

# The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 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 New Zealand Prayer Book. The **Eucharistic Prayer** is from the **Book of Common Prayer**. 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 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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *(Please stand as able)***"How Firm a Foundation"**

Foundation



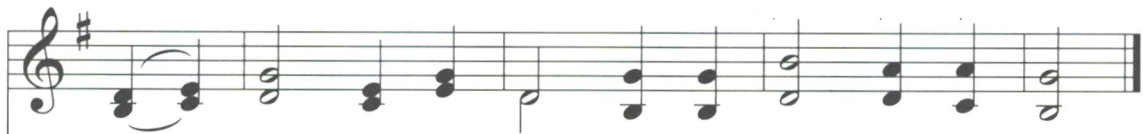
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,



is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

**A PENITENTIAL ORDER**

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* **God's mercy endures for ever.**

**THE DECALOGUE**

*Celebrant* Hear the commandments of God to his people:  
 I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.  
*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not make for yourself any idol.  
*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.  
*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.  
*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Honor your father and your mother.  
*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not commit murder.  
*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not commit adultery.  
*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not steal.  
*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not be a false witness.  
*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.  
*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.  
*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.”

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 126

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
**then were we like those who dream.**

<sup>2</sup>Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
**and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

<sup>3</sup>Then they said among the nations, \*  
**“The LORD has done great things for them.”**

<sup>4</sup>The LORD has done great things for us, \*  
**and we are glad indeed.**

<sup>5</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
**like the watercourses of the Negev.**

<sup>6</sup>Those who sowed with tears \*  
**will reap with songs of joy.**

<sup>7</sup>Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
**will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

## THE SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

<sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

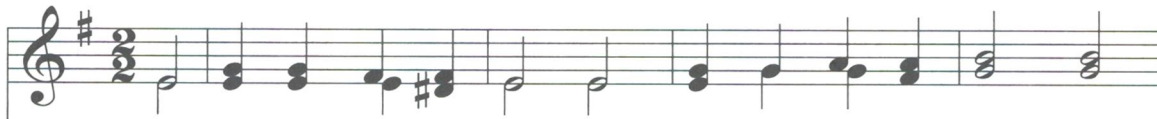
<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

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

### "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

Southwell



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin. From  
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, a - mid the bat - tle's strife. In  
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray. Through  
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when this life is past, I



earth-born pas - sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.  
all my pain and mis - er - y be thou my health and life.  
dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point thou the heaven - ly way.  
may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see, and share thy joy at last.

## THE GOSPEL

John 12:1-8

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

*Priest* The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Steve Seibert

*(A period of silence follows the sermon)*

## THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Please stand as able)*

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved  
your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
Who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
You are our God. We worship you.**

*(From the New Zealand Prayer Book)*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Leader* Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*(Silence)*

*People* Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*(Silence)*

*People* Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*(Silence)*

*People* Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*(Silence)*

*People* Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*(Silence)*

*People* Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*(Silence)*

*People* Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY "God So Loved the World"

*Stainer*

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

### "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

*St. Christopher*



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,  
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see  
3 I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;  
the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:  
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.  
the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

## 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*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Gracious God, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.



Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS

Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

### *The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the Mother and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### *Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

### *The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Gracious Father, now and for ever. **AMEN!**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*(From the New Zealand Prayer Book)*

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Agnus Dei*

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins  
of the world; have mer - cy on us,  
Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the prayer, the second staff the second line, and the third staff the third line. The music is simple and melodic, suitable for a church service.

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*  
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

**"They Crucified My Lord"**

## COMMUNION CHANT

**"Bless the Lord"**

*Taize*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is simple and melodic, suitable for a church service.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please stand as able)*

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

### "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

*Rathbun*



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the  
5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing



o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred  
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -  
love up - on my way, from the cross the ra - diance  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no  
o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred



sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.  
sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

### "By His Stripes We Are Healed"

*Moore*

## 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.

## St. Cyprian's Activities & Announcements

Women's Gathering- Tuesday Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>

Healing Service- Wednesday Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> 3pm

Knitting & Crochet Group- Thursday Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> 1pm

Stations of the Cross-Wednesdays 4pm

"Coming Back to Life" Lenten Small Group Gatherings

Sunday evenings at 6:00pm at a Host home, Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>-Apr. 13<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday afternoons at 3:00 pm at St. Cyprian's, Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>-Apr. 16<sup>th</sup>

### 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:*** Matt and Dolores, Kara, Lamar Kaleel, Ken, Adam Michalegko, Tommy Cash, Maryann Roberge, Jim Clausner, Jeff Cash, Mike Pennington, Peter Ziegler, Linda B., Bonnie Santos, Shirley Jones, RJ, Chase Alonso, Phil and Susan Murphree, Michelle, Jerry Pantelakis, Diane, Jane Schwab, Howard Katz, Heather, Steve Brown, Clivia Milburn, Jordan Sadie, Kevin Cash, Bill Schwab, Robert Timmons, Rebecca, Dave Lang, Joe Finnegan, Geordy Maish, Linda Larrimore, 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 Steinhaus, 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, Pam & Dick Sherry, Michael, Laurina, 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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