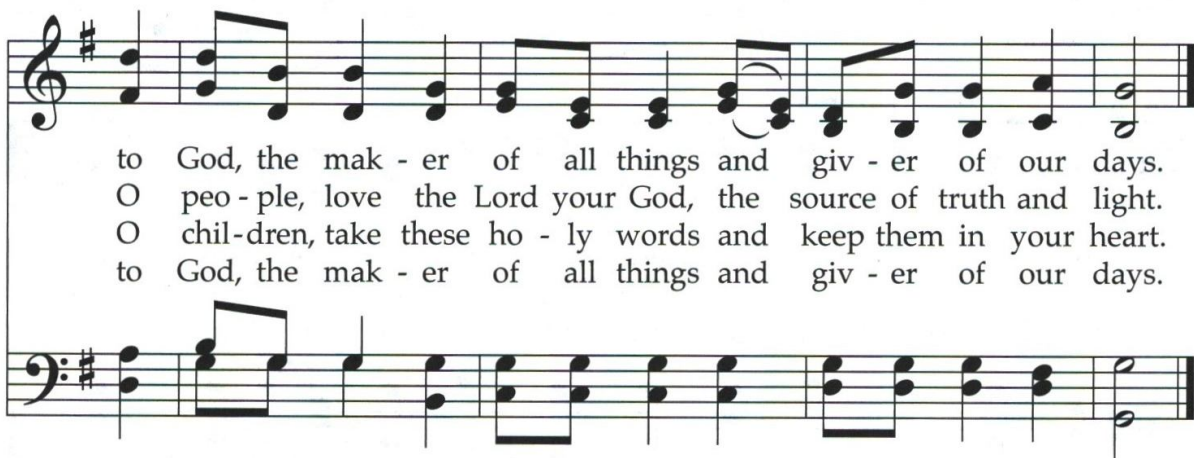
## GRADUAL HYMN

### “The Lord is God”

*Azmon*



1 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise  
2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,  
3 At night or day, at home, a - way, to - geth - er and a - part,  
4 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise



to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.  
O peo - ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.  
O chil - dren, take these ho - ly words and keep them in your heart.  
to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

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

<sup>24</sup>Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;<sup>25</sup> but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' <sup>28</sup>He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup>But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup>He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

*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.**

*Leader:* 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.**

## OFFERTORY HYMN

## "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

*Unser Herrscher*

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me  
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so  
 3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be

en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty  
 un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,  
 done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,

waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed  
 there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O  
 while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the

is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.  
 en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.  
 foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

## 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.**

**LEVAS 255**

**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.**

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

**The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for another birthday in Maine!  
by Kate Cash**

# CLOSING HYMN

## "God of Our Life"

Sandor

1 God of our life, through all the cir-cling years, we trust in thee.  
2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us a - bide.  
3 God of the com - ing years, through paths un-known we fol-low thee.

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.  
Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land. Be thou our guide.  
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a - lone. Our ref-uge be.

With each new day, when morn - ing lifts the veil,  
With thee to bless, the dark - ness shines as light,  
Be thou for us in life our dai - ly bread,

we own thy mer - cies, Lord, which nev - er fail.  
and faith's fair vi - sion chang - es in - to sight.  
our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

# 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: Sue Paul & Family, George Sage, Paula Michalegko, 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, Bruce Cudworth, Melissa & Family, Traude, Pam & Dick Sherry, Michael, Lurna, 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, Catherine Martin, and Liza Aston.

**About the Prayer List** – 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 25<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**

**Dining With Dignity- August 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm**

### **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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