

# St. Cyprian's Anglican Church & Iona Presbyterian Church

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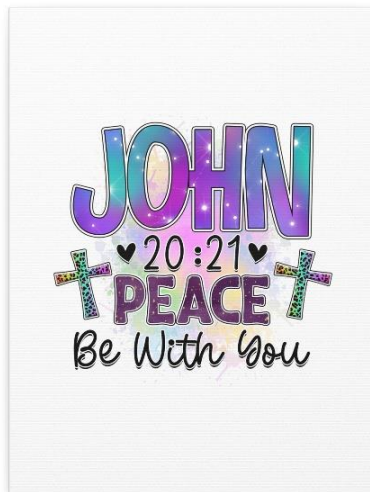
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St. Cyprian's Website: [stcyprianschurch.ca](http://stcyprianschurch.ca)

Iona's Website: [tri-church.ca/iona](http://tri-church.ca/iona)

Church office hours: Tuesdays & Fridays 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Sunday Worship by Zoom and in person 10:30 a.m.



## The Second Sunday of Easter

**April 12, 2026**

**10:30 am**

Minister: Every member of the congregation

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Lay Assistant: Norma Leggard

### Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2897790104?omn=83067962618>

Or call: 647 374 4685 or 647 558 0588

Meeting ID: 289 779 0104

No Passcode

## Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands of the Mississauga. We acknowledge this territory's significance for the Indigenous peoples who lived, and continue to live, upon it and whose practices and spiritualities were tied to the land and continue to develop in relationship to the territory and its other inhabitants today.

## Cell Phones

Please ensure that your cell phone is switched off or set to "airplane" mode to conserve the wifi service for our Zoom broadcast. Many thanks!

**Holy Communion (BCP Modern)**  
**Hymn numbers are from *Common Praise***

**Presider and Preacher: Rev. Martha Gordon**

## Welcome

## Gathering of the Community

**Processional Hymn:** # 505 Be Thou My Vision

**Presider:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

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

## The Collect for Purity

**Presider:** Almighty God,

**All:** **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## The Summary of the Law

**Presider:** Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this: “Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your and with all your strength.”  
The second is this: “Love your neighbour as yourself.”  
There is no other commandment greater than these.  
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**All:**       **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these laws in our hearts, we beseech you.**

## The Collect of the Day

**Presider:** Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ’s blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Proclamation of the Word

**First Reading:**   **1 Peter 1: 3-9**   **Dylan Leggard**

**Reader:** The first reading is taken from the first chapter of the first Epistle of Peter, beginning at the third verse.

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and

honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

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

## Psalm 16

Presider: <sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."

**People:** <sup>2</sup>**All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

Presider: <sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**People:** <sup>4</sup>**Their libations of blood I will not offer,  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

Presider: <sup>5</sup>O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

**People:** <sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

Presider: <sup>7</sup>I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me, night after night.

**People:** <sup>8</sup>**I have set the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

Presider: <sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

**People:** <sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

Presider: <sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of light;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Presider: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

**People:** **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen**

*Please stand.*

**Gradual Hymn:** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

**1. Make me a channel of your peace:**

**Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your healing power,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

**2. Make me a channel of your peace:**

**where there's despair in life let me bring hope;  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

**Gospel Reading:** John 20: 19-31 Norma Leggard

**Reader:** The Lord be with you.

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

**Reader:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the twentieth chapter of St. John, beginning at the nineteenth verse.

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

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to

Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Reader:** The Gospel of Christ.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gradual Hymn:** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Verses 3, 4)

**3. O, Spirit, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.**

**4. Make me a channel of your peace:  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving to all that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

*Please be seated.*

**Message:** "Peace be with you" Rev. Martha Gordon

**Choir Anthem:** "*The hymn of promise*" by Natalie Sleeth

*Please stand.*

**The Nicene Creed**

**Presider:** Let us confess our faith, as we say

**All:** 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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.**

*Please sit or kneel.*

## **Great Intercession**

**Intercessor:** Let us pray for Christ's holy catholic church

Let us pray for peace on earth and for the unity of all Christian people.

Let us pray for our missionaries at home and abroad.

Let us remember before God those of our brothers and sisters who have departed this life and are at rest.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's church militant here on earth.

Almighty and ever-living God, who has taught us through your holy apostle to pray and to give thanks for all people: we humbly beseech you in your great mercy to receive these prayers, which we now offer; asking you to inspire continually the universal church with the Spirit of truth, unity and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech you also to lead all nations in the ways of righteousness and peace; and so to direct their leaders and rulers, that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. And grant to thy servant Charles our King, and to all in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, priests and deacons, especially to your servants Andrew, Riscylla and Kevin our bishops, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth your true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer your holy sacraments.

Prosper, we pray, all who proclaim the gospel of your Kingdom among the nations. And to all your people give your heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, we may hear and receive your holy Word, truly serving you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

And we most humbly beseech you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, including . . .

We remember before you, O Lord, all your servants who have departed this life in faith; and we bless your holy name for all who in life and death have glorified you; asking you to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship and following their good examples, we may come to share in your heavenly kingdom with them.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end.

**Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

**Presider:** You then, who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from this day forward in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy

sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

*Silence is kept.*

**Presider:** Most merciful God,

**All:** **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we acknowledge and lament our many sins and the wickedness we have committed time after time, by thought, word and deed against your divine majesty. We earnestly repent, and are deeply sorry for these our wrongdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that from this time forward we may always serve and please you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Presider:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Comfortable Words**

**Presider:** Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him: Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11: 28)

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3: 16)

**Presider:** Hear what Saint Paul says: This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1: 15)

**Presider:** Hear what Saint John says. If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. (John 2: 1, 2)

*Please stand.*

## **The Peace**

**Presider:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*You are invited to greet those around you in the name of Christ.*

**Offertory Hymn:** #373 This is The day That The Lord Hath Made

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

**Presider:** God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord.

**All:** **Amen.**

## **The Celebration of Communion**

**Presider:** The Lord be with you.

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

**Presider:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Presider:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Presider:** It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God. And now we give you thanks because you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation, and have shown your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of all peoples. Therefore with angels and archangels we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All:** **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.**

**Presider:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again. Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

"Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. "In the same way, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying:

"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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**All: We praise you, we bless you, we thank you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

**Presider:** And we entirely desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching you to grant, that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all your whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

*This is a modernized version of part of the Communion Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer (1962). It is based on Common Worship (London, 2000), as are other modern language versions of BCP prayers in this service.*

## **The Prayer of Humble Access**

**All:**        **We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## **The Communion**

**Presider:** The gifts of God for the people of God.

**People:**    **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

**Communion:** *All who know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour are welcome to receive Communion. You may choose between the common or an individual cup. If you would rather not receive either, simply push out your hand. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms when you approach the Communion station.*

**Communion Hymn:    #374    Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Presider:** And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

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

### **Prayer after Communion**

**Presider:** Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you that you graciously feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ. By this you assure us of your favour and goodness towards us: we are incorporated into the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; we are heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom.

**All:** **And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and our bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice; fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing. Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Announcements**

#### **The Blessing**

**Presider:** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

**Recessional Hymn:** # 210 Yours Be the Glory

**Dismissal**

**Presider:** Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**People:** In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome!

**Welcome to St. Cyprian's and Iona**, as we continue our **combined worship and ministry at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays**. After today's service, we invite everyone to join a **joint fellowship time together in the Iona space**.

### Welcome Rev. Martha!

We're pleased to welcome **Rev. Martha Gordon**, who **begins her ministry as Interim Priest-in-Charge**. She will be with us **until the end of June**, when Rev. John returns from recovery and rehabilitation leave. **Martha can be reached by phone at 416-333-9897 or by email at [marthahgordon@gmail.com](mailto:marthahgordon@gmail.com)**

### Appeal for Jamaican Relief and Reconstruction

As a Lenten Appeal, there is a Matching Challenge Grant of up to \$50,000. **Make donations through FaithWorks envelopes or the donation box available. Campaign ends April 17. So all donations must be received by Sunday, April 12** to ensure receipt at the Diocese. **Any questions? Please ask Stacey Leslie.**

### Village Voice Concert - May 2 - "Chrysalis"

Join us as we sing songs of sanctuary; tales of love, hope and resilience by a **70-voice choir, full string orchestra, percussion and piano all in support of the Women's Centre of York Region**. For more information and tickets, please see **Marg Black or Laura Hope**.

## Ministry Opportunities

There are **ministry opportunities** in a number of **different areas**, for which **volunteers are welcome**. To help, **please speak to one of the St. Cyprian's wardens or Iona elders**.

## Happy Birthdays

**Angela Norman      April 12**

**Liliana Sarah Lobato      April 14**

**Happy birthday, Happy birthday, God loves you.**

**Happy birthday and may all your dreams come true.**

**When you blow out the candles, one light stays aglow.**

**It's the love light of our Lord for all to know.**