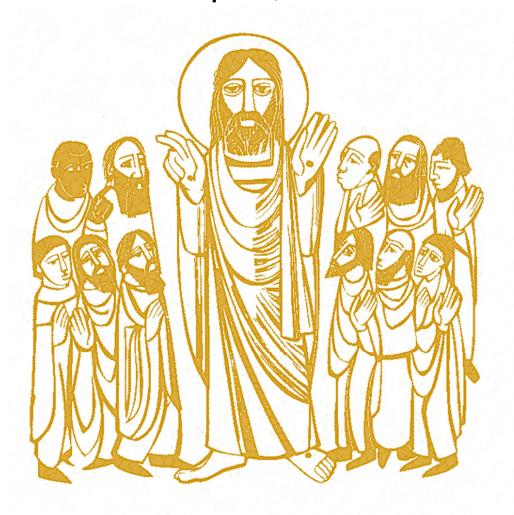
Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 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)

"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Hymn to Joy



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.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING Acts 3:12-19

¹²When Peter saw the wonder and amazement caused by his healing of the lame man, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷ And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *

you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *

how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *

when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

⁴Tremble, then, and do not sin: *

speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices, *

and put your trust in the LORD.

6Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *

Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

⁷You have put gladness in my heart, *

more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

⁸I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *

for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

THE SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

People

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (Please stand as able)



THE GOSPEL Luke 24:36b-48

Deacon

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

^{36b}While the disciples were telling how they had seen Jesus risen from the dead, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

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.

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.

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

"Hymn of Promise"

arr. Sleeth

PRESENTATION HYMN

(Please stand as able)



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.

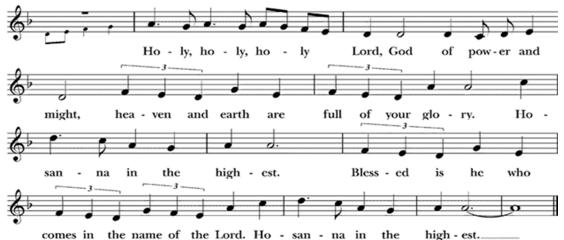
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

Robert Powell

SANCTUS



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

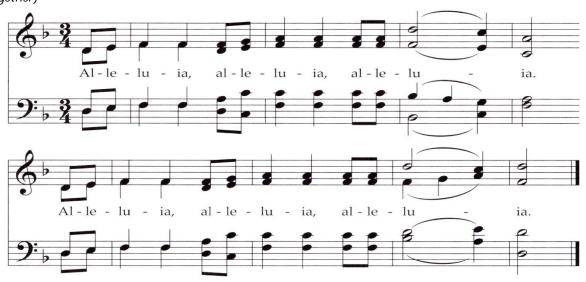
"Prayer of St. Francis"

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.

BLESSING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (Please stand as able)

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" Hyfrydol 1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep-ter, his Not or - phans are we left in sor - row 2 Al - le - lu - ia! as an - gels, here on earth our food, our 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King tri - umph, his the vic - to throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the be-lieves nor Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith now; sin - ful to you from stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the flee earth your foot - stool, Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - v, own;



DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

"Open Now the Gates of Beauty"

Broughton

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of all the wonderful teens who have taken their own lives by John and Kim Miller.

St. Cyprian's Activities & Announcements

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, and Elise Osako.

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

Bob Kramer, Loren & Dee Beck, Sebastian Alawi, Mildred Oliver, Candy Overton, Kirby von Egidy, Jonathan Brunjef, Alice Greenspan, Dennis Edwards, Carole Prior, Ron, Jim, Tom, Chloe, Elena, Parker Aune, Penny Rolleston, Alan Turner, Sally Yocum, Isaac Katcher, Roger & Sandy Pinnicks, Susie, Bruce Cudworth, 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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