## **CHILDREN'S SERVICE**



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## To the members of the parish

• The presence of children is a gift to the Church. They reveal God in unexpected ways to us, and they are a reminder that our parish is growing.

• Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

## To the parents of our young children,

We invite you please to...

• Relax! God put the wiggle in young children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

• Consider sitting towards the front, where it's easier for your little ones to see and hear what is going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of other's heads.

• Quietly explain the parts of the service, and the actions of the priest, acolytes and chalice bearers, choir, etc.

Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you. If you must leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "let the children come to me." (Mark 10:14)
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• Remember the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship. •

## **ST. CYPRIAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Celebrant – The Rev. Noble Scheepers Organist – Brian Edwards MC – Charles Knight Readers: Children Eucharistic Minister:

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 8

JUNE 30, 2024

### 10:30 AM Holy Communion

**Opening Hymn:** IT'S ME O LORD LEVAS 177

**Opening prayer:** Loving God, everything we have comes from you. Help us to share what we have been given so that everyone has enough. Amen.

### ALL: Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart

and with all your soul and with all your strength.

These commandments that I give you today are to be

on your hearts.

Impress them on your children.

Talk about them when you sit at home

and when you walk along the road,

when you lie down and when you get up.

### **Invitation to repentance**

God is good, steadfast in love and of infinite kindness,

Always welcoming sinner and inviting us to the Lord's

table. Confident in God's mercy, let us confess our sins.

### [silence is kept]

The kingdom is yours, but we turn away from your just rule:

#### Lord, have mercy.

#### Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Power is yours, but we trust in our own power and strength:

Lord, have mercy.

### Christ, have mercy.

#### Lord, have mercy.

The glory is yours, but we fall short of the glory of God:

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. May the Father forgive us through the cross of the Son, And strengthen us to live in the power of the Holy Spirit all our days. Amen. Scripture Reading Old Testament – 2 Samuel 1:7-27 **Sequence Hymn:** Give thanks: Don Moen Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son And now let the weak say, "I am strong" Let the poor say, "I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us" And now let the weak say, "I am strong" Let the poor say, "I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us" Give thanks, give thanks... **Gospel Reading: Mark 5:21-43** Sermon **Creed:** I believe **1.I believe that God appear in human form, a Child was born.** I believe that Jesus was the King of kings, with crown of thorns, I believe the Lord of Live was crucified, He gave His life, for me He died, On the cross, I BELIEVE. 2. I believe that Jesus Rose to conquer death, And lives today I believe that Jesus is the King of kings, He is the way, Every longing, every hope and secret prayer, are known to Him Are in His care, I BELIEVE, I BELIEVE. 3. I believe that Jesus truly understands, This heart of mine, All the fear and sorrow and the failures too, my heart entwine, As I journey home the Father welcomes me With open arms, so lovingly And that is why ...... I ...... BELIEVE Intercessions 1. God calls us to share what we have been given and so we pray together: 2. We pray for world leaders: that they may be inspired to make the world a fairer place, so that

everyone has enough food, clean water and somewhere safe to live. Lord, in your mercy...

3. We pray for those who are hungry or homeless, those without clean water to drink: that they may receive their fair share of the gifts God gives for all of us. Lord, in your mercy...

4. We pray for our parish, our friends and our family: that with God's help we may share generously, be kind and welcoming and do all that we can to help people who are in need. Lord, in your mercy...

Closing prayer: Generous God, we thank you for all that you have given us. Help us to be loving, kind, generous and welcoming so that we may be truly rich in your sight. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

THE PEACE:

Bind us together, Lord Bind us together

With cords that cannot be broken

**Bind us together, Lord** 

Bind us together, Lord

**Bind us together with Love** 

Announcements

**Birthday and other Blessings** 

# **OFFERTORY AND DEDICATION**

(L) Let us bring our offering to God.

(L) In response to the immeasurable wonder and diversity of God's creation, we bring these gifts.

# (P) and dedicate them to sustaining the fragile web of all life on earth. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: Jesus loves me this I know

**LEVAS 218** Jesus loves the little children LEVAS 222

# **COMMUNION AND LITURGY**

# (L) The Lord be with you

# (P) And also with you

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light.

With signs of faith and words of hope, he touched

untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

# This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end the turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

# This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

This is my body, given for you all, for the forgiveness of

sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

This is his story.

# This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we

celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.
This is his story.
This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.
Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.....
Our Father, who art in heaven....
WELCOME TO COMMUNION AND PRAYERS OF INSTITUTION
Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia!
Communion Hymns: God is so good LEVAS 214 In my life Lord, Be glorified LEVAS 216

# **Post-communion Prayer:**

Dear God, thank you for Jesus and for his life that shows us how to love all of your creation in the best ways. Thank you for sending Jesus to save us and for our children Sunday celebration today. Help us celebrate him all year long by loving those around us. THE SENDING OUT AND BLESSING

(L) Go out to care for God's earth in all its varied and fragile beauty.

(P) We go out with trust and courage to care for the earth,

### our home and our children's home.

(L) May God the Creator restore our hope and vision.

May the Christ who walked the earth go with us.

And may the Holy Spirit empower us,

To see the pattern of the universe, and the Blessing of God Almighty.....

Recessional Hymn: Soon and very soon LEVAS 14

(L)Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia! Alleluia!

In the name of Christ AMEN. Alleluia! Alleluia!