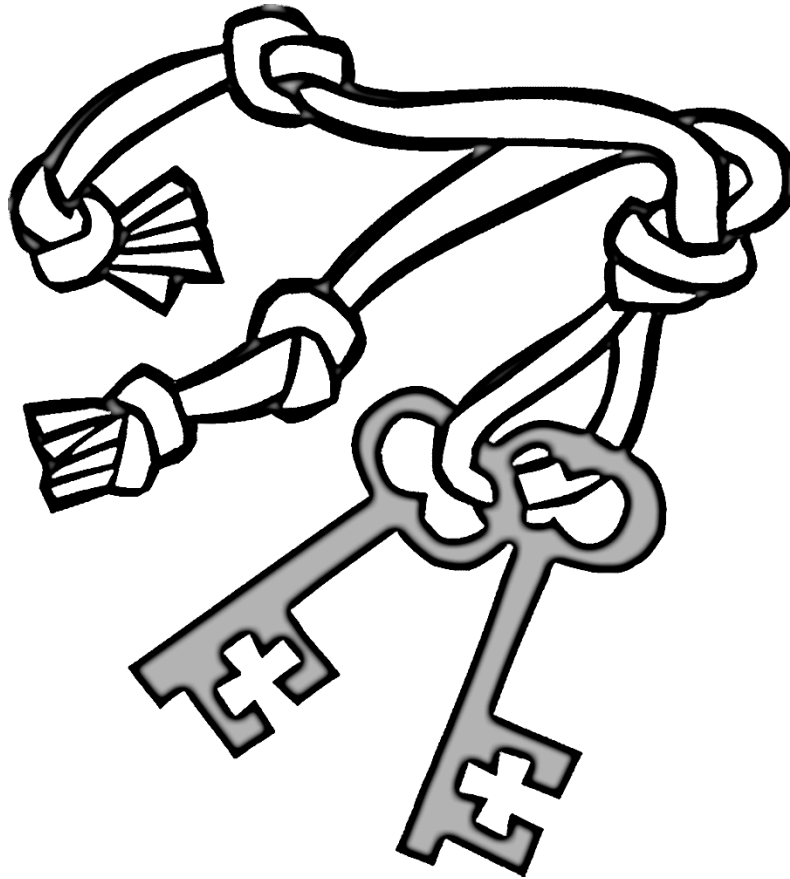


13 Pentecost

August 27, 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

"Air in A Minor"

Bach

OPENING HYMN

"I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art "

Toulon

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place:
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

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.

E

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

Dm *E* *to Refrain*

touch, re - vive us; life re - store be - yond the grave.
dimmed by an - guish, with your light of peace and love.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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:

Isaiah 51:1-6

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

People: **Amen. Amen.**

PSALM 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;

³for you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.

⁴When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.

⁵All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁶They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁷Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.

⁸Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁹The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

People: **Amen. Amen.**

GRADUAL HYMN

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

In Babylon

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
 2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
 flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

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

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

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Priest: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Amen. Amen.**

THE SERMON

FR. CHRISTOPHER MARTIN

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: As we remember that God is always seeking to be in communion with us, and that Jesus died for our sins to restore us to that communion, let us speak to God in prayer. As our prayer leader prays, we respond

People: **Lord, we thank you for always hearing us.**

Leader: Strengthen and inspire the servant leaders of the Episcopal Church, the leaders of all our sister churches within your holy, catholic church, and the leaders of all religions. For this we pray.

People: **Lord, we thank you for always hearing us.**

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

- Leader:* As we see wars and death in this world you have created for us, save us from hardening our hearts, and guide those in leadership to seek your will, and to work towards solutions.
For this we pray.
- People:* **Lord, we thank you for always hearing us.**
- Leader:* Guide and strengthen us in our daily efforts and struggle to be doers of your will.
For this we pray.
- People:* **Lord, we thank you for always hearing us.**
- Leader:* Help us to do the tough but holy work of tearing down the walls that divide us: in our communities, in our churches, in our country and in the world.
For this we pray.
- People:* **Lord, we thank you for always hearing us.**
- Leader:* As we see our brothers and sisters who have no home, a shortage of food and those needs we know are basic and essential, guide us to seek and serve Christ in all persons.
For this we pray.
- People:* **Lord, we thank you for always hearing us.**
- Leader:* We lift to you, all those who are suffering from sickness of body, mind and spirit, and ask for your healing to rest upon them. Let us always remember the healing we can bring simply by being present with those who suffer. At this time, please feel free to lift those persons and concerns that are on your heart, either silently or aloud.
For this we pray.
- People:* **Lord, we thank you for always hearing us.**
- Leader:* We lift up to you those who have died. We thank you for receiving them into your loving embrace, and for comforting those who are grieving the death of a loved one.
For this we pray.
- People:* **Lord, we thank you for always hearing us.**
- Priest:* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins but the faith of your Church, and give us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever. **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.**

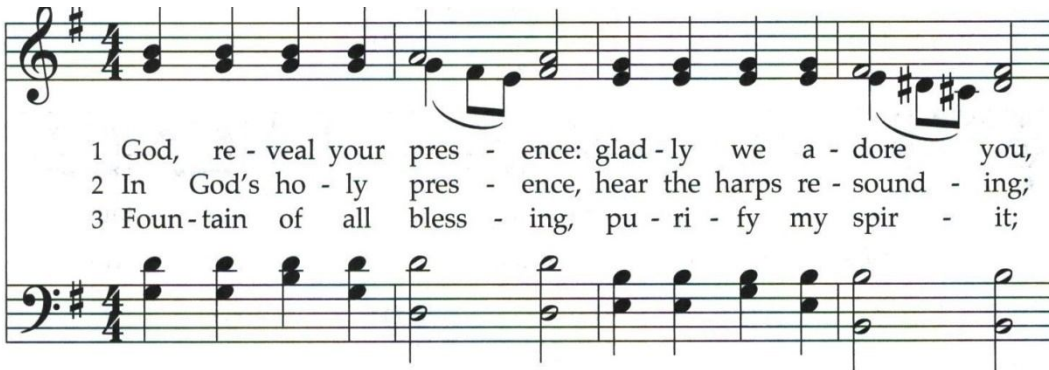
THE PEACE

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

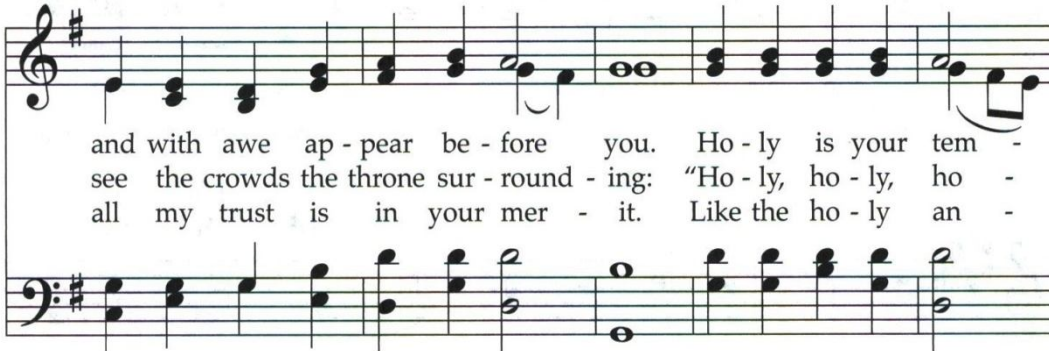
OFFERTORY HYMN

"God, Reveal Your Presence 412"

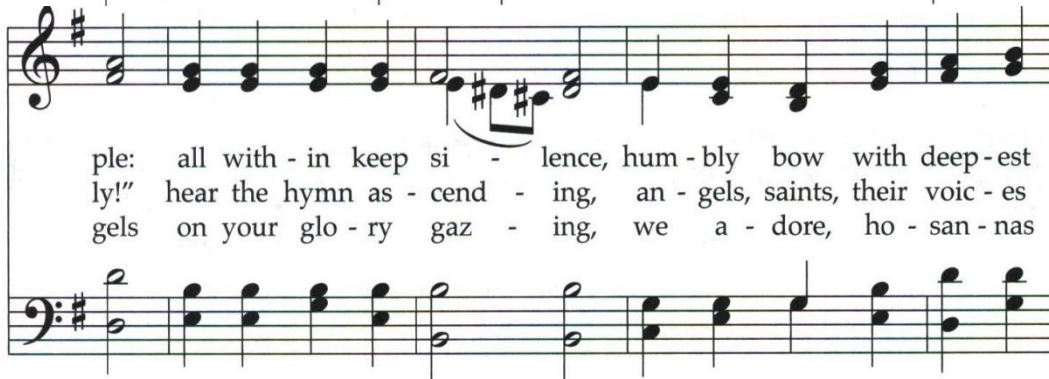
Arnsberg



1 God, re - veal your pres - ence: glad - ly we a - dore you,
 2 In God's ho - ly pres - ence, hear the harps re - sound - ing;
 3 Foun - tain of all bless - ing, pu - ri - fy my spir - it;



and with awe ap - pear be - fore you. Ho - ly is your tem -
 see the crowds the throne sur - round - ing: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -
 all my trust is in your mer - it. Like the ho - ly an -



ple: all with - in keep si - lence, hum - bly bow with deep - est
 ly!" hear the hymn as - cend - ing, an - gels, saints, their voic - es
 gels on your glo - ry gaz - ing, we a - dore, ho - san - nas



rev - erence. You a - lone now we own as our
 blend - ing. Turn your ear to us here; hear, O
 rais - ing. Let your will ev - er still rule your



God and Sav - ior: praise your name for - ev - er!
 Christ, the prais - es that your church now rais - es.
 church ter - res - trial, as the hosts ce - les - tial.

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

CLOSING HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story "

Hankey

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

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

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.

**The flowers on the altar today are given
to the glory of God in gratitude for God's Blessings
by Chris and Gray Mason.**

Prayer List

We pray for those known to the people of St. Cyprian's who are ill or who have asked for our prayers: Penelope, Sue Paul & Family, George Sage, Mignon Williams, Jonathan Brunjef, Joe Finnegan, Carrie C., Barb Lofquist, Michelle Curlee, 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.

Those listed below will be prayed for by The Daughters of the King, and members and clergy of St. Cyprians.

Chloe, Elena & Juliette, Lindsay, Parker Aune, Penny Rolleston, 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, Laurina, Margaret, Sandy, Diane, Michael Kratz, Diane Radibeau Wise, Dick & Karin Jeter, John Neuman, Donna Bahr, Bev Curry and family, Patricia Maxwell, Anthony Patterson, Jane Rhodes, Anthony & Claire, Raymond & Leslie Stricklen, Cheryl Hundley, Curt Charlton, Susie Calvaruso, The Morrissey Family, Catherine Martin, and Liza Aston.

About the Prayer List – If you would like to add someone to our Prayer List with their permission, please call 904-829-8828 or email Dcn. Steve at stcyprianssteve@gmail.com. Please let us know when to take someone's name off.

Healing Service – Second Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 3pm

St. Cyprian's Activities

AED/CPR Training- October 28th- See Deacon Steve if interested.

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

Steve Seibert – Deacon

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

Kathleen Vande Berg – Music Director & Organist

Holly Horahan – Church Administrator