

# 17 Pentecost

September 24, 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

"We Are One in the Spirit"

arr. Paxton

OPENING HYMN

"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Lauda Anima

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his  
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his  
 3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our  
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -

feet your trib - ute bring; ran - sored, healed, re - stored, for -  
 peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as  
 fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly  
 hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -

giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Leader:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## 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. *Am Fine*



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

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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:

Jonah 3:10--4:11

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. <sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. <sup>6</sup>The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." <sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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

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

## PSALM 145:1-8

- <sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
**and bless your Name for ever and ever.**
- <sup>2</sup>Every day will I bless you \*  
**and praise your Name for ever and ever.**
- <sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
**there is no end to his greatness.**
- <sup>4</sup>One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
**and shall declare your power.**
- <sup>5</sup>I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
**and all your marvelous works.**
- <sup>6</sup>They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
**and I will tell of your greatness.**
- <sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
**they shall sing of your righteous deeds.**
- <sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
**slow to anger and of great kindness.**

## THE SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21-30

<sup>21</sup>To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

People: Amen. Amen.

## GRADUAL HYMN

### "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

St. Agnes

1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee  
 2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,  
 3 O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart,  
 4 But what to those who find? Ah, this  
 5 Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou,

with sweet - ness fills my breast. But sweet - er far thy  
 nor can the mind re - call a sweet - er sound than  
 O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how  
 nor tongue nor pen can show. The love of Je - sus,  
 as thou our prize wilt be. Je - sus, be thou our

face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.  
 thy blest name, O Sav - ior of us all.  
 kind thou art! How good to those who seek!  
 what it is none but his loved ones know.  
 glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.

## THE GOSPEL:

Matthew 20:1-16

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

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

[Jesus said,] <sup>1</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?' <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

DEACON STEVE SEIBERT

## CHOIR ANTHEM

"By Our Love"

*Scholtes*

## 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:* 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 struggles 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 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 name 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.**

*Deacon:* 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

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

*People:* **Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; 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.**

*Deacon:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

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

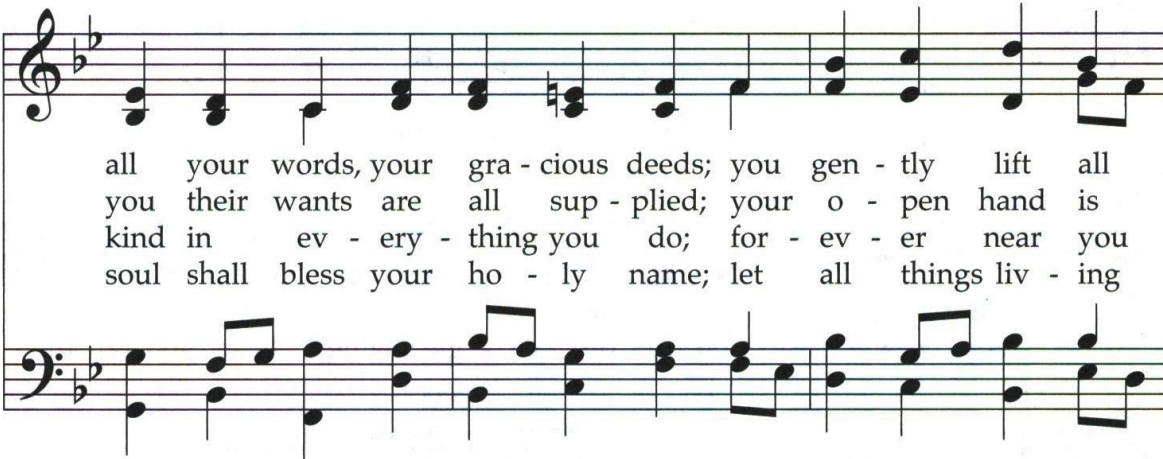
## OFFERTORY HYMN

### "Your Faithfulness, O Lord, is Sure"

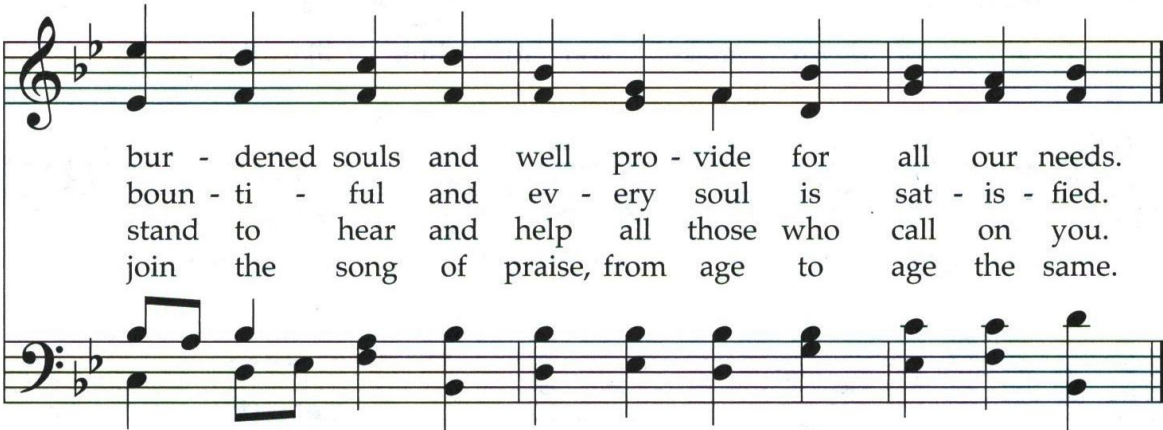
*Winchester New*



1 Your faith - ful - ness, O Lord, is sure in  
2 The eyes of all are fixed on you; by  
3 Lord, you are just in all your ways, and  
4 My mouth shall speak your praise, O Lord; my



all your words, your gra - cious deeds; you gen - tly lift all  
you their wants are all sup - plied; your o - pen hand is  
kind in ev - ery - thing you do; for - ev - er near you  
soul shall bless your ho - ly name; let all things liv - ing



bur - dened souls and well pro - vide for all our needs.  
boun - ti - ful and ev - ery soul is sat - is - fied.  
stand to hear and help all those who call on you.  
join the song of praise, from age to age the same.



## 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 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

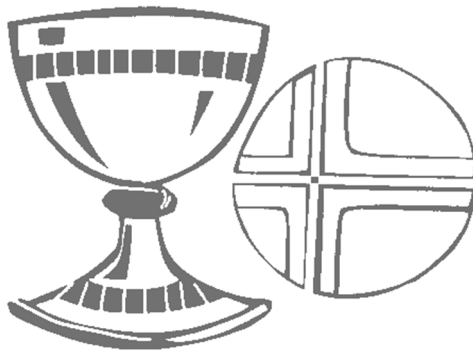
*Leader:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Leader:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for us, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

**"Change My Heart, O 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.**

## **FRANCISCAN PRAYER**

May God bless us with discomfort...

At easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with anger...

At injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless us with tears...

To shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain to joy.

And may God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

**Amen.**



**The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory Susan Michalegko  
by her sister Paula.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

*Austrian Hymn*



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.  
2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear  
3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.  
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?  
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,  
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.  
Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DISMISSAL

*Leader:* 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

**"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"**

*arr. Paxton*

### 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: Anita McDonough, Lynn Timmons, Martha Bailey, Sue Paul & Family, George Sage, Mignon Williams, Jonathan Brunjef, Joe Finnegan, Carrie C., Barb Lofquist, Michelle Curlee, 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, and Jim Colee.

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

Donna Miami, Carole Prior, Ron, Jim, Tom, 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, Lurna, 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 off someone's name.

## Healing Service – Second Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 3pm

### St. Cyprian's Activities

**Men's Night- Tues. Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**

**AED/CPR Training- October 28<sup>th</sup>**

### Zoom Meetings

**Aging Angels – Tuesdays at 10am**

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

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

**Racial & Social Justice Discussion Group – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 10am**

### **St. Cyprian's Staff**

**Steve Seibert – Deacon**

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

**Kathleen Vande Berg – Music Director & Organist**

**Holly Horahan – Church Administrator**