

December 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 evening'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!

About Our Worship

The worship in this booklet follows the outline of **Holy Eucharist: Rite II** in the **Book of Common Prayer**. 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.

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

"Silent Night"

arr. Black

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (Please stand as able)



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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

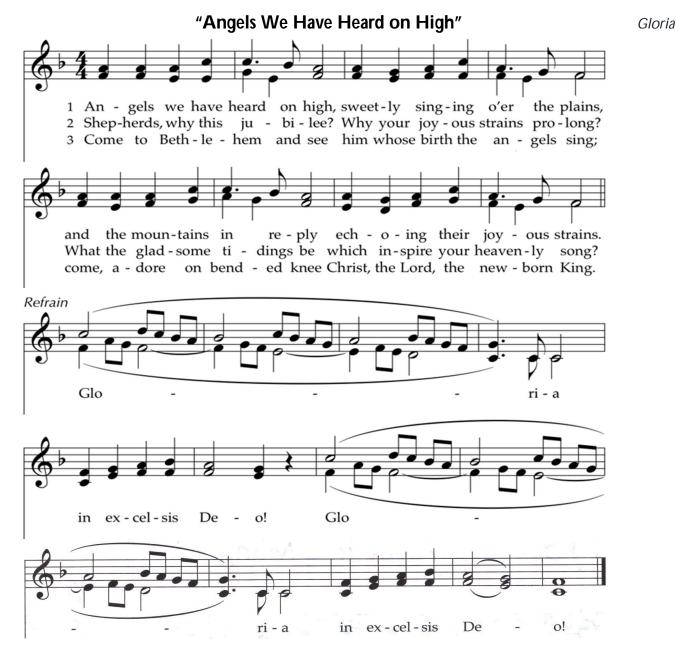
OPENING ACCLAMATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

CelebrantAlleluia! To us a child is born:PeopleCome, let us adore him. 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



LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

ReaderHear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.PeopleThanks be to God.

PSALM 96

sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.	
² Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *	
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.	
³ Declare his glory among the nations *	
and his wonders among all peoples.	
⁴ For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *	
he is more to be feared than all gods.	
5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *	
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.	
⁶ Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *	
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!	
⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *	
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.	
⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *	
bring offerings and come into his courts.	
⁹ Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *	
let the whole earth tremble before him.	
¹⁰ Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *	
He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity	<i>."</i>
¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; $*$	
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.	
$^{ m 12}$ Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, $^{ m \star}$	
when he comes to judge the earth.	
¹³ He will judge the world with righteousness *	
and the peoples with his truth.	

THE SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. *Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saving to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (Please stand as able)



THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

Deacon People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
 Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

DeaconThe Gospel of our Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jim Dannals

(A period of silence follows the sermon)

The Nicene Creed (Please stand as able)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

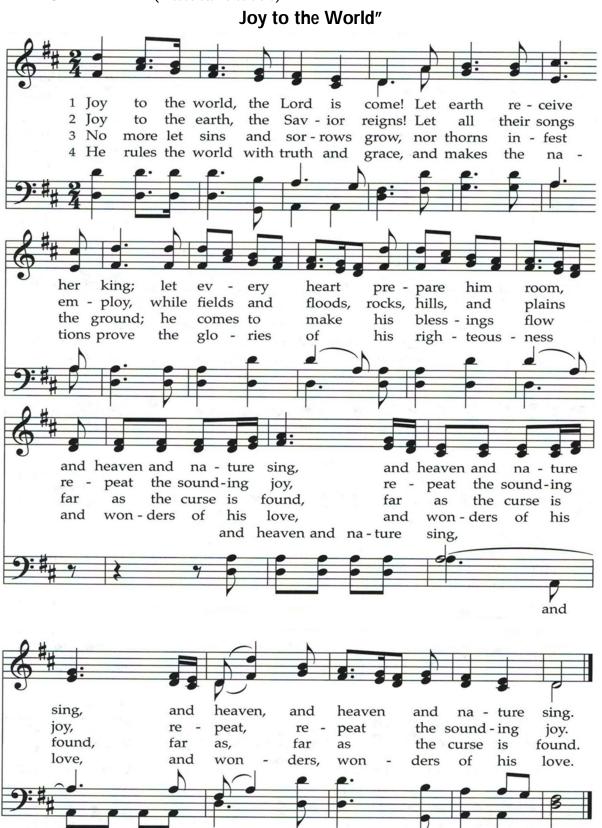
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader	In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Leader People	For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.
Leader People	For this community, the nation, and the world; For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
Leader People	For the just and proper use of your creation; For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
Leader People	For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
Leader People	For the peace and unity of the Church of God; For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
Leader	For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Fr. Jim, Deacon Steve and Clerene who is seeking ordained ministry, and for all ordained and lay ministers;
People	For all who serve God in the Church.
Leader	For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. The people may add their own petitions aloud, or in the silence of their hearts
Leader	Hear us, Lord;
People	For your mercy is great.
Leader	We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. The people may add their own thanksgivings aloud, or in the silence of their hearts
Leader	We will exalt you, O God our King;
People	And praise your Name for ever and ever.
Leader	We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. The people may add their own prayers aloud, or in the silence of their hearts
Leader People	Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; Who put their trust in you.
Leader	We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
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.
Celebrant	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 eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

- CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.
- ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY "Peace, Peace"

Powell





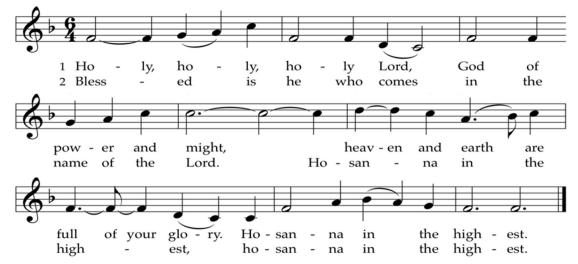
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Celebrant	It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Blessed Mary, Blessed Cyprian and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. 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 Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"On Christmas Night"

arr. Miller

"What Child Is This"





"Love Has Come"





The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and wishing a Happy Birthday to Jesus by Mary-Francis and Thom Mitchell.

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"



"O Little Town of Bethlehem"



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

May the humility of the shepherds, the joy of the angels, and the peace of the Christ-child be God's gift to you this Christmas time and always. May God's blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, and the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (Please stand as able)



DISMISSAL

DeaconGo in peace, to love and serve God's world.PeopleThanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"God Rest You Merry"

Held

St. Cyprian's Activities & Announcements

Annual Congregational Meeting – Jan. 7th

in the Mission House after the Service

We will be electing 4 people to 2 year terms on the Mission Board, 2 people as delegates and 2 alternate delegates to Diocesan Convention. The Nominating Committee is Lanny Ballard, Melinda Hilsenbeck and Jim Vande Berg, who will be receiving nominations. You may nominate yourself or someone else.

Healing Service – Second Wednesday, Jan. 10th at 3pm

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

Prayer List

We pray for those known to the people of St. Cyprian's who are ill or who have asked for our prayers: Dennis Edwards, Theo & Lily Pignataro, Janet Stowers, Lynelle & Jeff, Penelope, Goody Seymour, Karen Honans, Leila Seibert, Fr. Christopher Martin, Domingo C., Lanny Ballard, Mtr. Celeste Tisdelle, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Anita McDonough, Lynn Timmons, Martha Bailey, 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, 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.

Clayton, Richard & Darlene, Carole Prior, Ron, Jim, Tom, Chloe, Elena, Parker Aune, Penny Rolleston, 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> – 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.

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