

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 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 C** 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 clergy 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.

PRELUDE

Partita on "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Kriebel

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (Please stand as able)

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Veni, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATIONS FOR ADVENT

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People You come to your people and set them free.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Song of Mary"

1 My soul gives glo - ry to my God; my
2 My God has done great things for me: yes,
3 From age to age to all who fear, such
4 Love casts the might - y from their thrones, pro -
5 Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup -

heart pours out its praise. God lift - ed up my
ho - ly is God's name. All peo - ple will de -
mer - cy love im - parts, dis - pens - ing jus - tice
motes the in - se - cure, leaves hun - gry spir - its
ports those in dis - tress, re - mem - ber - ing past

low - li - ness in man - y mar - vel - ous ways.
clare me blessed, and bless - ings they shall claim.
far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.
sat - is - fied; the rich seem sud - den - ly poor.
prom - is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Baruch 5:1-9

¹Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. ²Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; ³for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. ⁴For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." ⁵Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. ⁶For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. ⁷For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. ⁸The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. ⁹For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

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

CANTICLE 16: The Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *

holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-11

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

GRADUAL HYMN *(Please stand as able)*

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Stuttgart

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

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

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Priest 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 *(Please stand as able)*

**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.**

THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY "The Advent of Our God"

Wagner

PRESENTATION HYMN (Please stand as able)

"While We Are Waiting, Come"

Waiting

1 While we are wait - ing, come;
2 With power and glo - ry, come;
3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

while we are wait - ing, come.
with power and glo - ry, come.
come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

while we are wait - ing, come.

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor) and a four-part choir. It features a treble and bass clef for each part, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant
People

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Celebrant
People

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
People

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS

Land of Rest

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with blessed Mary, blessed Cyprian and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Magnificat"

Bach

COMMUNION CHANT

"Wait for the Lord"

Taize

(All sing together)

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. The first system contains the lyrics: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." The second system contains the lyrics: "Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!" The score includes treble and bass clefs, a key signature of one sharp, and a 3/2 time signature. The piano part consists of chords and single notes.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

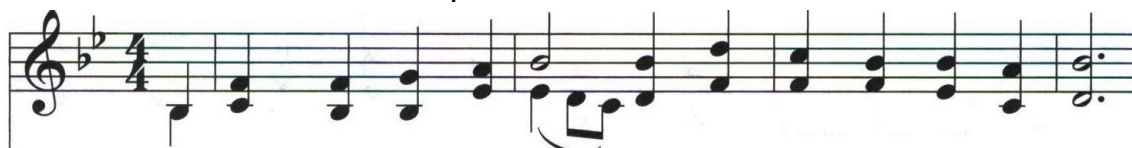
Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (Please stand as able)

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

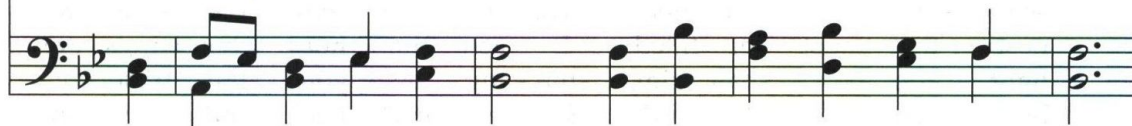
Valet Will Ich Dir Geben



1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;
3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.
to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,
O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day



to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
when your re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.



DISMISSAL

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

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Donald Bailey Jr.
by Marcus Bailey.

St. Cyprian's Activities & Announcements

Tuesday December 10th 4pm– Women's Gathering in the Voorhees Mission House

Wednesday December 11th 3pm – Healing Service

Wednesday December 18th 5:30pm – Lessons and Carols with Jim V.'s famous chili

Sunday December 22nd - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Tuesday December 24th 5:30pm– Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday December 25th 10am- Christmas Day Service and Potluck

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: John Miller, Linda Kish, Harriet Byars, Steve Brown, Charlie Farr, Mary Buck, Rev. Matt Marino, Mildred Williams, Sam McIlrath, Clivia Milburn, Jordan Sadie, Kevin Cash, Bill Schwab, Robert Timmons, Lian Obrey, Margie Stortz, Rebecca, Adele Anthony, Dave Lang, Joe Finnegan, Geordy Maish, Adam Stowers, Linda Larrimore, David Arena, Theo & Lily Pignataro, Domingo C., Lynn Timmons, Martha Bailey, Mignon Williams, Harrison, Brandi Killings, Clifford Romeo, Sue Rausch, Pat Ethridge, George Paul, Henning Toensmann

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

Kate Masters, Barbara & Fred Jaillet, Natasha McGee, Suzi Cameron, Suzanne Overton-O'Hara, Brenda & John Beal, Carol Steinhaus, The Morrissey Family, Mark Shine, Chip Wise, Mary Klunk, Dinetha Wilbur, Bob Kramer, Dee Beck, Sebastian Alawi, Mildred Oliver, Candy Overton, Kirby von Egidy, Jonathan Brunjef, Dennis Edwards, Carole Prior, Ron, Jim, Tom, Chloe, Elena, Alan Turner, Isaac Katcher, Susie, Bruce Cudworth, Pam & Dick Sherry, Michael, Lurna, Margaret, Sandy, Diane, Dick & Karin Jeter, Catherine Martin

About the Prayer List – To add a name to our Prayer List, with their permission, please call 904-829-8828 or email Fr. Steve at stcyprianssteve@gmail.com. Please let us know when to take off someone's name.

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