

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church & Iona Presbyterian Church

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

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



Pentecost 17

Sunday, September 20, 2026

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Zoom Link for Sunday Worship

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

Or call: 647 374 4685 or 647 558 0588

Meeting ID: 289 779 0104

No Passcode Needed

September 20, 2026

Pentecost 17/Trinity 16

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

From the *Book of Common Prayer*

Officiant and Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Oakes

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!

Please stand

WELCOME

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES

Officiant: "The earth shall be filled with the Knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." *Habakkuk 2: 14*

"The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him."
Habakkuk 2: 20

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him."

Psalms 96: 9

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #380: *O Worship the King*

Please sit or kneel.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Officiant: Dearly beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God, our heavenly Father; but confess them with a humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto humankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his ministers, to declare and pronounce to his

people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand.

THE PEACE

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

People: **And with thy spirit.**

VENITE

Hymn: ***Come, Let Us Praise the Lord***

[paraphrased by Timothy Dudley-Smith: Tune: Darwall (Hymn #379)]

**1 Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God acclaim,
his greatness tell abroad and bless his saving name.
Lift high your songs before his throne to whom alone all praise
belongs.**

**2 Our God of matchless worth, our King beyond compare,
the deepest bounds of earth, the hills, are in his care.
He all decrees, who by his hand prepared the land and formed the seas.**

**3 In worship bow the knee, our glorious God confess;
the great Creator, he, the Lord our Righteousness. He reigns unseen: his
flock he feeds and gently leads in pastures green.**

RESPONSES

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips;

People: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us;

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Please stand.

Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be, world without end. Amen.**

Officiant: Praise ye the Lord;

People: The Lord's Name be praised.

Please be seated.

Psalm 145: 1–8

¹ I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.

² Every day I will praise you
and extol your name for ever and ever.

³ Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.

⁴ One generation commends your works to another;
they tell of your mighty acts.

⁵ They speak of the glorious splendour of your majesty –
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

⁶ They tell of the power of your awesome works –
and I will proclaim your great deeds.

⁷ They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

⁸ The LORD is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

The First Reading: Colossians 1: 1–23 Una Ford

Reader: The first reading is taken from the first chapter of the Epistle to the Colossians, beginning at the first verse.

“¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To God’s holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. ³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people – ⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world – just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace. ⁷ You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. ⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. ²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and

free from accusation – ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

TE DEUM

Hymn #332: *Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord* (Tune: #349)

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 20: 1–16** Hanson Lam

Reader: The Holy Gospel reading is written in the twentieth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, beginning at the first verse.

“²⁰ For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. ³ About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the market-place doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, “You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” ⁵ So they went. He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, “Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?” ⁷ “Because no one has hired us,” they answered. He said to them, “You also go and work in my vineyard.” ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.” ⁹ The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² “These who were hired last worked only one hour,” they said, “and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.” ¹³ But he answered one of them, “I

am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

BENEDICTUS

Hymn #11: *Blessed Be the God of Israel* (Tune: #121)

APOSTLES' CREED

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

VESICLES & RESPONSES

Officiant: The Lord be with you;

People: And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel.

Officiant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Officiant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Officiant: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Officiant: O Lord, save the King;

People: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Officiant: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

People: **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Officiant: O Lord, save thy people;

People: **And bless thine inheritance.**

Officiant: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People: **And evermore mightily defend us.**

Officiant: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

THE COLLECTS

Officiant: LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All: **O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the**

**power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Officiant: Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Choir Anthem: “God of Mercy, God of Grace”
(Henry Francis Lyte and Roger Jones)

SERMON “The Supremacy of Christ” Rev. Dr. John Oakes

Please stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN #369: *Thy Strong Word*

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OFFERTORY RESPONSE #666: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Please sit or kneel.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

A Prayer for the King and the Commonwealth

Officiant: Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our Sovereign, King Charles, the Parliaments of the Commonwealth, and all who are set in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom, righteousness, and peace, to the honour of thy holy Name, and the good of thy Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Clergy and People

Officiant: Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our Bishops and Clergy, and all Congregations committed to their charge the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Other Prayers

General Thanksgiving

Officiant: Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

All: We thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, Be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom

Officiant: Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Amen.

THE GRACE

All: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Amen.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Officiant: The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Please stand.

RECESSIONAL HYMN #378: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DISMISSAL

Officiant: Alleluia! Let us go in peace!

People In the name of the Lord, Alleluia!

Please join us for tea, coffee and refreshments in the Iona space after the service.

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**.

Sunday Bible Study

The **Sunday Bible Study** is still on summer break. We begin **an exciting new program in October**. For further details, **please watch this space**.

The Choir

St. Cyprian choir rehearsals are on Friday afternoons, starting at 1 pm.
Ask any choir members for more details and then come give it a try!

Noon Meditation

The **Wednesday meditation meets** with David Rudd and others **at 12 noon on:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9321564941?pwd=QmhLdDZ6ekQ2a1FLMmRWK2tXU0F0Zz09>

Or call either: 647 374 4685 or 647 558 0588

Meeting ID: 932 156 4941 Passcode: 1080

Mid-Week Zoom Bible Study

Rev. John's **weekly Zoom Bible Study, will now meet on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.**
from October. If you wish to be part of this, **please put your name**
on the sign-up sheet or contact John directly.

St. Christopher's Anniversary Service

St. Christopher's invites us to join their **35th Anniversary Thanksgiving Eucharist**
today at 3:30 p.m. at 459 Crosby Ave., Richmond Hill.

Ministry Opportunities

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

Happy Birthdays

Rosita Mandeville September 21

Estilita Simmons September 25

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.