

# Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2025



## 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 borrowed from the Moravian Book of Worship. (The Moravian Church and the Episcopal Church are in full communion with each other.) The **Eucharistic Prayer** is from **Enriching Our Worship**, a resource for the Episcopal Church's liturgy. The readings from Holy Scripture are from **Lectionary Year C** 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

"Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen"

Martin

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *(Please stand as able)*

"We Know that Christ is Raised"

Engelberg



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold,  
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life  
The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the church of God.  
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.  
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.  
The u - ni - verse, re - stored and whole, will sing:



Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## OPENING ACCLAMATIONS FOR EPIPHANY

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

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### "The First Song of Isaiah"

*Thomas Merton*



1 Sure-ly it is God\_ who saves me; trust-ing him, I shall not  
2 Make his deeds\_ known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed  
fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing  
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his  
help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with  
va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -  
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the  
liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

Jeremiah 17:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD: "Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. <sup>6</sup>They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. <sup>8</sup>They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. <sup>9</sup>The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse- who can understand it? <sup>10</sup>I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings."

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

## PSALM 1

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
**nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**  
<sup>2</sup>Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
**and they meditate on his law day and night.**  
<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that do not wither; \*  
**everything they do shall prosper.**  
<sup>4</sup>It is not so with the wicked; \*  
**they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**  
<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
**nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**  
<sup>6</sup>For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
**but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

## THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

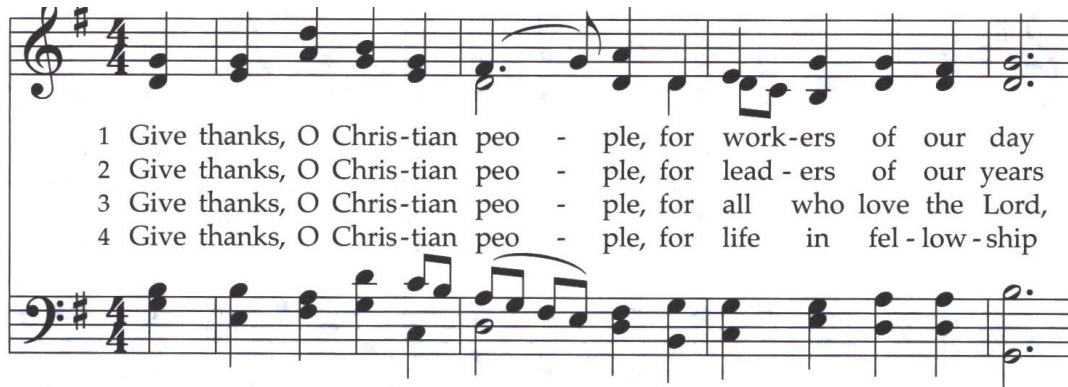
<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup>and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup>If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

GRADUAL HYMN (Please stand as able)

"Give Thanks, O Christian People"

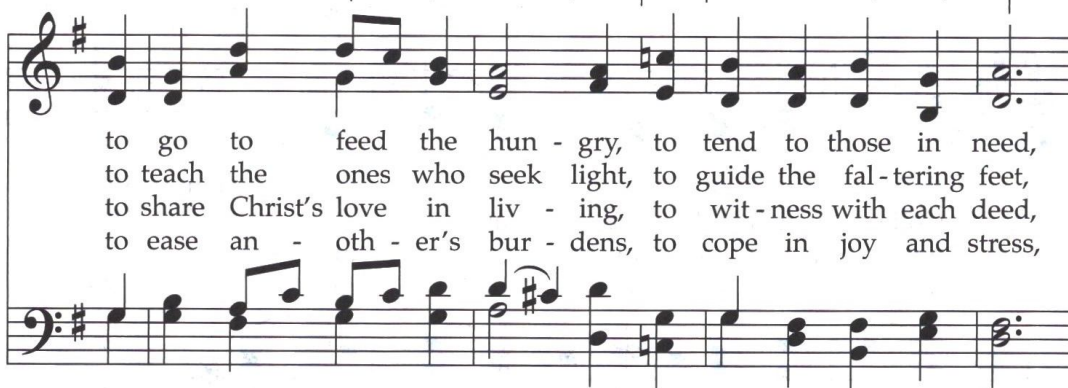
*Es Flog ein Kleine Waldvogelein*



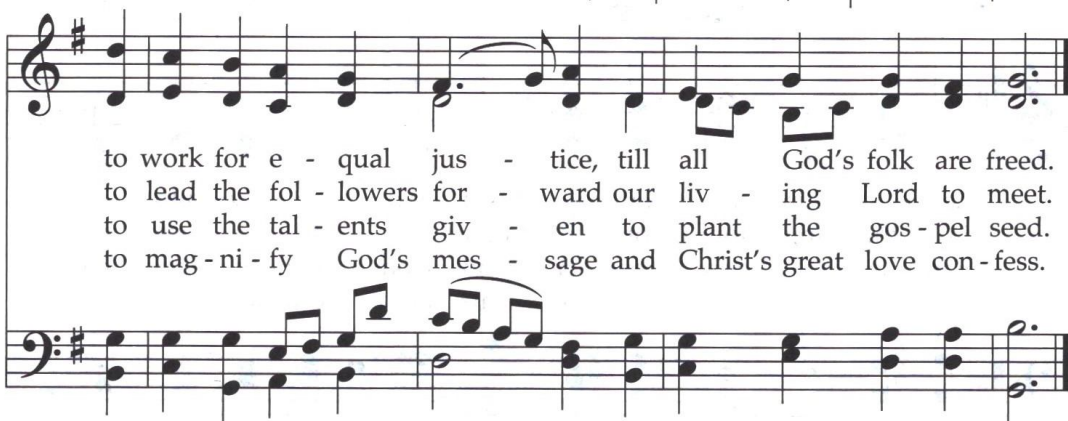
1 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for work-ers of our day  
2 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for lead - ers of our years  
3 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for all who love the Lord,  
4 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for life in fel - low - ship



who heed the call to ser - vice and make it their life's way  
who live to share with oth - ers our joy when Christ ap - pears,  
who live each day be - liev - ing in God's e - ter - nal Word:  
with all who trust our Sav - ior their serv - ing to e - quip:



to go to feed the hun - gry, to tend to those in need,  
to teach the ones who seek light, to guide the fal - tering feet,  
to share Christ's love in liv - ing, to wit - ness with each deed,  
to ease an - oth - er's bur - dens, to cope in joy and stress,



to work for e - qual jus - tice, till all God's folk are freed.  
to lead the fol - lowers for - ward our liv - ing Lord to meet.  
to use the tal - ents giv - en to plant the gos - pel seed.  
to mag - ni - fy God's mes - sage and Christ's great love con - fess.



## THE GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus] came down with [the twelve apostles,] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what

their ancestors did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup>"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of our Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

Rev. Steve Seibert

*(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 "God's Gonna Set This World on Fire"

*Hogan*

**PRESENTATION HYMN** (Please stand as able)

**"I've Got Peace Like a River"**

*Peace Like a River*

1 I've got peace like a riv - er; I've got peace like a  
2 I've got joy like a foun-tain; I've got joy like a  
3 I've got love like an o - cean; I've got love like an

riv - er; I've got peace like a riv - er, in my  
foun-tain; I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my  
o - cean; I've got love like an o - cean, in my

soul. I've got riv - er, in my soul.  
soul. I've got foun-tain, in my soul.  
soul. I've got o - cean, in my soul.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system contains the first three lines of lyrics. The second system contains the next three lines, with a first ending bracket above the vocal line. The third system contains the final three lines, with a second ending bracket above the vocal line. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.

## 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*

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

Schubert

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

## COMMUNION ANTHEM "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

### COMMUNION CHANT

### "Come to the Table of Grace"

*Table of Grace*

*(All sing together)*



- 1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the
- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...



ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's



not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

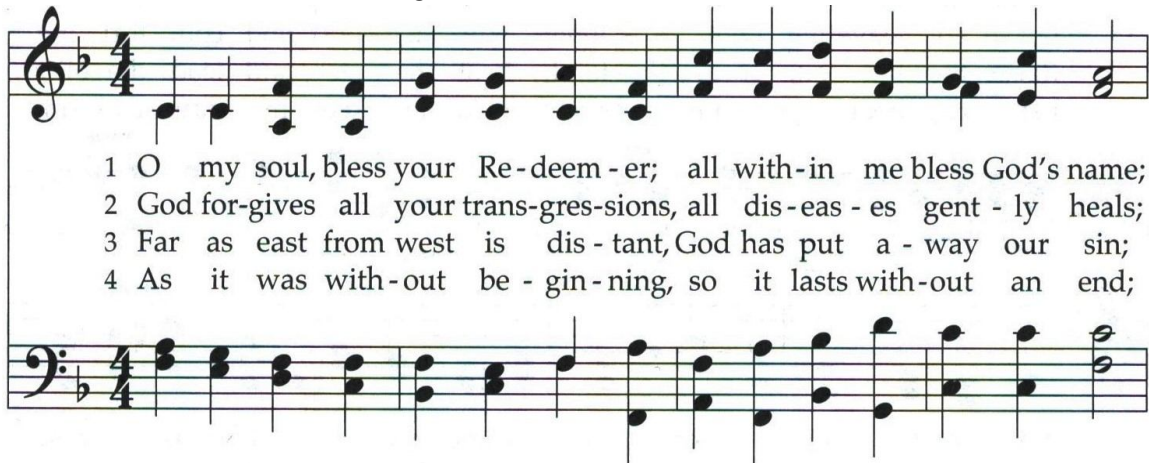
God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
In the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior, Amen.

## BLESSING

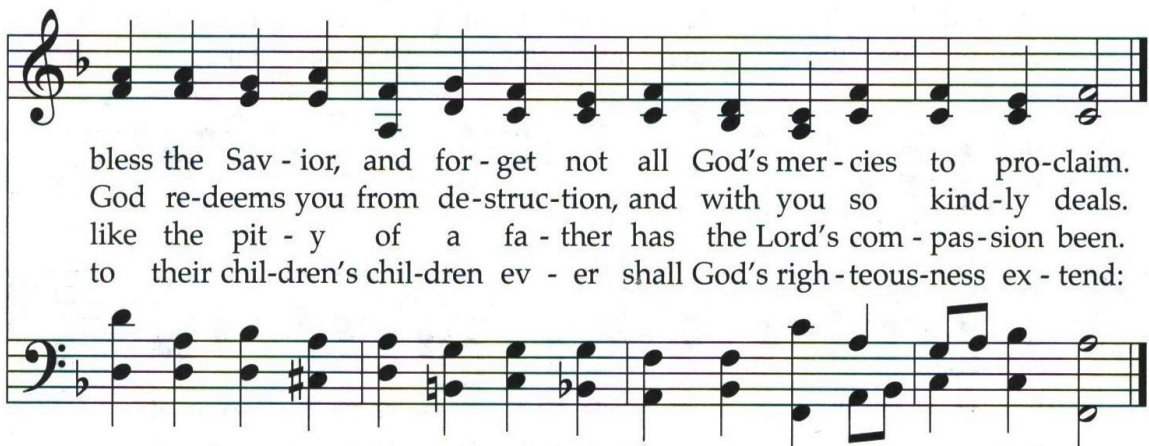
### PROCESSIONAL HYMN *(Please stand as able)*

#### "O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer"

*Stuttgart*



1 O my soul, bless your Re-deem-er; all with-in me bless God's name;  
2 God for-gives all your trans-gres-sions, all dis-eas-es gent-ly heals;  
3 Far as east from west is dis-tant, God has put a-way our sin;  
4 As it was with-out be-gin-ning, so it lasts with-out an end;



bless the Sav-ior, and for-get not all God's mer-cies to pro-claim.  
God re-deems you from de-struc-tion, and with you so kind-ly deals.  
like the pit-y of a fa-ther has the Lord's com-pas-sion been.  
to their chil-dren's chil-dren ev-er shall God's righ-teous-ness ex-tend:

## DISMISSAL

*Subdeacon* Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace, to love and serve God's world.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

#### "In Christ There is No East or West"

*arr. Martin*

## PRAYER FOR THE CALLING OF A RECTOR TO ST. CYPRIAN'S

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on St. Cyprian's, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. Bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Philip P. Caswell  
by Tommy and Katie Cash.

## St. Cyprian's Activities & Announcements

Vespers- Today! Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> 4pm  
Honoring America's Civil Rights Pilgrims and Pioneers  
Featuring Mama Blue!

Men's Night- Tuesday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

### Zoom Meetings

Aging Angels – Tuesdays at 10am  
Centering Prayer – Wednesdays at 4:30pm

### Prayer List

*We pray for those known to the people of St. Cyprian's who are ill or who have asked for our prayers:* Linda B., Bonnie Santos, Shirley Jones, RJ, Chase Alonso, Phil and Susan Murphree, Michelle, Jerry Pantelakis, Jim & Dana Clausner, Diane, Jane Schwab, Howard Katz, Heather, John Miller, Linda Kish, Steve Brown, Clivia Milburn, Jordan Sadie, Kevin Cash, Bill Schwab, Robert Timmons, Rebecca, Adele Anthony, Dave Lang, Joe Finnegan, Geordy Maish, 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.* Laurie & Eric, Joanne, Mildred Williams, Roger Toussaint, Kate Masters, Barbara & Fred Jaillet, Natasha McGee, Suzi Cameron, Suzanne Overton-O'Hara, Brenda & John Beal, Carol Steinhauss, The Morrissey Family, Mark Shine, Chip Wise, Mary Klunk, Dinetha Wilbur, Dee Beck, Sebastian Alawi, Mildred Oliver, Candy Overton, Kirby von Egidy, Jonathan Brunjef, Carole Prior, Ron, Jim, Tom, Chloe, Elena, Alan Turner, 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](mailto:stcyprianssteve@gmail.com). Please let us know when to take off someone's name.

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