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

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

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**We're wearing pink today in the spirit of solidarity and support for those who are fighting breast cancer, those who survive, and then just bringing awareness to families here in the community congregation. Today in our worship we honor those who have lost their battle with a moment of silence.**

**THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 25**

**October 27 10.30 AM Holy Communion**

**Opening Hymn: 665**

Greeting and welcome - Celebrant

**Prayer:** Good and gracious God,

We thank you for the gift of life and for  
all who help us sustain it.

We thank you for the gift of health and ask  
for strength and healing.

For those who face the challenges of cancer,  
May you touch their hearts with healing.

May they and their families and friends be  
inspired by those who spin for a cure,

Who research for a cure, who treat the cure,  
who pray for a cure.

May all of us be joined in the spirit of healing and wholeness Amen!

**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.**

(Celebrant) 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 New Testament – 1 Cor. 1:3-5**

**Psalm 91**

**Sequence Hymn:** Hark my soul, it is the Lord. *Christopher Garth Norton*

**1.Hark, my soul! It is the Lord,**

**'Tis thy Saviour, hear His word;**

**Jesus speaks, and speaks to thee –**

**"Say, poor sinner, lov'st thou Me?**

**2."I delivered thee when bound,**

**And when wounded, healed thy wound;**

**Sought thee wand'ring, set thee right,**

**Turned thy darkness into light.**

**3."Can a woman's tender care**

**Cease towards the child she bare?**

Yes, she may forgetful be,  
Yet will I remember thee.

Gospel Reading: Mark 5:24b-34

4."Mine is an unchanging love,  
Higher than the heights above;  
Deeper than the depths beneath,  
Free and faithful, strong as death.

5."Thou shalt see My glory soon,  
When the work of grace is done,  
Partner of My throne shalt be;  
Say, poor sinner, lov'st thou Me?"

6.Lord, it is my chief complaint  
That my love is weak and faint;  
Yet I love Thee, and adore,  
Oh, for grace to love Thee more!

Sermon

Creed: I believe

*Noble Scheepers*

1.I believe that God appeared 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 entwined,  
As I journey home the Father welcomes me  
With open arms, so lovingly

And that is why ..... I ..... BELIEVE

BREAST CANCER LITANY OF SOLIDARITY by Diann L. Neu/CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Today we have a bowl of water, representing a well and loose stones. Stones have healing qualities. They activate the power of holy wells. Put a stone in the well and pray.)

Touch me God's Spirit *Taize Hymn*

**Touch me, God's spirit eternal Touch me, resplendent light.**

**Give my life new meaning Show me the true and right.**

**Touch me, God's spirit and soothe me**

**Deep in my restless soul**

**Give me trust in Jesus**

**Heal me and make me whole.**

**Spirit of God, give me courage  
Banish my doubts and fears Show me my vocation  
Through all my days and years.  
Spirit of God, brightly shining Open my eyes to see  
Those who need my friendship Join us in unity.**

L: One in every eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. Put a stone in the water for every woman who hears the words: "You have cancer."

Spirit of Life, give her strength to face the unknown, patience to go through the tests, and courage to make the decisions that are best for her.

**P: Let every woman hear: I am with you; you are not alone.**

L: For every woman with cancer; there are family and friends who are shocked and grieving. Put a stone in the water for all mothers and fathers, partners and husbands, children and siblings, friends and colleagues who wait and watch.

Holy One on the Journey, give them strength to be with their loved ones.

**P: Let every woman hear: I am with you; you are not alone.**

L: Early detection is the best protection. Put a stone in the water for all involved in cancer research whose life and work make early detection, careful diagnosis, and the hope of healing possible.

God of Many Names, guide their minds to discover the ways of cancer.

**P: Let every woman hear: I am with you; you are not alone.**

L: The days of treatment are so long, the chemotherapy and radiation so scary, the face in the mirror is so strange. Put a stone in the water for all women who fight the exhaustion, the fear, the loss of hair and appetite; for women who fight back, who stay the course, and look fear in the face with courage and even with humor.

Holy One of Courage and Laughter, be near.

**P: Let every woman hear: I am with you; you are not alone.**

L: Faith, prayer, and community are sources of help and healing. Put a stone in the water for all the prayers and visits, the phone calls and cards, the food and kind acts that bring comfort and healing.

Holy One of Hospitality, surround us with community.

**P: Let every woman hear: I am with you; you are not alone.**

L: There will be a cure; there must be a cure! Put a stone in the water for all who believe in and work toward the day when cancer does not take the lives of women.

Divine Healer, send your healing spirit to bring a cure for cancer now.

**P: Let every woman hear: I am with you; you are not alone.**

Closing prayer - all: **Dearest God, life-giving Spirit, You compassionately hold the entire world in your hands. In your mercy, hear the prayers of your people: Keep guard over the sick and suffering and in a special way over those who suffer with breast cancer; grant them patience, hope, and peace, we pray: Merciful God, hear our prayer.**

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 Hymns: 504 W&C

**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 he 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: 345

687

**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: 72 LEVAS**

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

**In the name of Christ AMEN. Alleluia! Alleluia!**