

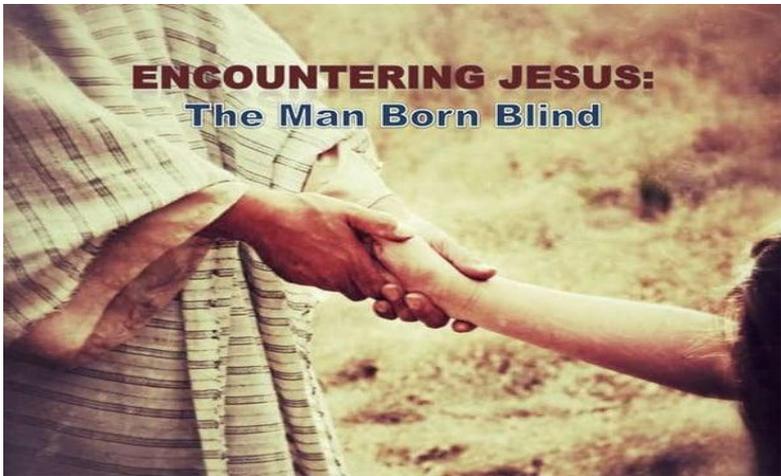
St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

10 a. m.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
10 a.m.

PROCESSIONAL ~ (*Silent*)

A PENITENTIAL ORDER: RITE TWO

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: ***His mercy endures for ever.***

The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences

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Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our 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 other commandment greater than these.” ~ ***Mark 12: 29-31***

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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 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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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.*

When this Order is used at the beginning of the Liturgy, the service continues with the Gloria in excelsis, the Kyrie eleison, or the Trisagion.

The Kyrie S91

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Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

The COLLECT

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Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel

did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah. (NRSV)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

Dominus regit me

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1 The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall

fear no evil; *

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

THE EPISTLE: Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you.” (*NRSV*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

THE GRADUAL HYMN/HYMN OF THE MONTH

(*HYMNAL # 142*) ~ “*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*”

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ***John 9:1-41***

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in

him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to

him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.” (NRSV)

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON HYMN (WLP #756) ~ “Lead Me, Guide Me”

THE SERMON

THE PRIEST

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 FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

Prayers will be said by all during the Lenten Season.

Thank you Lord, for being a loving and gracious God. Thank you for offering forgiveness, thank you for the gift of new life in you, and thank you for your perfect love that never fails.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Lord, I ask that you change the hearts of the leaders who believe war is the best way to get things done their way. It only hurts those who just want to live a peaceful life. I pray that my life will be filled with the power of your overflowing love. Through your love, help me to make a small difference in this world.

In Jesus' name, Amen

For those who are ill, heal them from the top of their head to the bottom of their feet. Help them to know that you are always with them.

In Jesus' name, Amen

Heavenly Father thank you for being a part of my life. You give me strength, love courage and peace. When I am weary, sad or frightened I know that you are here. Help me receive the joy and fullness you long to give.

In Jesus' name, Amen

Lord Jesus, I pray for my love ones, my church family, friends and for me, too. Gant us peace, love and understanding. Protect us from the evils of this world. Guide our paths and help us make right decisions-choices that lead us where you want us to be. I pray for healing mercies, strength, energy and blessings. Give peace for each of us, knowing that God is in control.

In Jesus' name, Amen

Thank you for last night's sleep and getting me up this morning. I don't know your plan for me today, but I'm going ask you to hold my hand when we walk through this day. Thank you for all the blessings you've given me through the years. I will thank you more often.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Prayer for the sick will be led by Eucharistic Minister

We pray for those who are sick and those who may be suffering, especially, *Juanita Alexander, Ardelle Anderson, Daisy Bell, Jeffery Corbin II, Keri Corbin, Sandra Corbin, Crystal Diggs Gray, Patricia Dixon, Regal DuBose, Lorraine Edwards (aunt of Crystal Diggs Gray), Samuel E. Ewell, Jr., Olivia Ghanem (mother of Fr. Sintim), Gene Harden, Betty Lewis, Marc Miller, Delores Minor, Ron Minor, Gwendolyn Newsome, Shane Otey, Eleanor Pritchett, Alberta Reid, Angela J. Russell, Henry P. Russell, Jr., Barbara Savage, Minnie Stiff, Vernell Walden, Wayne Walden, John Watkins, Sr., Bernice Wilson, Lucius Wyatt, and Samantha B. B. Burney.*

In Jesus' name, Amen

We pray for the continued comfort of Olive's family.

In Jesus' name, Amen

People may add their own petitions.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

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Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE ~ *Please stand.*

The Celebrant says to the people

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

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (*To be said by all*)

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

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM (HYMNAL # 143)

~ “*You Who Dwell in the Shelt of the Lord*”

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 celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Celebrant 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

Celebrant: We pray, brethren, that your sacrifice and mine may be acceptable by the Lord Almighty.

People: ***May the Lord receive our sacrifice both for our benefit and that of his holy Church.***

THE HOLY EUCHARIST~ Eucharistic Prayer C BCP p. 369

In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.

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 him thanks and praise.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 (The Sanctus)

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**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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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.”

Celebrant ~ “Father, We Adore Thee”

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.”

People ~ “Jesus, We Adore You; Spirit, We Adore You”

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,

People and Celebrant

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**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

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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Celebrant and People

**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.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

(All baptized Christians are invited to receive the bread and wine. To receive, please come to the altar rail; kneel or stand with hands outstretched to receive the bread. Then decide whether to receive the wine by dipping the bread or drinking from the large common cup.)

COMMUNION HYMN (HYMNAL # 321)

~ “*My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread*”

PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

(*LEVAS # 158*) ~ “*Make Me a Blessing*”

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Silent Processional

THE POSTLUDE



CHURCH ATTENDANCE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT- MARCH 8, 2026

Present – 38
Communion – 38
YouTube – 10

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT- LITURGICAL SERVERS March 8, 2026 - 10 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister – Dorian Wilkerson
Altar Guild – Stacey Hester; Fannie J. Walls
Acolyte – Lucretia Clayton; Tamyah Smith
Ushers – Lucretia Clayton; Marshal Jackson; John Watkins
Webmaster & Audio Visual Technician – Mark Farquharson
Trustees – Stanley Carnegie; Gail B. Jones; Lucius Wyatt

MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

- 3/2 Marilyn Outlaw Evans
- 3/3 William Walls Sr.
- 3/4 Dorian Moore
- 3/8 Fay Winston
- 3/12 Karen McAdoo
- 3/13 Alexis Canty
- 3/14 John "Holland" Watkins, Jr.
- 3/15 Phyllis Holland-James
- 3/22 Barbara Savage
- 3/24 Simone Griffin
- 3/27 Gwendolyn Newsome
- 3/29 Joy Maria Watkins

ANNIVERSARIES

None



CELEBRATING MARCH 2026 BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES







ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING IN THE WEEK AHEAD...

Sun.	Mar. 15th	9 a.m.	Bible Study
Sun.	Mar. 15th	10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II-<i>YouTube</i>
Sun.	Mar. 15th		Rev. Hector K. Sintim, Preacher
Sun.	Mar. 15 th		Stewardship Sunday
Sun.	Mar. 15 th	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Communion Pick-up
Wed.	Mar. 18 th	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Communion Pick-up
Wed.	Mar. 18th	12 p.m.	Noonday Prayer
Wed.	Mar. 18th	5 p.m.	Lenten Service/St. John's
Thur.	Mar. 18 th	11 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thur.	Mar. 18th	12 p.m.	Bible Study
Thur.	Mar. 18 th	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Communion Pick-up
Thur.	Mar. 18 th	1 p.m.- 7 p.m.	Hampton Police Training
Sun.	Mar. 22nd	9 a.m.	Bible Study
Sun.	Mar. 22nd	10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II-<i>YouTube</i>
Sun.	Mar. 22nd		Rev. Hector K. Sintim, Preacher
Sun.	Mar. 22 nd		Testimonial Sunday/ <i>H.E.L.P.</i> Sunday
Sun.	Mar. 22 nd	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Communion Pick-up
Wed.	Mar. 25 th	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Communion Pick-up
Wed.	Mar. 25th	12 p.m.	Noonday Prayer
Thur.	Mar. 26 th	11 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thur.	Mar. 26th	12 p.m.	Bible Study
Thur.	Mar. 26 th	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Communion Pick-up
Fri.	Mar. 27 th	6:30 p.m.	Healing Service
Sun.	Mar. 29th	10 a.m.	Palm Sunday/Passion Narrative

IN OUR CYCLES OF PRAYER:



We Pray for Our Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes

We Pray for Our Ministry for Postulancy: Cornelia Taylor

We Pray for Parishioners:

Juanita Alexander, Ardelle Anderson, Daisy Bell, Jeffery Corbin II, Keri Corbin, Sandra Corbin, Crystal Diggs Gray, Patricia Dixon, Regal DuBose, Lorraine Edwards (*aunt of Crystal Diggs Gray*), Samuel E. Ewell, Jr., Olivia Ghanem (*mother of Fr. Sintim*), Gene Harden, Betty Lewis, Marc Miller, Delores Minor, Ron Minor, Gwendolyn Newsome, Shane Otey, Eleanor Pritchett, Alberta Reid, Angela J. Russell, Henry P. Russell, Jr., Barbara Savage, Minnie Stiff, Vernell Walden, Wayne Walden, John Watkins, Sr., Bernice Wilson, Lucius Wyatt, and Samantha B. B. Burney

We Pray for Friends and Family:

Derrick Edmonds, Lois Martin, Margaret Comegys, Clay Cane, Alexa Munoz, Cheryl Maxson, Doris Harris, Marcus Reid, Jeannie & Paul Saunders, Beverly Amaya, Lily Holloman, Allison Jordan, Greg & Patrina Newton, Kenneth Bullock, Peggy Winston, Dominique Jordan, Tony Leroy Duncan, Edith & Sana Harris, Jasen Fykes (*grandson of Eleanor Pritchett*), Sophia & Wendell McCloud (*sister and brother-in-law of Lucretia Clayton*), Shawna Mathias (*sister of Crystal Diggs*), Joy Staton, Christine Calhoun, Jeffrey Peele, Oliver Christian (*brother of The Rev. Earl R. Christian*), Howard Moore (*brother of Lucretia Clayton*), Philip Whitaker (*brother of Crystal Diggs*), Tyrone Comegys, Russell Rhorer (*brother-in-law of Samuel Ewell, Jr.*), Evita Ogden (*niece of Alberta Reid*), Phillip Wilson, William & Margaret Boyd (*nephew of Gwendolyn Newsome*), Barry Lockett (*neighbor of Lora & Steve Ham*), Yvonne Hargrove (*sister of Stephen Ham {Lora}*), Betty Rivera (*neighbor of Lora & Stephen Ham*), Nettie Smiley (*friend of Portia Goode-Herd*), Julyn Sheppard (*wife of the late Jerome Sheppard*), Doris Powell, Jaden Cooper (*nephew of Crystal Diggs*)

Gray), Jill & Mike Wojcik (*neighbor of Gwendolyn Newsome*), Thomas Dru Montague (*grandson of DeLaine Headen*), Claire Martine (*sister of Gwendolyn Newsome and aunt of Sharon and Sylvester Newsome Jr.*), and Lorean Hester (*mother of Earl Hester*)

We Pray for Those Serving in the Military:

LaToya Artis (*niece of Dr. Minnie Stiff*); Major Luke Carpenter, III (*grandson of Bill and Fannie Walls*), U.S. Marine Corps; John “Holland” Watkins (*son of John & Maria Watkins*), U.S. Navy; and LT. Joy Maria Watkins (*daughter of John & Maria Watkins*), U.S. Coast Guard

We Pray for The Departed:

We pray for the blessed repose of the soul of ***Olive Ezell*** whose Memorial Service was held on **Saturday, March 12, 2026** at St. Cyprian’s. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers during this difficult time.

Eternal rest, grant unto Olive O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Live-Streaming – We welcome all who visit us online by *YouTube*. Our service is live streamed each Sunday at 10 a.m. If you missed a service or just want to hear it again, recordings of our worship services are on our *YouTube* channel. To access the *YouTube* channel, click on the link: <http://www.stecyprianshamptonva.org>.

For Our Homebound – If you are not able to worship in person for any reason and would like to receive communion and healing prayer, please contact Rev. Dr. Hector Sintim by cell at 757-690-6739 or email him directly at revsintim@hotmail.com. You may also call the church office at (757) 723-8253 to schedule a visit.

Birthdays and Anniversaries – Each Sunday we pause during our service to offer prayers of blessing for all those celebrating a birthday or a wedding anniversary during the month. If you are celebrating this month, please join us during our Sunday morning

worship service at 10 a.m. so that we can add to your celebration by giving you a special blessing.

Ministry Opportunities – Volunteers of all ages are welcome to participate in the Sunday morning worship service. Opportunities include serving as Eucharistic Minister, Lay Reader, Greeter/Usher, or Acolyte. Reach out to Lucretia Clayton or Fr. Sintim for more information. Thank you. ~ *Fr. Sintim*

Sunday Prayer for Healing and Strength – Everyone is welcome to join us for a special time of communal prayer following Sunday morning worship in Howard Chapel. This gathering offers an opportunity to seek healing, peace, and renewed strength, whether you are dealing with health concerns, emotional struggles, or looking for spiritual support. We invite members, friends, and neighbors from our community to experience the comfort and restoration that prayer can bring. Let us unite to share our burdens, discover peace, and renew our faith together. ~ *Fr. Sintim*

From the Music Ministry – The Procession and Dismissal will be silent, in observance of the Lenten Season, which recognizes the forty days and nights spent in the wilderness by Jesus Christ. We invite you to use this time for personal reflection. ~ *Phyllis Holland-James, Director of Music Ministries*

Calling For Bibles – We are seeking to replenish our collection of church Bibles for use during Bible Study sessions and Sunday readings. If you have additional Bibles at home that you wish to donate, please bring them to the church on Sunday or drop them off during our regular office hours. Thank you. ~ *Fr. Sintim*

Easter Lilies – Help beautify St. Cyprian's at Easter! Our sanctuary will be adorned with traditional lilies on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026. If you would like to purchase one, please complete the Sign-up Order Sheet that is located on the front hallway table outside of the Parish Office. The cost is \$20 per Easter lily and the deadline is **Sunday, March 29th**. ~ *Eleanor Pritchett*

Year-End Contribution Statements – The Treasury Team has printed out parishioners 2025 Contribution Statements, which you may need for taxes. These statements are located in the box on the table in the narthex. End-of-year contribution statements may also be picked up during the week during our regular Parish Office hours.

Fall Bazaar Planning Committee – Calling on all artist, crafters, bakers, homemade jam makers, Christmas collectors, etc. We need your talent and support to make the Fall Bazaar successful. This event brings back so many special memories for all of us and now it's our turn to make new memories. It takes a village to pull-off this event, so please take the time to sign up. The sign-up sheets are located on the table in front of the church office. For shut-ins that would like to offer their talents/support, please call the church office to relay how you want to help. ~ *Lora Ham*

Our Daily Bread Devotionals – The latest issue of the popular daily devotional, Our Daily Bread, is available on the front hallway table for pick-up during the church's regular office hours. This edition covers March, April and May. For those looking for a spiritual way to observe the season of Lent, consider picking up a copy.

Thank You for Your Support – Thanks to all who made a contribution or submitted their pledge. If you have not done so, we are still accepting your pledge or gift by **mail** or **electronic giving**.

- **Giving By Mail** – You may mail your financial contribution to the church address-**1242 West Queen Street, Hampton, VA 23669** or **P. O. Box 65, Hampton, VA 23669**.
- **Electronic Giving** – Please visit our website to make electronic contributions to St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church.
- **Donations/Contributions** – If you are not a member of St. Cyprian's but would like to make a **contribution** to the church, please know how grateful we are. You can also make a contribution online. Visit our home page and click on the green *GIVE* button. Create your account and log in to enter your information. Whether you choose to make a recurring

contribution or a one-time gift, we thank you for your generosity and faithful support of this parish.

Racial Healing Workshop – Specific individual and groups within the diocese recommended to participate in the Racial Healing Workshops. Those individuals and groups include search committees, vestries and leadership boards (Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, Executive Board, among others), diocesan staff, church staff, and clergy.

- Sat., April 18, 2026, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m./Galilee Virginia Beach
- Sat., May 16, 2026, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m./ St. Andrew’s Lawrenceville
- Sat., May 30, 2026, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m./St. Thomas Chesapeake
- Sat., June 27, 2026, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m./Christ & Grace Petersburg
- Sat., Aug. 1, 2026, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m./Epiphany Danville
- Sat., Aug. 29, 2026, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. /Bruton Parish Williamsburg
- Sat., Sept. 26, 2026, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m./Good Shepherd Norfolk
- Sat., Oct. 3, 2026, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. /Hungars Bridgetown
- Sat., Nov.14, 2026, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m./Emmanuel Virginia Beach



Safe Church Training – Specialized Training is offered for vestry members, clergy, and church staff. To register for a workshop session, visit the Diocesan website.

- Sat., March 21, 2026, 9 a.m.-3 p.m./Bruton Parish Williamsburg
- Sat., May 9, 2026, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Christ Church Danville
- Sat., June 13, 2026, 9 a.m.-3 p.m./Emmanuel Virginia Beach
- Sat., July 11, 2026, 9 a.m.-3 p.m./St. Barnabas North Chesterfield
- Sat., Aug. 22, 2026, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Sun., Aug. 23, 2026, 1-4:30 p.m. via Zoom
- Sat., Sept.12, 2026, 9 a.m.-3 p.m./Christ Church Amelia
- Sat., Sept.19, 2026, 9 a.m.-3 p.m./Epiphany Norfolk

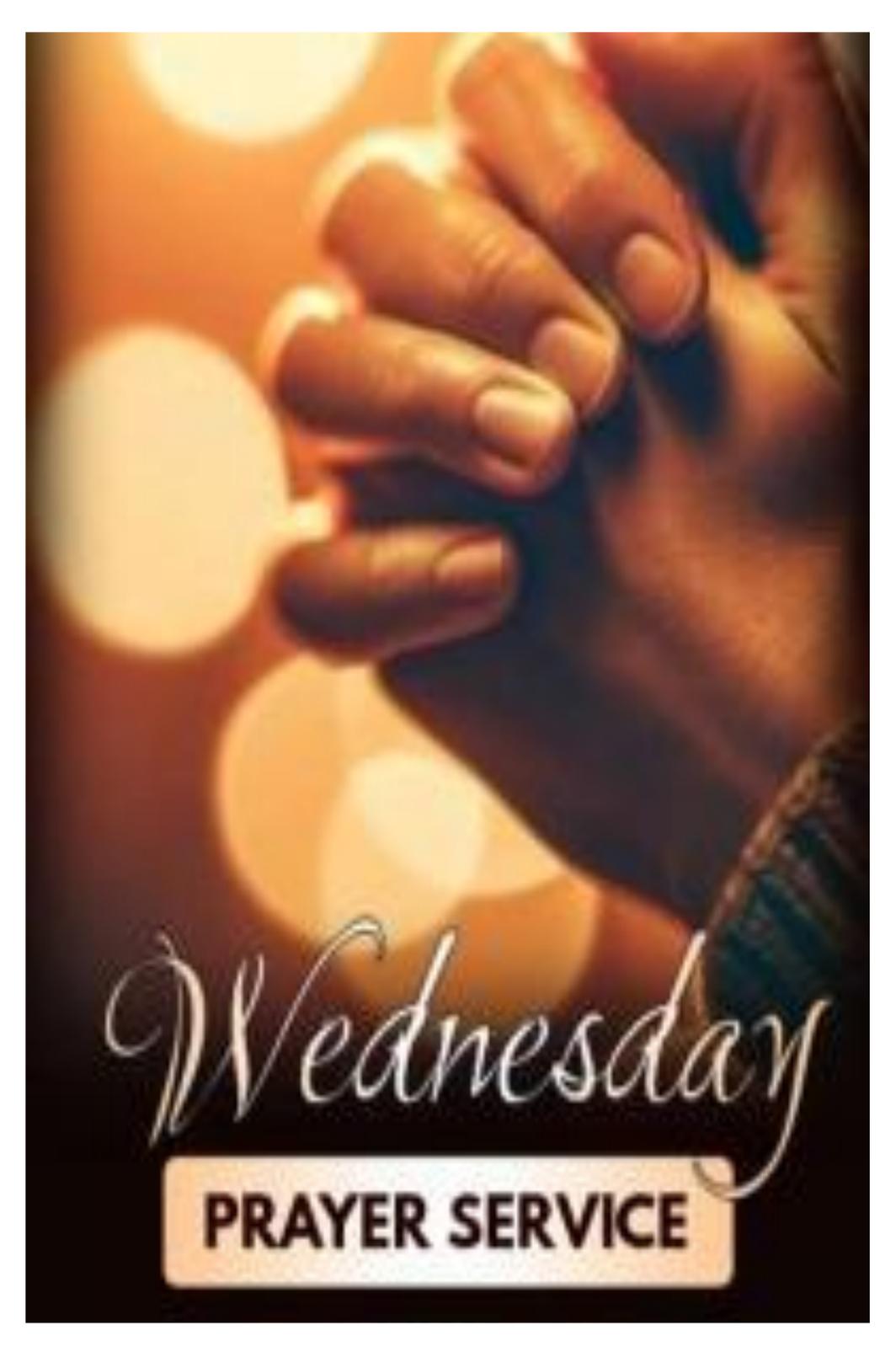
- Sat., Oct. 17, 2026, 9 a.m.-3 p.m./St. Paul's Petersburg
- Sat., Oct. 31, 2026, 9 a.m.-3 p.m./Eastern Shore Chapel Virginia Beach
- Sat., Nov. 7, 2026, 9 a.m.-3 p.m./Christ the King Tabb
- Sat., Nov. 21, 2026, 9 a.m.-3 p.m./Trinity Portsmouth
- Sat., Dec. 5, 2026, 9 a.m.-3 p.m./St. David's North Chesterfield

Palm Sunday – The observance of the Blessing of Palms will be held on **Sunday, March 29, 2026** at 10 a.m. During the morning service, the priest will bless the palms. This sacramental act will commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem, in his royal splendor, as a joyous occasion. Additional information will be forthcoming regarding readers for the *Liturgy of the Palms, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday* – Stations of Cross, and the celebration of Easter and Christ's resurrection.

H.E.L.P. – Year-round Homeless service is offered for the needy by *H.E.L.P.* This organization has proposed a way forward for a year round Homeless Service Center that would serve as both a Day Service Center and an Overnight Shelter—365 days a year. Please complete the online survey between March 9-16, 2026 at Hampton.gov/budgetsurvey. ~ **Alberta Reid, HELP Church Coordinator**

Women's History Month – In observance of Women's History Month, AARP is promoting a virtual tour on the life of Maggie Walker, African American female entrepreneur and activist, on **Wednesday, March 18, 2026** from 1 -2 p.m. You may join the Zoom webinar by registering at AARP Virginia, aarpva@aarp.org. For more information, contact Alberta Reid.

Save the Date: Holy Week Vigil for Unity and Peace – Monday, March 30 at 6 p.m. – At the encouragement of Bishop Sean Rowe, the Diocese will hold a diocesan-wide vigil and public witness, livestreamed on **Monday in Holy Week (March 30) at 6 p.m.** A link to the livestream will be shared on the diocesan website and by email that day.

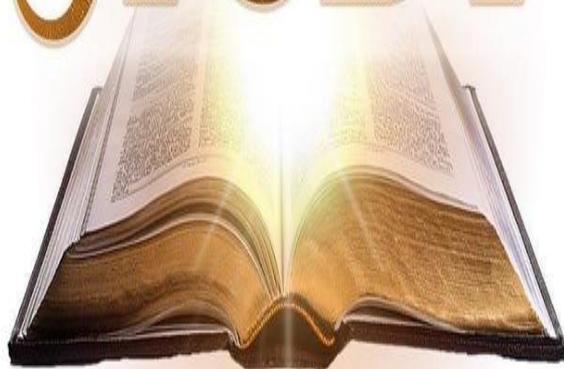


Wednesday

PRAYER SERVICE

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

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EVERY THURSDAY AT 12 NOON

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC !

ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP AND LIVELY
DISCUSSIONS.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

March 29 Palm Sunday – *The Sunday of The Passion*
St. Cyprian's ~ 10 a.m. — *YouTube Live*

The first day in Holy Week, Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter when Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and Jesus' Passion on the cross are recalled.

April 2 **Maundy Thursday**
St. Cyprian's ~ 6 p.m.

Maundy Thursday services commemorate the Last Supper, which Christians consider the institution of Holy Eucharist, also known as the Lord's Supper or Communion. This service is often associated with foot-washing, an outward-facing example of Jesus' "new commandment" for his disciples to love one another, as he had loved them.

April 3 Good Friday – *Stations of the Cross*/16 members
St. Cyprian's ~ 3 p.m.

On the Friday before Easter Day, we commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus. The liturgy of the day includes John's account of the Passion gospel and a solemn form of intercession known as the solemn collects.

April 4 Holy Saturday Service – *Great Vigil of Easter Service*
St. Cyprian's ~ 6 p.m.

On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer.

April 5 Easter Sunday ~ *The Sunday of the Resurrection*
St. Cyprian's ~ 10 a.m. — *YouTube Live*

Easter Day marks the annual feast of Christ's resurrection, and the beginning of the Great Fifty Days (Easter Eve through Pentecost). During this season the word "Alleluia" is said or sung repeatedly, which contrasts sharply with the season of Lent when the Alleluia is omitted.



Virginia Department of Elections

Virginians can vote early from now through **April 18** on a redistricting amendment that would give the state legislature the power to redraw Virginia's 11 congressional districts. The last day to vote is **April 21**.

The ballot will read:

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow the General Assembly to temporarily adopt new congressional districts to restore fairness in the upcoming elections, while ensuring Virginia's standard redistricting process resumes for all future redistricting after the 2030 census?

Check your registration status at vote.virginia.gov.
[#VaElections2026](https://twitter.com/VaElections2026) [#VAisforVoters](https://twitter.com/VAisforVoters)

THREE WAYS TO VOTE EARLY.

1. In person:
Bring your ID to your local registrar's office, and vote the same way you do at the polls.

2. By mail-in:
Request an absentee ballot, fill it out, and mail it in as soon as you can.

3. By drop off:
Request an absentee ballot, fill it out, and bring it to your registrar's office.

Early voting is open, so don't wait.

Start now at Vote.Virginia.gov

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT of ELECTIONS

VIRGINIA IS FOR VOTERS

Please ensure your voice is heard by April 21, 2026 for the fair elections vote at your local city government voting precinct. With free and fair elections under attack across the country, this vote is crucial to restore fairness and a temporary measure to fix the playing field by putting the power back into the hands of the voter. So take the time to make your voice heard and get out and vote. ~ *Lora Ham*



Women's History Month Highlight: Maggie Walker

Happy Women's History Month! In recognition of Women's History Month, it is important to acknowledge that women have played significant roles in leading various social justice movements. St. Cyprian's is honoring Maggie Walker for her contributions as a distinguished African American entrepreneur and activist.

Maggie Lena Walker was an American businessperson and teacher. In 1903, Walker became both the first African American woman to charter a bank and the first African American woman to serve as a bank president. As a leader, Walker achieved successes with the vision to make tangible improvements in the way of life for African Americans. Disabled by paralysis and a wheelchair user later in life, Walker also paved the way for people with disabilities.

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

St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Dr. Hector K. E. Sintim, Priest –in-Charge

Worship Services and Times/ Sundays – 10 a.m.

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YouTube: St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, Hampton, VA

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.