

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 23, 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

"Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN *(Please stand as able)*

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Lobe den Herren

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant-ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

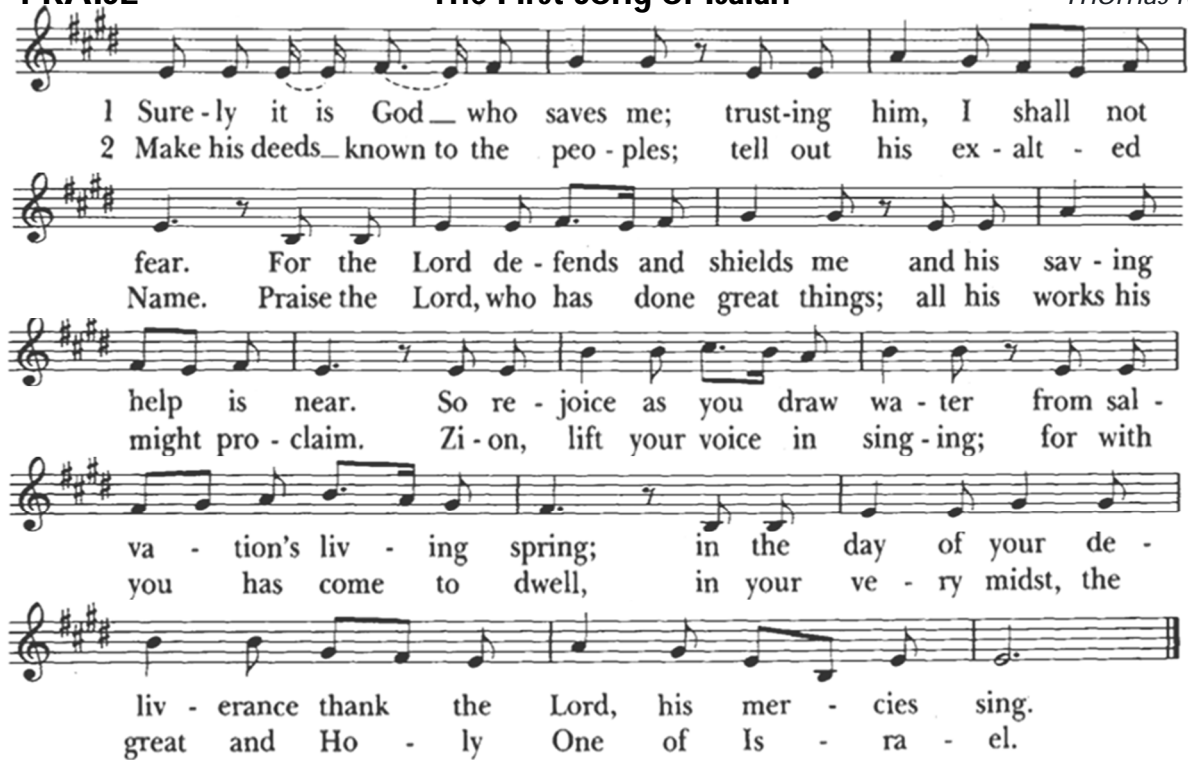
OPENING ACCLAMATIONS FOR EPIPHANY

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 - jice 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 Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

PSALM 37:1-12, 41-42

- ¹Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- ²For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
- ³Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
 dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- ⁴Take delight in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- ⁵Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- ⁶He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- ⁷Be still before the LORD *
and wait patiently for him.
- ⁸Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- ⁹Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- ¹⁰For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.
- ¹¹In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- ¹²But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- ⁴¹But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- ⁴²The LORD will help them and rescue them; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50


³⁵Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. ⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

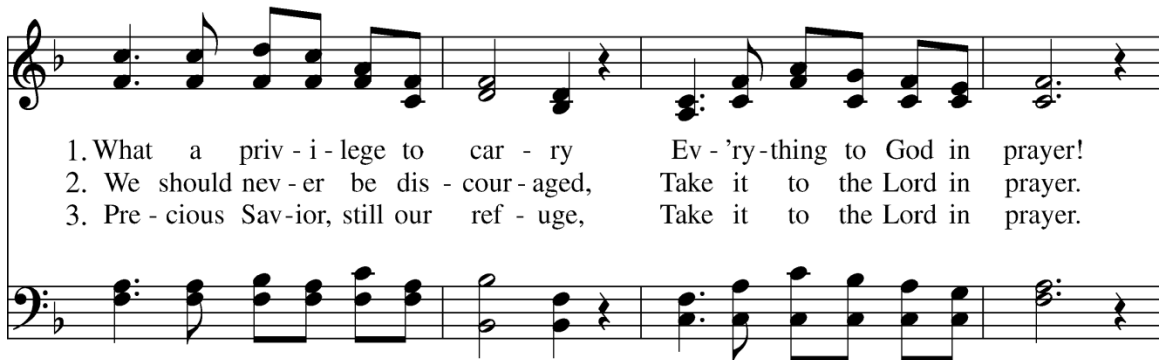
GRADUAL HYMN *(Please stand as able)*

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Converse



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum-bere'd with a load of care?



1. What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
2. We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need-less pain we bear,
2. Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
3. Do thy friends de-spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
2. Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. In his arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

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

Jesus said, ²⁷"I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Rev. Jerry LiaBraaten

(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 "Standin' in the Need of Prayer"

Cherwein

PRESENTATION HYMN (Please stand as able)

"For the Healing of the Nations"

St. Thomas

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness,

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant
People

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

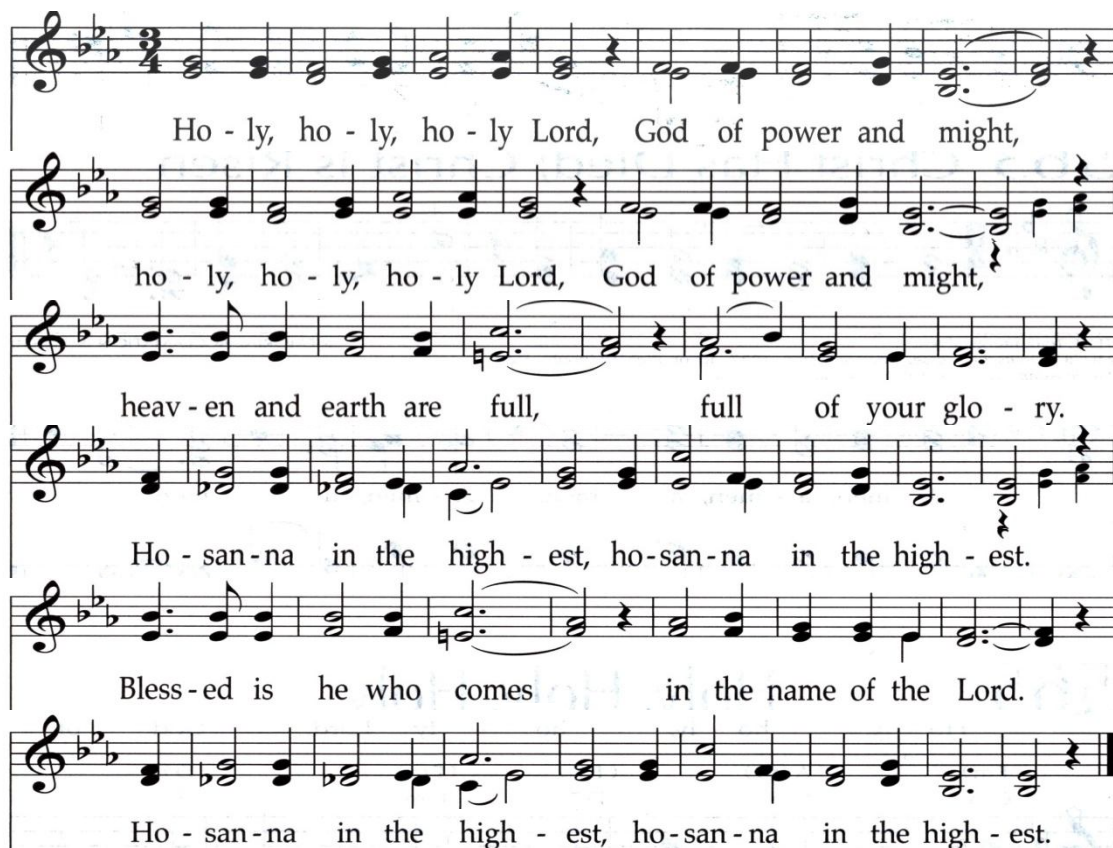
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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



The musical score is for the Sanctus by Franz Schubert. It is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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 name "Schubert" is written in the top right corner of the score.

Schubert

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 "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

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 God of Every Nation"

Llangloffen

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,
re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,
Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign
in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

DISMISSAL

Subdeacon
People

Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace, to love and serve God's world.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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 celebration of Martha Bailey's birthday and in memory of Donald Bailey Sr.
by Marcus Bailey.

St. Cyprian's Activities & Announcements

Men's Night- Tuesday, Feb. 25th at 4pm

Dining with Dignity- Tuesday Mar. 4th

Ash Wednesday Service- Mar. 5th 5:30pm

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. Please let us know when to take off someone's name.

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