The Feast of St. Francis

October 8, 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 "Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!" Wir Lieblich ist der Maien 1 Sing praise to God, you heav-ens! Sing praise, each shin-ing light! 2 Sing praise, O earth, sing prais - es! Sing prais - es, hill and plain, 3 Sing prais - es, all crea-tures in whom God takes de-light: you 4 Sing prais - es now, God's peo - ple; your gift of speech em-ploy Sing, plan - ets in your or - bits; sing, stars all burn-ing bright! you moun-tains thrust-ing sky - ward, you val - leys ripe with grain! you whales that roam the o - ceans, you ea - gles in your flight! praise the Lord, your Mak-er, with thank-ful-ness and joy! Sing praise, you winds and tem-pests, you driv-ing rain and snow! Sing praise, each fra - grant flow - er; your fair-est hues dis - play. Sing praise, you sheep on hill - sides, you cat - tle in stall! Sing with the whole cre a - tion; a cos-mic cho-rus raise: Sing, clouds that race and bil - low and shad-ow earth be - low! Sing praise, you trees of au - tumn in glow-ing, glad ar - ray! Though word - less, sing your prais - es to God who made you all! "To God a - lone be glo - ry and ev - er - last - ing praise!"

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

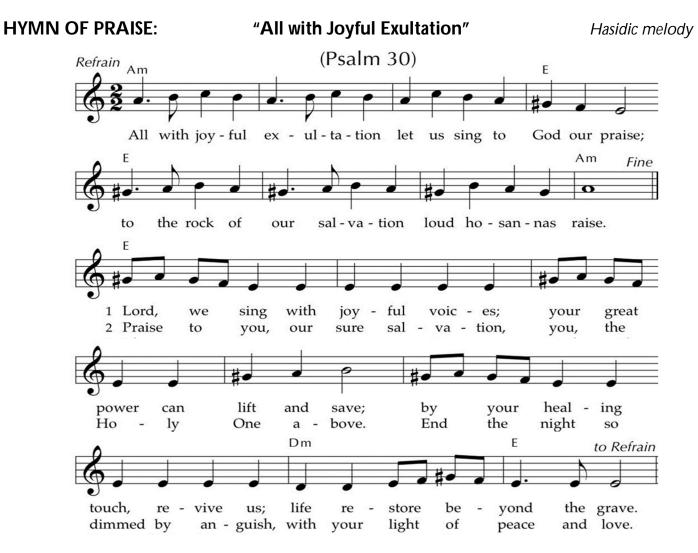
OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People: And blessed be God's 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.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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: Job 39:1–18

¹"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? ²Can you number the months that they fulfill, and do you know the time when they give birth, ³when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? ⁴Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them. ⁵"Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, 6to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling place? ¹It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. 8It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing. 9"Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? ¹0Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? ¹¹Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labor to it? ¹2Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing floor? ¹³"The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. ¹⁴For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, ¹⁵forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. ¹6It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labor should be in vain, yet it has no fear; ¹7because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. ¹8When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider.

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

People: Amen. Amen.

PSALM 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; *

from where is my help to come?

² My help comes from the LORD, *

the maker of heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot be moved *

and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

⁴Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *

shall neither slumber nor sleep;

⁵ The LORD himself watches over you; *

the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

⁶So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *

nor the moon by night.

⁷The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *

it is he who shall keep you safe.

 $^{8}\,\text{The Lord}$ shall watch over your going out and your coming in, $^{\star}\,$

from this time forth for evermore.



THE GOSPEL Matthew 11:25–30

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

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Priest: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Amen. Amen.

THE SERMON

FR. JOHN PALARINE

CHOIR ANTHEM

"When Twilight Comes"

Philippine Folk Song

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: Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us... for the beauty an

wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;

People: We thank you, Lord

Leader: For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;

People: We thank you, Lord

Leader: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women;

People: We thank you, Lord

Leader: For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;

People: We thank you, Lord

Leader: For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;

People: We thank you, Lord

Leader: For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these, our pets;

People: We thank you, Lord

Leader: That each pet here may be treasured with care;

People: We thank you, Lord

Leader: That we may love and honor all your works, O God;

People: We thank you, Lord

Leader: That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of abundant creation; People: To the honor and glory of your name, now and forever, we pray to you, Lord

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

(You may add your own petitions either silently or aloud.)

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.**

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

(Please remain in your seat; Fr. John will come to you and your pet.)

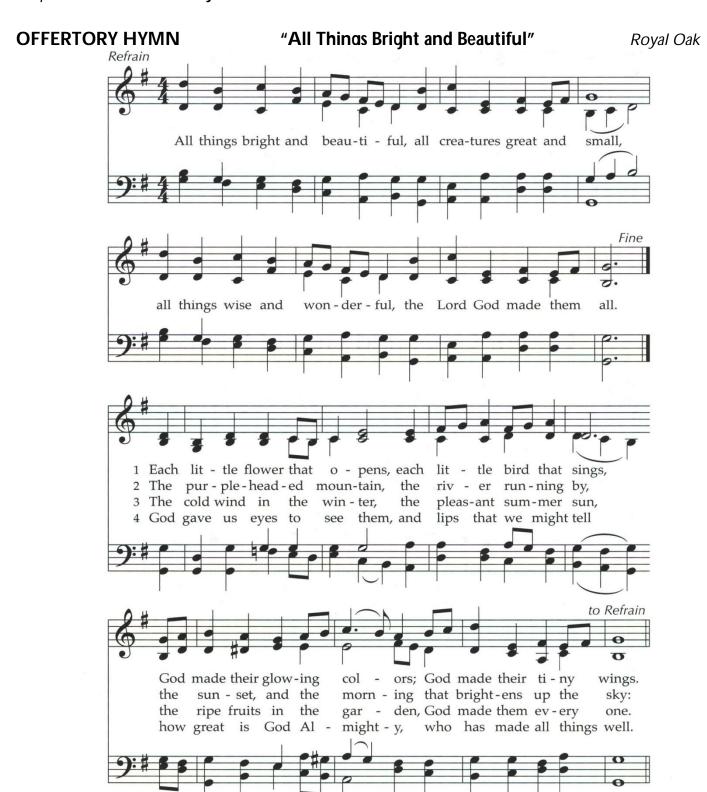
THE PEACE

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.

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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

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.

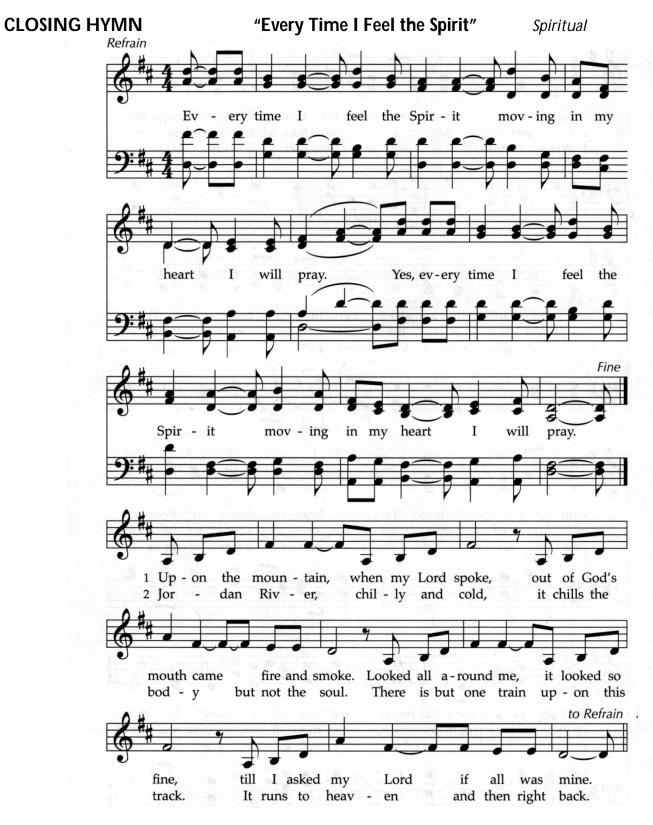
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

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

BLESSING



The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God In loving memory of David Michalegko from his sister Paula.



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.

Prayer List

We pray for those known to the people of St. Cyprian's who are ill or who have asked for our prayers Mtr. Celeste Tisdelle, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, 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.

The Family of Melissa Bush, 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, Laurna, 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.

<u>About the Prayer List</u> – 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

Cyprian Women- Sat. Oct. 14th Men's Night- Tues. Oct. 24th AED/CPR Training- Oct. 28th

Zoom Meetings

Aging Angels – Tuesdays at 10am
Virtual Coffee Hour – Wednesdays at 10am
Centering Prayer – Wednesdays at 4:30pm
Racial & Social Justice Discussion Group – 1st and 3rd 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

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