

# First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024



## 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!

### About Our Worship

The worship in this booklet follows the outline of **Holy Eucharist: Rite II** in the **Book of Common Prayer**. The **Affirmation of Faith** and **The Lord's Prayer** are from the **Prayer Book of the Anglican Church of New Zealand**. 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

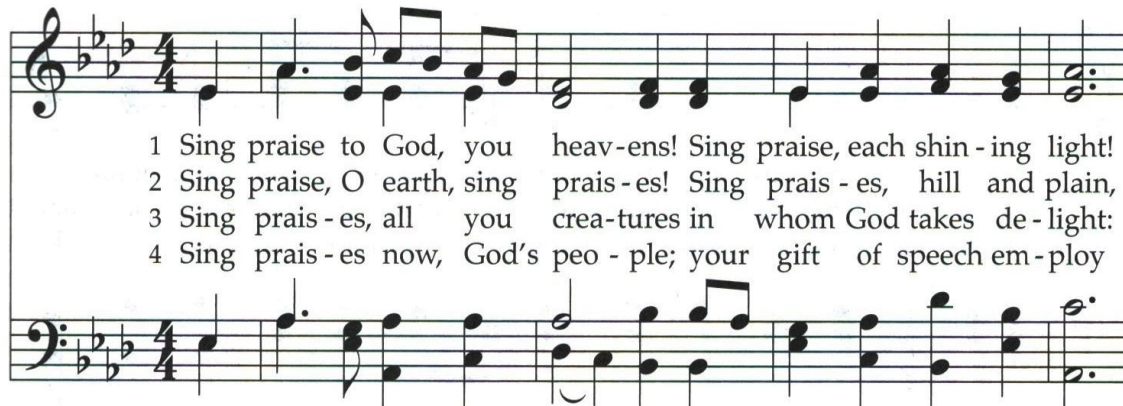
# Partita on "Ah, Holy Jesus"

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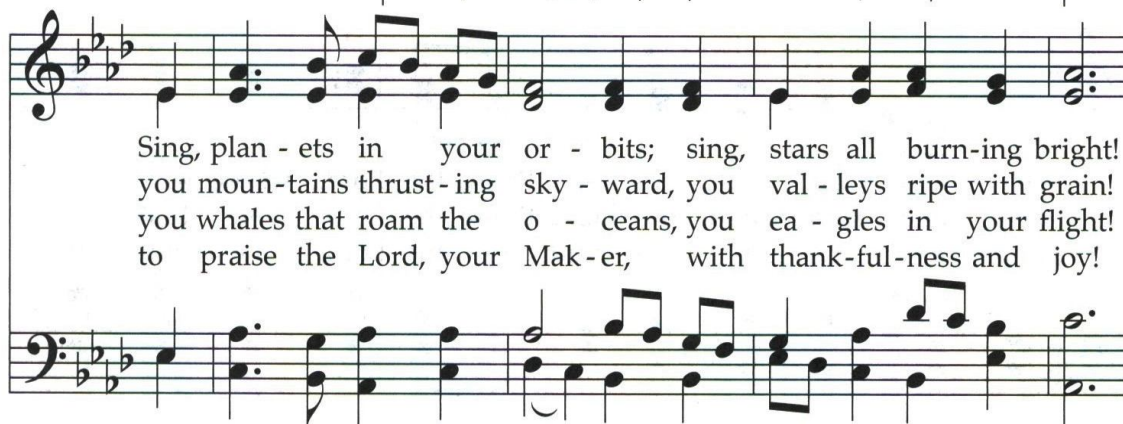
## PROCESSIONAL HYMN *(Please stand as able)*

### "Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!"

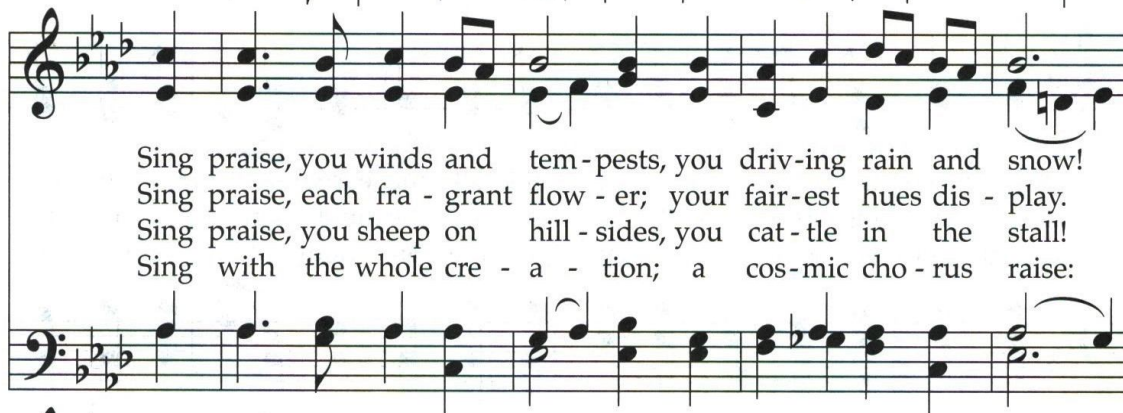
*Wie Lieblich ist Der Maien*



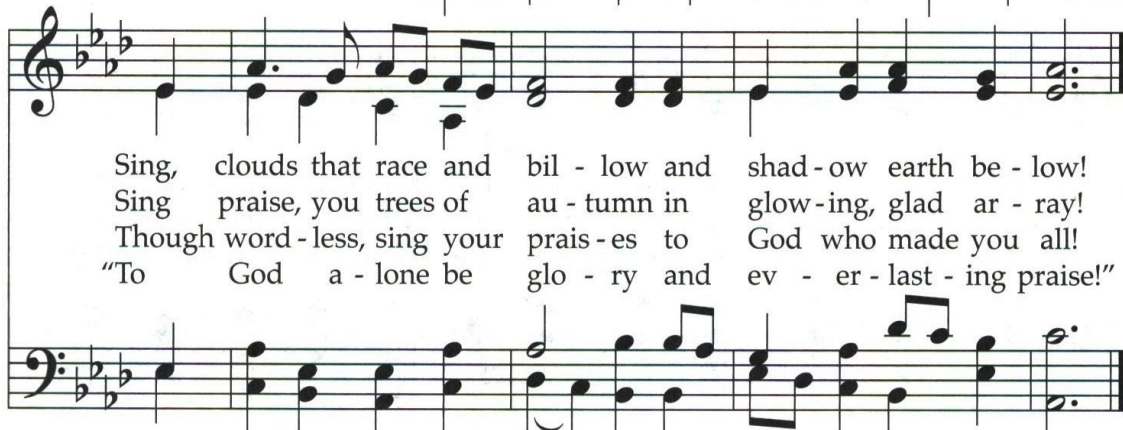
1 Sing praise to God, you heav-ens! Sing praise, each shin-ing light!  
 2 Sing praise, O earth, sing prais-es! Sing prais-es, hill and plain,  
 3 Sing prais-es, all you crea-tures in whom God takes de-light:  
 4 Sing prais-es now, God's peo-ple; your gift of speech em-ploy



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!  
 to 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 the 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!"

# A PENITENTIAL ORDER

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* **God's mercy endures for ever.**

*Celebrant*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God,**  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. 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 in eternal life. **Amen.**

## KYRIE ELEISON

*arr. Moore*



The musical score for 'Kyrie Eleison' is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass) on four staves. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, e - lei - son, Chri - ste, Chri - ste e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, e - lei - son.



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

**Genesis 9:8-17**

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup>God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

## PSALM 25:1-9

- <sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
**let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- <sup>2</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
**let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**
- <sup>3</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
**and teach me your paths.**
- <sup>4</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
**for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- <sup>5</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
**for they are from everlasting.**
- <sup>6</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
**remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**
- <sup>7</sup>Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
**therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**
- <sup>8</sup>He guides the humble in doing right \*  
**and teaches his way to the lowly.**
- <sup>9</sup>All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
**to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

## THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

<sup>18</sup>Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

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

### "O Love, that Wilt not Let Me Go"

St. Margaret

1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my  
2 O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my  
3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not  
4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not

wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that  
flick-ering torch to thee; my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that  
close my heart to thee; I trace the rain-bow through the rain, and  
ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and

in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.  
in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.  
feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.  
from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

## THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

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

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. <sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

*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)*

## THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Please stand as able)*

You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.

*(From the New Zealand Prayer Book)*

You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved  
your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
Who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Leader* Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.  
*(Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.  
*(Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.  
*(Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.  
(Silence)

*People* Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.  
(Silence)

*People* Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.  
(Silence)

*People* Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY "Bread of Heaven, Wine of Heaven"

*Martin*

## PRESENTATION HYMN (Please stand as able)

### "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

*St. Flavian*

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and  
2 As you with Sa - tan did con - tend and did the vic - tory  
3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas - sion -  
4 A - bid e with us, till when this life of suf - fer ing shall be

pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.  
win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con - quer sin.  
tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bid e.  
past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.



# 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*

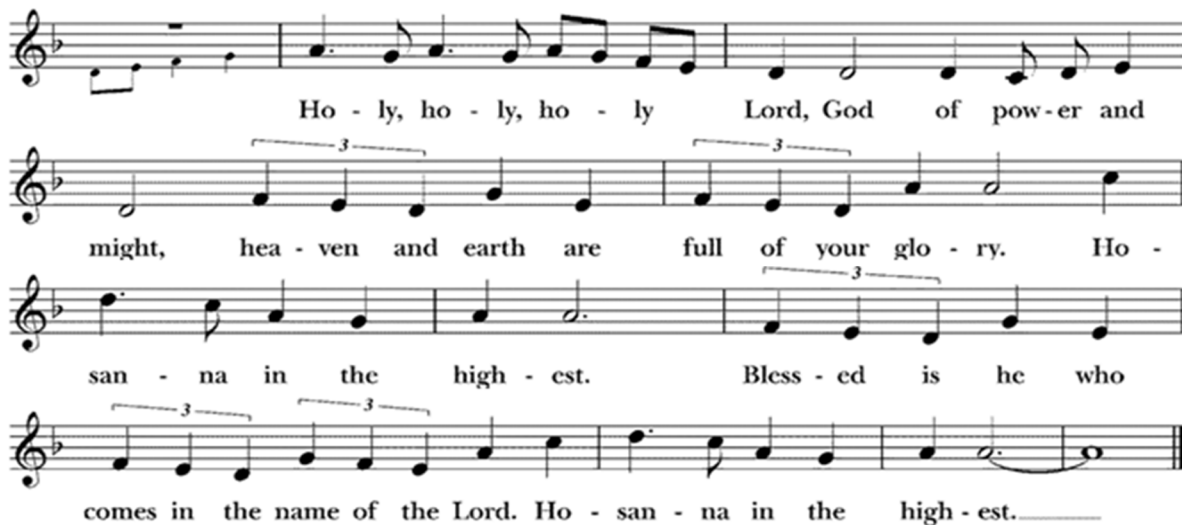
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Gracious God, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:

## SANCTUS

*Robert Powell*



*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious God: 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 Mother 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption 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, Gracious Father, now and for ever. **AMEN!**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Eternal Spirit,**

**Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,**

**Source of all that is and that shall be,**

**Father and Mother of us all,**

**Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

**In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.**

**From trials too great to endure, spare us.**

**From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*(From the New Zealand Prayer Book)*

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Agnus Dei*



*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*  
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

**"Loaves Were Broken, Words were Spoken"**

## COMMUNION CHANT

**"Bless the Lord"**

*Taize*

*(All sing together)*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

## 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

The Wisdom of God  
the Love of God  
and the Grace of God  
strengthen you  
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,  
in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

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

### "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

*Martin*

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move  
3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee  
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;  
by some clear, win - ning word of love;  
in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,  
far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the  
teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in  
in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.  
guide them in the home - ward way.  
trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.  
thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon*  
*People*

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

## POSTLUDE

### "Psalm XIX"

*Marcello*



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

### **Special Annual Collection for the Absalom Jones Fund- Today thru this Friday Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Beginning this Sunday through the end of the week, we will be collecting donations to distribute to the Absalom Jones Fund. The Fund supports the students, faculty, programs and facilities of Saint Augustine's University in Raleigh, North Carolina and Voorhees University in Denmark, South Carolina, two Episcopal Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

**George Sage's Memorial Service - Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at 11am**

**Stations of the Cross led by Daughters of the King- Wednesdays Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> - Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm**

**Fr. Jim will be facilitating two opportunities for growth on Thursdays during Lent:**

**Beginning Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> - Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Lectionary Bible Study- at Noon in the Mission House**

We will explore the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday

**Discussion based upon "On Being" Podcasts by Krista Tippett- at 5:30pm in the Church Office**

Please go to <https://onbeing.org/series/podcast/> and listen to the podcast and/or read the transcript with Kate Bowler before the first session.

**Special Congregational Meeting – Feb. 25 after church in the Mission House**

Following a short Coffee Hour, we will meet to participate in our diocese's Convocation process, an intentional time of listening, healing and reconciliation. Lanny Ballard, Jody Stowers, Deacon Steve and Fr. Jim (our representatives to the Convocation gatherings) will facilitate a dialogue with the people of St. Cyprian's. All are encouraged to attend.

**Men's Night- Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**

### **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**

### **Prayer List**

We pray for those known to the people of St. Cyprian's who are ill or who have asked for our prayers: Nisan Zeman, Lou Chabut, Sue Paul, Karen Cash, Theo & Lily Pignataro, Janet Stowers, Lynelle & Jeff, Penelope, Karen Honans, Leila Seibert, Fr. Christopher Martin, Domingo C., Mtr. Celeste Tisdelle, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Anita McDonough, Lynn Timmons, Martha Bailey, Mignon Williams, Joe Finnegan, Carrie C., Barb Lofquist, Michelle Curlee, Jane Schwab, Harrison, Brandi Killings, Kenny Brown, Clifford Romeo, Sue Rausch, Pat Ethridge, George Paul, Henning Toensmann, Carol Ann Romaine, Bobbi Miller, Elise Osako and Jim Colee.

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

Candy Overton, Kirby von Egidy, Jonathan Brunjef, Alice Greenspan, Dennis Edwards, 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, Lurna, Margaret, Sandy, Diane, Michael Kratz, Diane Radibeau Wise, Dick & Karin Jeter, John Neuman, Donna Bahr, Bev Curry and family, Patricia Maxwell, Anthony Patterson, Anthony & Claire, Susie Calvaruso, The Morrissey Family, Catherine Martin.

**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](mailto:stcyprianssteve@gmail.com). Please let us know when to take off someone's name.

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