

St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church  
1242 W. Queen Street, Hampton, Virginia

**The Sunday of the Passion:  
Palm Sunday**

**Sunday, April 9, 2017**

8:30 a.m. (spoken)  
11:00 a.m. (choral music)

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
Sacrament of Healing*



The Very Rev. Dr. Ronald E. Ramsey  
Rector

Parish Office Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. ~ 9 am – 3 pm

*Please silence cell phones and other electronic devices  
before entering the Nave.*

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*~Weather permitting, the Liturgy of the Palms will be held outside~*

**The Liturgy of the Palms**

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A Reading from Matthew 21:1-11**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: “Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked,

“Who is this?” The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

### **The Blessing of the Palms**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our king, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Hosanna in the highest.**

### **The Distribution of Branches**

**PROCESSIONAL:** #154 “All glory laud, and honor to thee”

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday.

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People: His mercy endures forever.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

### **THE COLLECT**

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Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**THE LESSONS: Isaiah 50: 4-9a**

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 22:1 - 11**

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- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry and from the words  
of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not  
answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;  
\*  
you were my God when I was still in my  
mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.

**The Epistle: Philippians 2: 5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL HYMN:** (LEVAS) #35 "*O How He Loves You and Me*"

**The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Saint Matthew**  
**(Readers are asked to please stand; the congregation may be seated**  
**for the first part of the Passion.)**

**THE HOMILY**

The Rector

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For (**Michael**) our Presiding Bishop, and (**Holley**) our Bishop; **Ronald** our Rector and **Earl** our Deacon  
for all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; especially for **Cornelius, Tinea, Cora Mae, Cynthia, Minnie, Norma, Connie, Olive, Jeannette, Wilbert, Sylvester, Gwen, Crystal, Ron, Mary, Joyce, Brenda, Donna, Deacon Earl, Will IV, Vernell, and Jodie.**

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

### **Concluding Collect**

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Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we have asked in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

### **THE PEACE ~ Please stand**

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## **BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS**

### **WELCOME**

### **THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: TBA**

**The Holy Eucharist ~ Eucharistic Prayer C**

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The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*  
Lift up your hearts.  
*We lift them to the Lord.*

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of  
glory and praise.  
*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of  
interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,  
and this fragile earth, our island home.  
*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race,  
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us  
the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed  
your trust; and we turned against one another.  
*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets  
and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the  
fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to  
fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.  
*By his blood, he reconciled us.*  
*By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly  
chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all  
those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to  
proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*  
Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the

Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship,  
from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

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

### **The Lord's Prayer S119**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

**The Fraction Anthem** ~ (LEVAS) 270 ~ O Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

**Communion Hymns:** (LEVAS) #69 *"In the Garden"*  
(LEVAS) #70 *"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"*

### **THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:** #436 *"Lift up your heads"*

## THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**IN OUR CYCLES OF PRAYER:** The Rev. William Taylor, Jr. (Kathy)

**We Pray for Parishioners:** Cornelius Taylor, Mary Robinson, Tinea Savage-Otey, Cora Mae Reid, Cynthia Sutherland, Minnie Stiff, Minnie Bembry, Norma Pinkelton, Connie Daniels, Olive Ezell, Jeannette & Wilbert Lovett, Sylvester & Gwen Newsome, Crystal Diggs, Ron Minor, Joyce Lomax, Donna Davis, Jeffrey Corbin II, Will Canty IV, Vernell Walden, Charles “Butch” Badger, and Deacon Earl Christian.

**Friends & Family:** Clarence Savage, the Fred Avery, Jr. family, Loretta Ogden, Perry Greene, Lois Martin, Margaret Comegys, Bridget Canty, Clay Cane, Alexa Munoz, Leonard Alexander, Howard Durrah, Cheryl Maxson, Anthony Tabron, Doris Harris, Marcus Reid, Jeannie & Paul Saunders, Beverly Amaya, Lily Holloman, Allison Jordan, Greg & Patrina Newton, Kenneth Bullock, Peggy Winston, Dominique Jordan, the Rev. Martin Bolton, Helena Hawthorne, Tony Leroy Duncan, Carolyn Blissett, Florence Hubbard, Edith & Sana Harris, David Peacock, Jasen Fykes, Ron Durrah, James Hopkins, Theodosia Peacock (sister of Connie Daniels), Sylester Babb (sister of Dr. Minnie Stiff), Sophia McCloud (sister of Lucretia Clayton), Frances Batts, Shawna Harris Mathias (sister of Crystal Diggs), Joy Staton, Lisa Wietzel (Karen McAdoo), Laura James (co-worker’s wife of Lora Ham)

**We Pray for Those Serving in the Military:** *Michael Taylor, Jr.* (nephew of Cornelius A. Taylor, III); *LaToya Artis* (niece of Dr. Minnie Stiff); *Lt. Luke Carpenter, III* (grandson of Bill and Fannie Walls); *John “Holland” Watkins* (son of John & Maria Watkins) U.S.Navy, on-board the USS James E. Williams, PFC. Malik Leonard (*great-grandson of Vernell Walden*)

**We welcome all who are visiting today.** You are invited to sign our guest book in the narthex and to take with you one of the “Welcome” packets that are in the pew racks. Our hope is that you will find the information helpful. We look forward to your completing and returning

the card and leaflet section that are enclosed so that we can get to know you.

**Visitors** are cordially invited to join us in Randall Hall for coffee, refreshments and fellowship following both services. The 11 o'clock Coffee Hour is hosted by *Circle #2*.

**Electronic Giving** – Please visit our website in **May** to make electronic contributions to St. Cyprian's Church. You will see the contributions link on the Home Page. We hope that this option will make it easier for you to make regular contributions to the work of our parish and the mission of the Church of Christ.

**Evangelism Partners** – Our year of intentional evangelism has begun. In order for this evangelism emphasis to work, we must do at least three things: 1) Purchase the book entitled *101 Ways To Reach Your Community* by Steve Sjogren; 2) Choose an evangelism partner; and 3) Talk to your evangelism partner at least once per week about the ways your partnership and St. Cyprian's Church can reach our community using the ideas in this book as a starting point. What you discuss might grow directly from this book or it might be completely independent of the text. The source of the idea is not important. Our commitment to this process is what matters. With your prayers and intentional involvement, we will grow this parish and spread the Good News of the Gospel. **The Rector**

**Sign-up sheets** – Please look on the clipboard outside the Parish Office for sign up sheets for things listed in the bulletin. The coversheet says “*Announcements*”.

**The Lord's Prayer Study**- Continues **Sunday, April 23, 2017** at 9:45AM in Howard Chapel. This NEW informal study will focus on the meaning of the prayer in general, what it means to you, me and others in the Body of Christ. You will find it to be an open exchange of thoughts, humor (yes, humor) and personal theologies. This study will last 8 weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Darlene Jackson at 757-268-1626 (cell) or [md74jax@cox.net](mailto:md74jax@cox.net).

**Graduates** – Family members, please inform the Parish Administrator about those graduating from high school and beyond with a brief biography by **May 1, 2017**.

**UTO Ingathering** - will be held Sunday, **April 30<sup>th</sup>** during both services. Stephanie Kendall is the Coordinator.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study** – will begin on **Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm. The theme will be *The Third Person of the Trinity*. Deacon Earl Christian will lead this 12 week class exploring the activity of the Holy Spirit in our lives, in the Church, and in the world. Please take advantage of this opportunity to deepen your spiritual life.

**Donations Needed** – Please donate stuffed/unstuffed eggs, candy, and baskets for the *Annual Easter Egg Hunt*. Your help is needed to make this a special event for the children.

**Please order** an Easter lily for **\$12**. The sign-up sheet is located on the clipboard outside of the Parish Office. The last day to order will be TODAY, Palm Sunday, **April 9<sup>th</sup>**.

**Calling Volunteers** – Opportunities to host Coffee Hour in **2017** are available for those who would like to do so. This is a great opportunity for families, teams, or friends to join this ministry of Hospitality. See the schedule on the bulletin board outside of the Parish Office. Available months are *May, August, September, and December*.

**May Newsletter** – Please submit any announcements and/or information that you would like included in the newsletter by **April 19, 2017**. **Any information submitted after the deadline will be published in the June newsletter.** *Early monthly submissions are always welcome.*

**Bible Study**- is being held Wednesday, **April 26, 2017 at 11:00am**. All are welcome. Bible Study **will not** be held on April 12th or April 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM.

**Church Periodical Club** - Church Periodical Sunday will be held on Sunday, **May 7<sup>th</sup>** during both worship services. Dr. Minnie Stiff, MD is the Chairperson.

**Mission Trip to Ghana** - A mission trip to Ghana is being planned for July 17 – August 1, 2017. The Rev. Canon Frederick Walker, Rector of St. James and St. Mark's is the mission trip leader. If you are interested in this endeavor, please contact Canon Walker at [frederickwalker328@ymail.com](mailto:frederickwalker328@ymail.com).

**27th Annual Mary L. Mercy Scholarship Banquet** will be held, Sunday, **April 30**, at 3 p.m. at the Point Plaza Suite Hotel, 950 J. Clyde Morris Blvd. **Our own Mary H. Kelley** is one of this year's special honorees. Forms are on the hallway table if you would like to place a congratulatory ad for Mary in the souvenir program. The deadline for ads was **April 8th**. For banquet tickets (\$50.00), please see Jean Carnegie or Fannie J. Walls.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** 8:30 – Dorian Wilkerson  
11:00 – Darlene Jackson; Connie Daniels (P-P)

**LECTOR:** Jacinda Mason

**ACOLYTES:** 8:30 –DeLaine Headen  
11:00 – Lucretia Clayton, Jenise Blount, Simone Griffin

**ALTAR GUILD:** Delores Minor, Lucretia Clayton, Lora Ham,  
Eleanor Pritchett

**USHERS:** Connie McCullough, Regal Dubose

**GREETER:** Maria Watkins

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### Calendar for the Coming Week

Sun. Apr. 9th	8:30 AM & 11 AM	- H.E., Rite II –
<b>Palm Sunday</b>		
Wed. Apr. 12th	11 AM (CANCELED)	-Bible Study
Wed. Apr. 12th	7 PM	-Handbell Rehearsal
<b>Thur. Apr. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6 PM</b>	<b>-Seder Meal</b>
<b>Thur. Apr. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7 PM</b>	<b>-Maundy Thursday</b>
<b>Fri. Apr. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7 PM</b>	<b>-Good Friday</b>
Fri. Apr. 14th	11 AM	-Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sat. Apr. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>-EMB Class</b>
Sun. Apr. 16th	8:30 AM & 11 AM	-H.E., Rite II –
<b>Easter Sunday</b>		
<b>Sun. Apr. 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>-Easter Breakfast</b>
Sun. Apr. 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:45 AM	-Sunday School
<b>Sun. Apr. 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>-Easter Egg Hunt</b>

***BISHOP***

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The Rev. Earl R. Christian

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Phyllis Holland-James, *Director of Music Ministries*

Carlton R. Benson, *Sexton*

Kai Viney, *Parish Administrator*

***THE VESTRY***

Laura L. Manigault (2018) *Senior Warden*

Sam Ewell (2019) *Junior Warden*

Lora Ham (2017) *Register*

Renee Barnes (2017) Kimberly Canty (2017)

Jerome Sheppard (2017) Juanita Alexander (2018)

Renee Escoffery-Torres (2018) Cornelius A. Taylor, III (2018)

Fiona Powell (2019) Mary Tall Jackson (2019)

William Walls, Jr. (2019)

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*Saint Cyprian's Church is named after Cyprian, the first Bishop of Carthage, North Africa (248-258). He spoke for reconciliation of the Church with those who had denied their faith.*

*Cyprian was beheaded for refusing to worship pagan gods and deny Christianity.*

*Thus, he became a martyr of Christ's Church universal.*