Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 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 Declaration of Faith** is from the **Moravian Book of Worship**. The readings from Holy Scripture are from **Lectionary Year B** using the **New Revised Standard Version** of the Bible. The **Eucharistic Prayer** is from **Enriching Our Worship**.

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. Communion bread that is celiac safe gluten free is available. Ask for it when you come to receive. Those not wishing to receive may come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (Please stand as able)



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

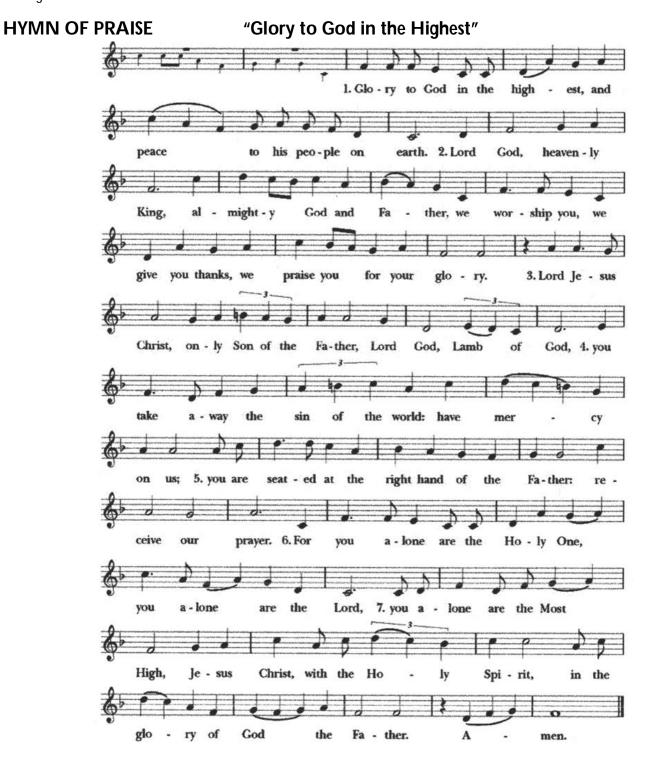
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. 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.**

Powell



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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 Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

life for evermore.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
 when brethren live together in unity!
 It is like fine oil upon the head *
 that runs down upon the beard,
 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
 and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
 It is like the dew of Hermon *
 that falls upon the hills of Zion.
 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *

THE SECOND READING

1 John 1:1--2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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"In the Bulb there is a Flower"

Hymn of Promise



- 1 In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;
- 2 There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o-dy;
- 3 In our end is our be-gin-ning; in our time, in-fin-i-ty;



in co-coons, a hid-den prom-ise: but - ter-flies will soon be free! there's a dawn in ev-ery dark-ness, bring-ing hope to you and me. in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



un - re-vealed un - til its sea - son, some-thing God a - lone can see.

THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹⁹When it was evening of the day of the Resurrection, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Deacon

The Gospel of our Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(A period of silence follows the sermon)

A DECLARATION OF FAITH

(Moravian Book of Worship)

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 burden

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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.

Leader We pray for our own needs and blessings ...

(Particular intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered silently or aloud.)

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY "Now the Green Blade Riseth"

arr. Andrews



"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Alleluia no.1



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.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS Robert Powell Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho Lord, God of pow-er and might, full and earth Ηo hea - ven of your glo - ry. are in the high - est. Bless - ed is hc who san na the name of the Lord. Ho high - est

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant, poured out for you and for all. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Saint Cyprian and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you 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

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

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

COMMUNION CHANT

"Alleluia"

Taize

(All sing together)



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.

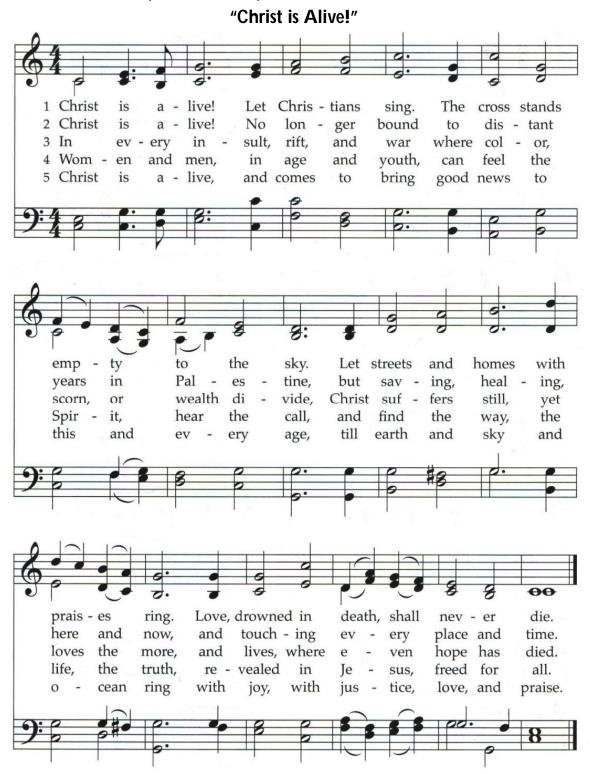
Now send us forth

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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (Please stand as able)



DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

"Christians All, Rejoice and Sing"

Willan

Truro

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Gary Wood by teZa and Carter Lord.

St. Cyprian's Activities & Announcements

Cyprian Women- April Meeting is cancelled

Healing Service- Wednesday April 10th at 3pm

Daughters of the King- Thursday April 11th at 12:30pm

Vespers- Sunday April 21st at 5:30pm

Men's Night- Tuesday April 23rd at 4pm at the Mission House

Zoom Meetings

Aging Angels – Tuesdays 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: Adam Stowers, Linda Larrimore, David Arena, The Zeman Family, Theo & Lily Pignataro, Lynelle & Jeff, Karen Honans, Leila Seibert, Domingo C., Lynn Timmons, Martha Bailey, Mignon Williams, Joe Finnegan, Carrie C., 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.

Loren & Dee Beck, Sebastian Alawi, Mildred Oliver, Larry Hickernell, 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, Laurna, 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.

<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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The Rev. Steve Seibert – Deacon

<u>Deacon's Office Hours</u>: Tues & Wed 9:30am-4pm

Kathleen Vande Berg – Music Director & Organist Holly Horahan – Office Administrator