

# St. Cyprian's Church
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Sunday 15th November 2026
Pentecost 25

## Collect of the Day

O Lord, forgive the transgressions of your people: and by your goodness release us from the snare of sin, in which, by our frailty, we have been caught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**.

## Hymns for today

* =*The Source Hymnal*

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| Opening | 342 | Awake, awake fling off the night |
| Gradual | 47* | Be still for the presence of the Lord |
| Offertory | 374 | Help us to help each other Lord |
| Communion | 249 | Take my life and let it be |
| Closing | 421 | Strengthen for Service |

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer** Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** Bishop Nick Bundock; Lay Readers in the Diocese and their Warden (Robert Thain); Members of the Cathedral Chapter; the Cathedral Church of St Mary, Glasgow

**Those on our prayer list**: Helen; Tanya & Maryna, Chupilka & Ihe's Family and neighbourhood in Dnipro, Ukraine; Graeme and Kerryanne; Sally; Hazel; Revs. Les and Lucy; Bill; Rosa and her sister; Barbara; Sheila and Shaunda; Ruth; Kennedy; Duncan; Jean; Margaret; Susan; Tom and Lynda; Jean; Peter; Glennis; Jean; Mary; and those who are named in the Prayer Book at the back of the church.

## Notices

- The next **Music@St Cyprians** will be held on **Saturday, 21 November at 7:30 featuring the jazz duet Grampelli and Ella.**
- Next Sunday evening, 22 November at 5pm, **Rev Sally Gorton and Rev Audrey will be recognized and made cathedral canons at a special service of choral evensong** at St. Mary's Cathedral on Great Western Road. All are welcome to attend!
- **Advent Wreath Making Event – 28 November, 2-4pm**
- **Advent Study Group -** This Advent season, we will engage with *An Adult Christ at Christmas* by the Rev. Raymond E. Brown. The course will gather Wednesdays 2, 9, and 16 December from 7-8pm**. Please register your interest with Rev. Audrey** so we can order the correct number of books.
- **The next magazine** will cover December **–** February and **materials are due to Paul by 20 November.**
- **St. James in Bishopbriggs will install their new rector on 30th November at 7pm.** All are encouraged to attend if they are able as we celebrate this new chapter in our neighbour's ministry.

## First Reading — Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you,

'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

## Psalm 90

1 1 To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.
**2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**
3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he show us his mercy.
**4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,**
5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.

## Epistle — 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

## The Gospel — Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"