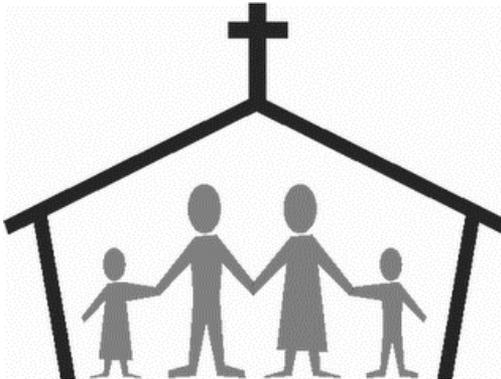


St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church
1242 W. Queen Street, Hampton, Virginia

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 16, 2017

8:30 a.m. (spoken)
10:00 a.m. (choral music)

3rd 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
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ORGAN PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL: “*Order My Steps*”

OPENING HYMN: #390 “*Praise to the Lord*”

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE 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 GLORIA~ (LEVAS) 243

Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name. Glory, Glory hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name. Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father: Lord God, Lamb of God. Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name. Glory, Glory hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name. You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of the Father. Glory, Glory hallelujah, Lord we praise your

Holy name. Glory, Glory hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS: Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he

swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm *119:105-112*

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- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.
- 106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.
- 107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your
word.
- 108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.
- 109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.
- 110 O The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your
commandments.
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
- 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.

The Epistle: Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those

who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL HYMN: #646 "*The King Of Love*" v. 1, 2

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

According to **Matthew 13:1-9**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rector

THE NICENE CREED

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM IV BCP p.388

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN BCP p. 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 your Son 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.

THE ABSOLUTION

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**

THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

WELCOME

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: (LEVAS) #184 *“Blessed Assurance”*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST~ Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p361-363

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.

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

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:

Celebrant and People ~ (The Sanctus – LEVAS 253)

**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 people stand or kneel

Holy and gracious Father: 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 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 God 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, 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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

(LEVAS 263)

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. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

The Fraction Anthem ~ (LEVAS) 270 ~ 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) #148 “*I’m a Going to Eat at the Welcome Table*”

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: #671 “*Amazing grace!*”

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

IN OUR CYCLE OF PRAYER: The Rev. Ross Wright (Lynda)

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, Donna Davis, 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, 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, Laura James (co-worker's wife of Lora Ham), Atlana West (sister of Dr. Minnie Stiff)

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 enclosed card and leaflet section so 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 10 o'clock Coffee Hour is hosted by *Circle #2*.

Altar Flowers today were given to the glory of God by **Jerome & Julyn Sheppard** in memory of *Dad and grandmother*.

Summer Worship hours began on Sunday, **June 18th**. Worship times will be 8:30 AM & 10 AM until **September 10th**.

Bible Study- is being held Wednesday, **July 19, 2017 at 11:00am**. We will continue our exploration of the Synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke. All are welcome.

Dine & Donate - St. Cyprian's E.C.W. will host a Fundraiser at Jason's Deli on Coliseum Drive (Food Lion Shopping Center) on Thursday, **July 20, 2017**. The event is any time between 5 p.m. and 10p.m. When you order at the counter, please tell the cashier that you are "**fundraising**" and our E.C.W. will be sent a check for 15% of the total fundraising receipts. Take-out orders apply also. No flier is needed for Jason's. **If we do not get 20 RSVP's by July 17, our event will be cancelled. But if you do not get a chance to RSVP, please still come!!!** Here is the link so that you can RSVP: <https://www.groupraise.com/events/32892> Then

scroll down and click "Commit to Eat". Once you do that, you can RSVP for yourself and up to 2 other people. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Darlene Jackson or Jean Carnegie who are members of the E.C.W.'s Fundraising Committee. The E.C.W. looks forward to your support. Remember to say "fundraising" when you order, so that we can receive the 15%. ~Submitted by Darlene Jackson & Jean Carnegie

Electronic Giving:

On-Line giving is now available on our Church website!

1. Click the green Online Giving icon on the Home page.
2. You will be directed to TITHE.LY which is a **secure website** for all of our giving transactions.
3. Create an account.
4. Find a church: Type in St. Cyprian's at the top of the page and be sure to click the arrow at the right of the church name.
5. Enter your information and follow the prompts to make a contribution.
6. You will receive an e-mail and receipt almost immediately.
7. You can also download the free tithe.ly app on your smart phones!

If anyone needs help during the process, you can open a new tab/window and go to <http://get.tithe.ly/contact/>. There you will find a Support tab, a HELP button and a FAQ tab.

We hope this new opportunity will increase your options for making contributions to the important work of the life of our parish.

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

Calendar for the Coming Week

Sun. July 16 th	8:30 AM & 10 AM	-H.E., Rite II
Wed. July 19 th	11 AM	-Bible Study
Thur. July 20th	5 PM – 10 PM	-ECW Dine & Donate
Sun. July 23 rd	8:30 AM & 10 AM	- H.E., Rite II (H.E.L.P)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 8:30 – Dorian Wilkerson
10:00 – Olive Ezell

LECTOR: Audrey Cobb

ACOLYTES: 8:30 – Renee Escoffery-Torres

10:00 – Lindsey Jones, Lauren Jones, Billy Walls

ALTAR GUILD: Fannie Walls, Deborah Davis, Stacey Hester

USHERS: 8:30 – *Henry Russell, L.C. Wyatt, Alberta Reid, Barbara Ward*
10:00 – Connie McCullough, Regal Dubose

GREETER: Connie Daniels

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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.