

# Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 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

"Kum Ba Yah"

Behnke

(1. Someone's Praying; 2. Someone's Crying)

OPENING HYMN

"Lift High The Cross"

Crucifer

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*to Refrain*

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.  
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant today is Rev. Jerry LiaBraaten

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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE:

### "All with Joyful Exultation"

*Hasidic melody*

Refrain (Psalm 30)

The musical notation is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fifth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The sixth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The music is marked with various chords: Am, E, Dm, and E. The piece ends with a double bar line and the word 'Fine'.

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.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

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

## PSALM 95:1-7A

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD; \*

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

<sup>2</sup>Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD is a great God, \*

**and a great King above all gods.**

<sup>4</sup>In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it, \*

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

<sup>6</sup>Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, \*

**and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**

<sup>7a</sup>For he is our God, \*

**and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.**

## THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

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

## GRADUAL HYMN

## "God is So Good"

*God is So Good*

1 God is so good; God is so good;  
2 God cares for me; God cares for me;  
3 God loves me so; God loves me so;  
4 God is so good; God is so good;

God is so good; God's so good to me.  
God cares for me; God's so good to me.  
God loves me so; God's so good to me.  
God is so good; God's so good to me.

## THE GOSPEL

**Matthew 25:31-46**

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

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

[Jesus said.]<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

*Priest:* The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

REV. JERRY & REV. RENEE LIABRAATEN

## CHOIR ANTHEM

“Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit”

*arr. Hogan*

## 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.**

*Leader:* From Steven Charleston, Retired Episcopal Bishop and Citizen of the Choctaw Nation:  
We pray for Your peace in troubled lands, in places where people fear each day, in cities or villages under threat of danger. We pray Your peace into the hearts of those who hate, into the minds of those who live in anger, of those who long for revenge. The hot winds of war sweep over so many lives, dear God, terror and cruelty following in their wake. We do not know what else to do, but stand here making our appeal to heaven. Peace, we pray. Peace against all the odds, peace without compromise, peace strong and enduring peace so children never worry as they go to sleep.  
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 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.**



**The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God  
In loving memory of Charles Schwab  
by his wife Jane.**

## OFFERTORY HYMN

## "At the Name of Jesus"

King's Weston



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,  
2 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name  
3 Bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,  
4 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;  
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,  
through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,  
with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,  
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,  
to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast,  
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;  
filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.  
and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

## 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

**"Let us Break Bread Together"**

## 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

**"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"**

*Hyfrydol*

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - ni - po - tent we

throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -  
 now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lieves nor  
 stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from  
 own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,

ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on  
 ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,  
 day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,  
 heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,

thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
 when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -  
 earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of  
 robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both

ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

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

*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

### POSTLUDE

**"Kum Ba Yah"**  
*(Someone's Singing)*

*Behnke*

## **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: The Family of George Sage, Goody Seymour, Leila Seibert, Fr. Christopher Martin, Domingo C., Lanny Ballard, Mtr. Celeste Tisdelle, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Anita McDonough, Lynn Timmons, Martha Bailey, Sue Paul & Family, 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.*

Carole Prior, Ron, Jim, Tom, Chloe, Elena & Juliette, Lindsay, Parker Aune, Penny Rolleston, 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** – To add someone to our Prayer List, with their permission, please call 904-829-8828 or email Deacon Steve at [stcyprianssteve@gmail.com](mailto:stcyprianssteve@gmail.com). Please let us know when to take off someone's name.

## **Healing Service – Second Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 3pm**

### **St. Cyprian's Activities**

**Men's Night- Tues. Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Dining with Dignity- Tues. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Lessons & Carols- Sun. Dec. 17<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**