# Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024



# St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church

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.

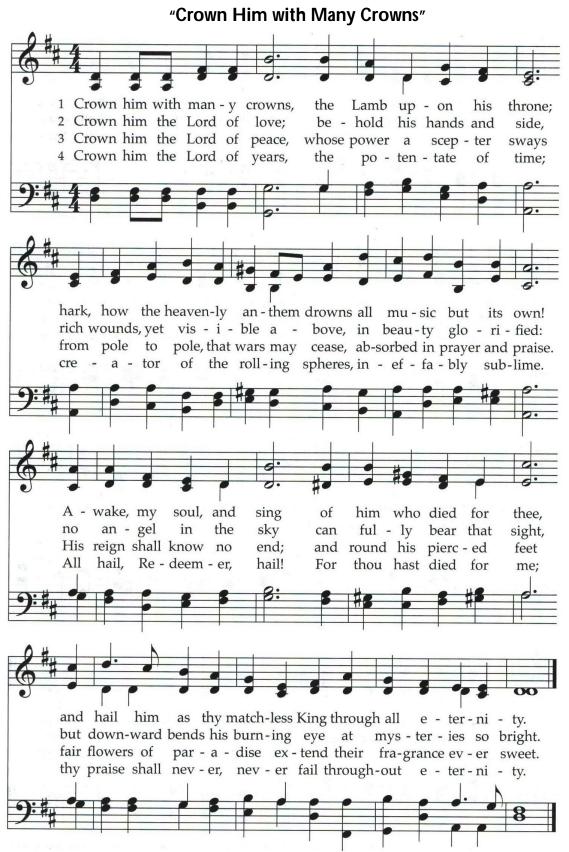
A Note about Communion – Our communion is bread and wine (by intinction). The celebrant will dip the bread in the chalice, placing it on your hand. If you do not wish to have the wine, simply let the celebrant know. Communion bread that is celiac safe gluten free is available. Ask for it when you come to receive. Those not wishing to receive may come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

#### PRELUDE

Rheinberger

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



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ is risen.PeopleThe 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.** 



# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.** 

# THE FIRST READING

#### Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

ReaderHear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.PeopleThanks 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

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. <sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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#### 1 John 5:9-13

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



Galilee

# THE GOSPEL

DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed, <sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

DeaconThe Gospel of our Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

(A period of silence follows the sermon)

# A DECLARATION OF FAITH

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 Rev. Steve Seibert

(Moravian Book of Worship)

# 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

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY	"How Can I Keep from Singing"	Arr. Donnelly
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#### **PRESENTATION HYMN** (Please stand as able)

"O Holy City Seen of John" Morning Song ho - ly cit - y, John, where Christ, the 1 O seen of while 2 O shame to who rest con - tent lust and us the cit - y 3 Give us, 0 God, the strength to build mind of that cit - y 4 Al - read - y in the God with - in whose four-square walls shall come no Lamb, does reign, street and shop and ten - e - ment wring greed for gain in dream; whose laws are love, whose that has stood too long a ris - es fair. how its chal-len - ges the Lo, splen - dor night, nor need, nor pain, and where the tears are gold from hu - man pain, bit ter lips in and ways are ser - vant - hood, and where the sun that that great - ly dare, bids souls and us seize the



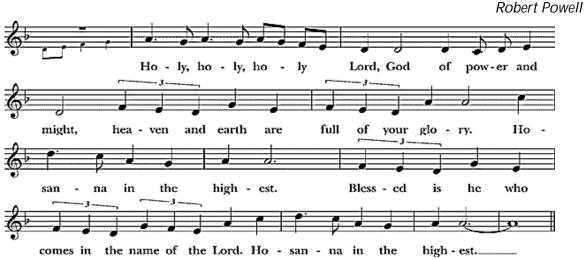
# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	<b>And also with you.</b>
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



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.

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 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

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

# "Hear My Prayer, O God"

"Alleluia"

Taize

# **COMMUNION CHANT**



## **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)



#### DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia!Alleluia!Let us go forth in the name of Christ.People:Thanks be to God.Alleluia!

# POSTLUDE

"Festive March"

Truro

#### The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God, in loving memory of her sweetie Robert Harris Jr. by Cathy Harris.

# St. Cyprian's Activities & Announcements

#### St. Cyprian's Membership Drive

As we are in the process of updating all of our church records, you may be contacted by a member of the Mission Board about becoming an "official" member. St. Cyprian's is moving forward from being a Mission Congregation to a Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Florida. Part of the application process requires us to have 100 "Confirmed communicants in good standing". In order to qualify you have to have been Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church by a Bishop and have your membership transferred to St. Cyprian's if you were Confirmed or Received in another Episcopal Church. This does not make you any more or less a part of the life of St. Cyprian's one way or another, we just can't count you towards are total if we don't have the proper paperwork. Our office has a simple form that we regularly send to people's previous churches call Holly or ask a Mission Board Member about it.

#### Men's Night- Tuesday May 28th at 4pm

## Romanza Events at St. Cyprian's

Two to Tango with Jonathan Dotson- Monday, May 13th at 6:30pm

Bring a chair and enjoy beautiful music on the Commons!

#### Community Drumming with Amber Hall- Tuesday, May 14th at 6pm

Amber specializes in delivering a fun, inclusive hands-on rhythm session– even if you have no skill on the drums. Bring a chair and your own drum, beans in a can – any kind of percussion instrument to join in the fun.

#### North Florida Saxophone Quartet- Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30pm

Their specialty is a mix of audience-friendly music, most specifically arranged for this ensemble. From Bach to Disney and far beyond, audiences find themselves totally engaged.

#### An Afternoon Visit with Elizabeth Randall, Author- Friday, May 17th at 3pm

In this presentation, Ms. Randall will focus on her true crime book Murder in St. Augustine, the mysterious death of Athalia Ponsell Lindsley. Although the crime occurred in 1974, it is still the subject of speculation and discussion locally. Come and get the true story of this unsolved St. Augustine murder!

#### Zoom Meetings

Aging Angels – Tuesdays at 10am Centering Prayer – Wednesdays at 4:30pm Racial & Social Justice Discussion Group – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: Adele Anthony, Dave Lang, Carter Lord, Anthony Altimari, Joe Finnegan, Dave Spaulding, Geordy Maish, Adam Stowers, Linda Larrimore, David Arena, Theo & Lily Pignataro, Lynelle & Family, Karen Honens, Domingo C., Lynn Timmons, Martha Bailey, Mignon Williams, Carrie C., 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 of St. Cyprians.

Mark Shine, Chip Wise, Mary Klunk, 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, Alan Turner, Sally Yocum, Isaac Katcher, Roger & Sandy Pinnicks, Susie, Bruce Cudworth, Traude, Pam & Dick Sherry, Michael, Laurna, Margaret, Sandy, Diane, Michael Kratz, Dick & Karin Jeter.

<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.