# Fourth Sunday of Easter

**April 21, 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)



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#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Celebrant

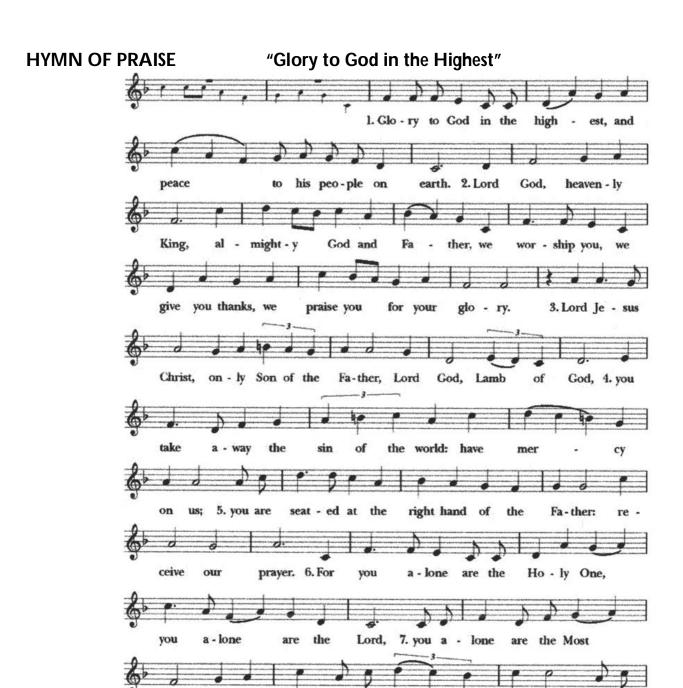
Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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.** 



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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

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THE FIRST READING Acts 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup>The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' <sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

People Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM 23**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

#### THE SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

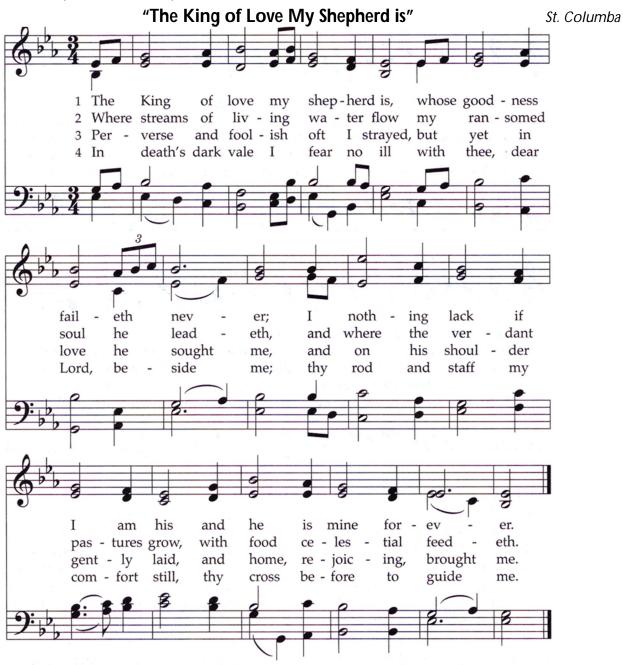
<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

People Thanks be to God.

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





THE GOSPEL John 10:11-18

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

(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 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

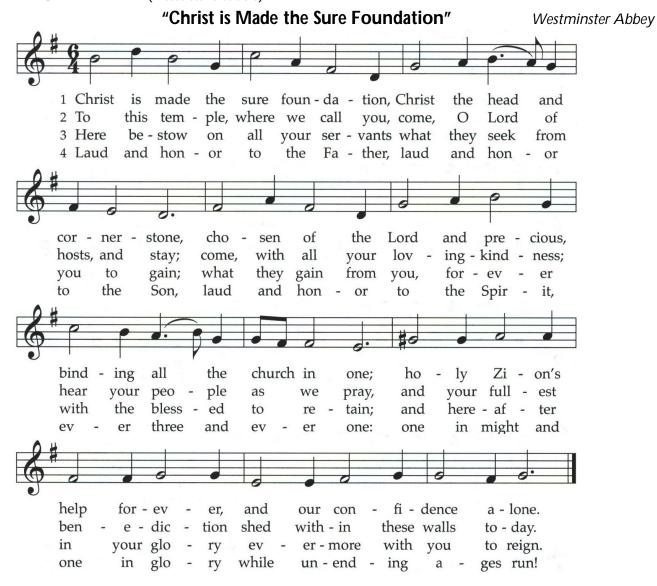
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY "All Who Hunger"

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# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant People The Lord be 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 Lord, God of Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho ly pow-er and might, hea - ven and earth full of Ηo are your glo - ry. na in the high - est. Bless - ed who san hc

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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.

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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**

"I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

#### **COMMUNION CHANT**

"Alleluia"

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(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.

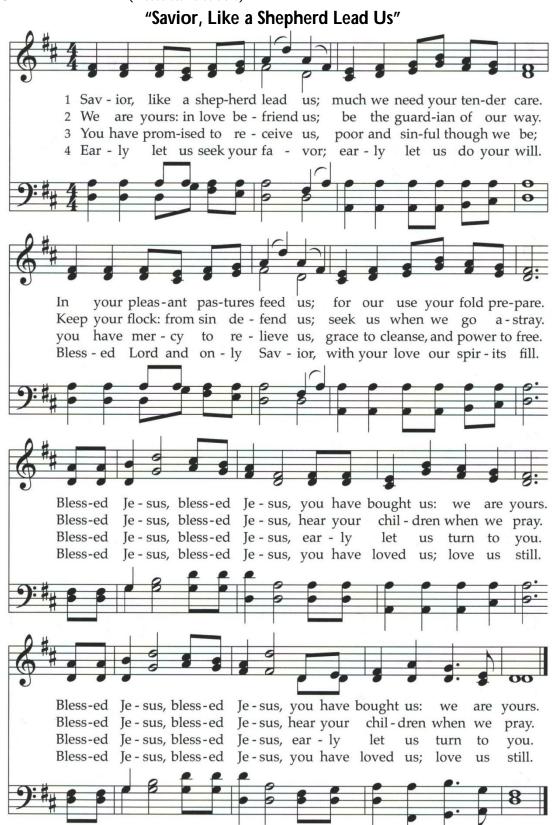
Now send us forth

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)



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#### **DISMISSAL**

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God, by the families of Jim Colee and Tom Cash, in their loving memory.

# St. Cyprian's Activities & Announcements

Vespers - Tonight 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: Dave Spaulding, Geordy Maish, Adam Stowers, Linda Larrimore, David Arena, Theo & Lily Pignataro, Lynelle & Jeff, Karen Honens, 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, 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.

Dinetha Wilbur, Bob Kramer, Loren & Dee Beck, Sebastian Alawi, Mildred Oliver, 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, 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.

#### St. Cyprian's Staff

The Rev. James C. Dannals – Interim Vicar idannals@gmail.com

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