

# First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 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

Partita on "Vom Himmel Hoch"

arr. Schrack

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (Please stand as able)

"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.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## OPENING ACCLAMATIONS FOR ADVENT

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, holy and living One.  
*People* You come to your people and set them free.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### "Song of Mary"

1 My soul gives glo - ry to my God; my  
2 My God has done great things for me: yes,  
3 From age to age to all who fear, such  
4 Love casts the might - y from their thrones, pro -  
5 Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup -

heart pours out its praise. God lift - ed up my  
ho - ly is God's name. All peo - ple will de -  
mer - cy love im - parts, dis - pens - ing jus - tice  
motes the in - se - cure, leaves hun - gry spir - its  
ports those in dis - tress, re - mem - ber - ing past

low - li - ness in man - y mar - vel - ous ways.  
clare me blessed, and bless - ings they shall claim.  
far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.  
sat - is - fied; the rich seem sud - den - ly poor.  
prom - is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

**Isaiah 64:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-  
<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup>You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. <sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. <sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 80 1-7, 16-18

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*

**shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**

<sup>2</sup>In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*

**stir up your strength and come to help us.**

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; \*

**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

<sup>4</sup>O LORD God of hosts, \*

**how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*

**you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**

<sup>6</sup>You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*

**and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; \*

**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*

**the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

<sup>17</sup>And so will we never turn away from you; \*

**give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**

<sup>18</sup>Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*

**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

## THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

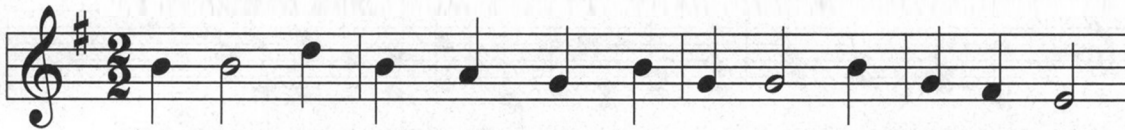
<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN *(Please stand as able)*

### "Help Us Accept Each Other"

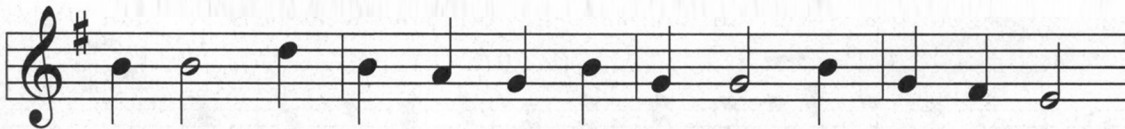
*Baronita*



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;  
2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved  
4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.  
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve  
Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart  
we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.  
to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.  
the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

## THE GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>24</sup>“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. <sup>28</sup>“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup>“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

*Deacon*        The Gospel of our Lord.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Jim Dannals

*(A period of silence follows the sermon)*

### **A DECLARATION OF FAITH** *(Please stand as able)*

**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 the Church.

*People*

**May we all be one that the world may believe.**

*Leader*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.

*People*

**That the life of Christ may be revealed in us.**

*Leader*

Strengthen all who minister in the name of Christ.

*People*

**Give us courage to proclaim your gospel.**

*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*

**Father, into your hands we commend them.**

*Leader*

Remembering blessed Cyprian 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*

Lord you have called us to serve you.

*People*

**Grant that we may walk in your presence:**

**Your love in our hearts,**

**Your truth in our minds,**

**Your strength in our wills,**

**Until, at the end of our journey,**

**We may know the joy of our homecoming**

**And the welcome of your embrace,**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

**"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"**

*Powell*

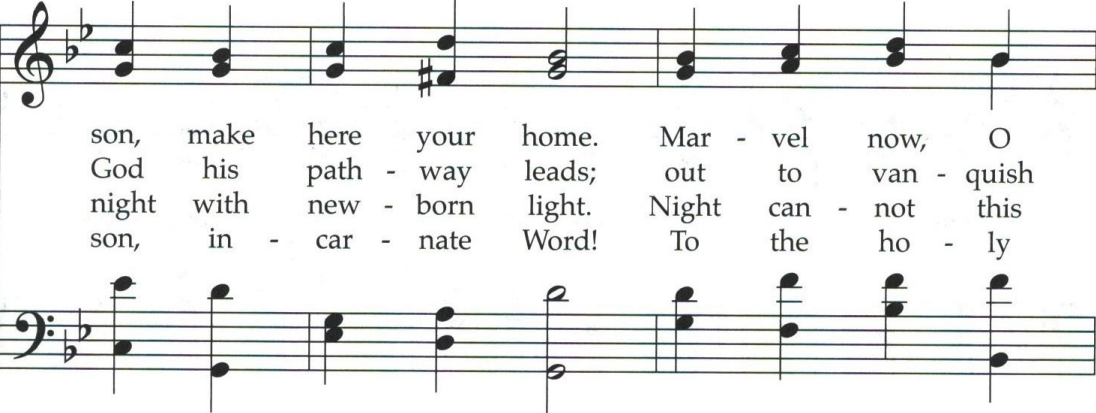
PRESENTATION HYMN (Please stand as able)

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

*Nun Komm Der Heiden Heiland*



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's  
2 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds; back to  
3 Now your man - ger, shin - ing bright, hal - lows  
4 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, vir - gin's



son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O  
God his path - way leads; out to van - quish  
night with new - born light. Night can - not this  
son, in - car - nate Word! To the ho - ly



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.  
light sub - due; let our faith shine ev - er new.  
Trin - i - ty praise we sing e - ter - nal - ly.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant  
People*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Celebrant  
People*

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant  
People*

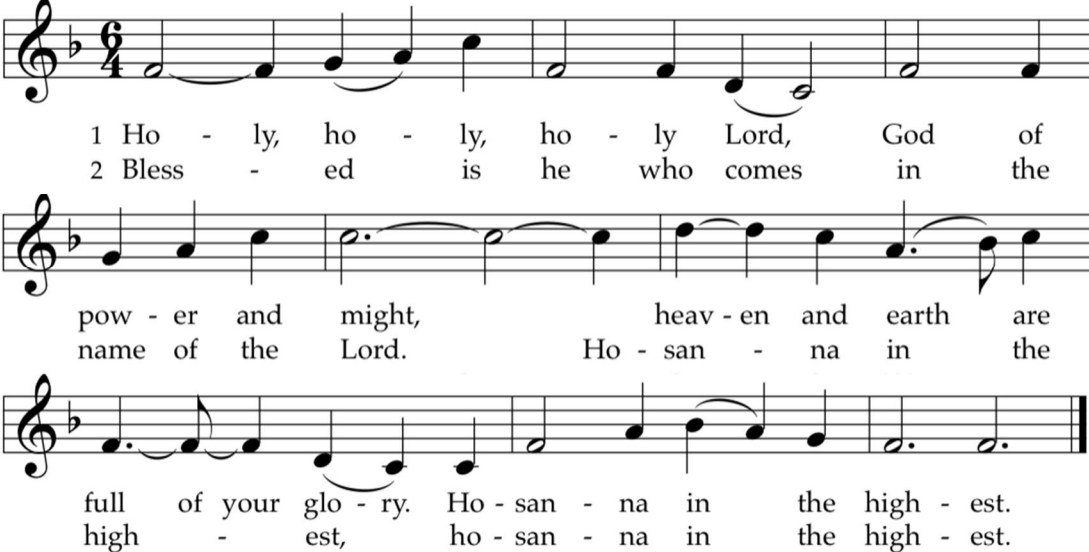
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



### *Celebrant*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### *The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with blessed Mary, blessed Cyprian and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

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

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

**"Come, O Come Lord Jesus"**

*harm. Bach*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
In the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior, Amen.**

## BLESSING



**The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God  
by Cathy Harris in honor of her brother Chip Shine.**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *(Please stand as able)*

**"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"**

*Truro*

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is  
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
thee; here, Lord, a - bid. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/2. The first system contains the first three lines of lyrics. The second system contains the next three lines. The third system contains the final three lines and ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final chord.

**DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Go in peace, to love and serve God's world.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

**"Vom Himmel Hoch"**

*Bach*

## **Prayer List**

We pray for those known to the people of St. Cyprian's who are ill or who have asked for our prayers: Goody Seymour, Karen Honan, 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 a name to our Prayer List, with their permission, please call 904-829-8828 or email Deacon Steve at stcyprianssteve@gmail.com. Please let us know when to take off someone's name.

## **Healing Service – Second Wednesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**

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

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

**Lessons & Carols- Sun. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm**

### **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**

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### **Today's Sermon References**

Barbara Brown Taylor, **Learning to Walk in the Dark**; the Four Paths – [quadratos.com](http://quadratos.com)

### **About Our Worship**

The worship in this booklet follows the outline of **Holy Eucharist: Rite II** in the **Book of Common Prayer**. The **Declaration of Faith** is borrowed from the Moravian Book of Worship. (The Moravian Church and the Episcopal Church are in full communion with each other.) The **Eucharistic Prayer** is from **Enriching Our Worship**, a resource for the Episcopal Church's liturgy. The readings from Holy Scripture are from **Lectionary Year B** using the **New Revised Standard Version** of the Bible.