

St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

10 a.m.

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MORNING PRAYER, RITE TWO

PROCESSIONAL

~ “*Every Praise*”

OPENING SENTENCE: RITE II

BCP p. 77

The people standing, the Officiant says

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord
Jesus Christ. ~ **1 Corinthians 15:57**

The following Confession of Sin may then be said.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP p. 79

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**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.***

A deacon or lay person using the preceding form remains kneeling, and substitutes “us” for “you” and “our” for “your.” and says

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

THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

BCP p. 80

All stand

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: ***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

People ~ In Unison

VENITE *Psalm 95:1-7*

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Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Then follows

Please be seated.

The Psalm is read responsively by half verse, breaking at the asterisk. Officiant will read up to the asterisk of each verse, and the congregation will respond with the other half of the verse.

PSALM 148

Laudate Dominum

BCP p. 805

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;

- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth
and heaven.
14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his
loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

THE LESSONS

A Reading from

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit

told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."(NRSV)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Read responsively by half verse

A Song of Praise

Benedictus es, Domine

BCP p. 90

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *

you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *

on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *

in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

THE EPISTLE: Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life." (NRSV)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Officiant and People together

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

BCP p. 94

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

THE GRADUAL HYMN (LEVAS # 157)
~ “We Praise Thee, O God”

A reading from the Gospel according to

HOLY GOSPEL - John 13:31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”
(NRSV)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON HYMN (LEVAS # 62)
~ “In Christ There Is No East or West”

SERMON **The Rev. Eric Robinson**

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing

THE APOSTLES’ CREED **BCP p. 96**

Officiant and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

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Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**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,

**and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Then follows one of these sets of Suffrage

A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your ways be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP p. 225

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

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O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely

trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

A COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

BCP. p. 100

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Then, unless the Eucharist or a form of general intercession is to follow, one of these prayers for mission is added

THE COLLECT FOR MISSION

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Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen*.

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.

KNEELING HYMN (HYMNAL # 304)

~ “ *I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord* ”

THE PEACE

All Stand. The Officiant says to the people

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

People: *And also with you.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP p. 376

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. ~ *Ephesians 5:2*

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM (LEVAS # 10)

~ “Oh! What A Beautiful City”

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND DOXOLOGY HYMN

(All Stand) ~ (HYMNAL # 380 v 3)

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of money or other gifts, to the deacon or officiant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Officiant and People

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP p. 101

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Christ our Lord,
to whom Jesus, with the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN (*HYMNAL # 522*)

~ “*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*”

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

~ **2 Corinthians 13:14**

CHORAL BENEDICTION ~ “*Let the Church Say Amen*”

THE POSTLUDE



CHURCH ATTENDANCE THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025 10 a.m.

Present – 39
Communion – 39
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THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER OF EASTER

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

10 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister – Dorian Wilkerson

Acolyte – Chloe Barnes

Altar Guild – Stacey Hester; Fannie J. Walls

Ushers – Lucretia Clayton; Marshal Jackson; John Watkins

Webmaster & Audio Visual Technician – Mark Farquharson

Trustees – Stanley Carnegie; Gail B. Jones; Lucius Wyatt

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/4	Charles Wynder, Sr.
5/4	Chloe Elizabeth Barnes
5/5	Janae Hester
5/12	Lora Ham
5/15	Rose Sintim
5/17	Emma Christine Angus
5/17	Clayton Winston
5/24	Stacey Hester
5/24	Artreece Tall Gayle
5/29	Steve Ham

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5/18	Sherwin & Yolanda Angus
5/23	Henry & Angela Russell
5/24	Joy & Alex Strawn
5/25	Earl & Stacey Hester

If your birthday or anniversary was omitted from the January listing, please let us know by calling the Church at (757) 723-8253.

NOTES

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The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes, Diocesan Bishop

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Worship Services and Times

Sundays

10 a.m.

The Staff

Phyllis Holland-James, Director of Music Ministries

TBA, Sexton

Bettie J. Swain, Parish Administrator

The Vestry

(Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month – 12 p.m.)

Mary T. Jackson (2025,) Senior Warden

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Lisa Barnes (2027), Register

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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.