

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.



National Indigenous Day of Prayer Morning Prayer - June 21, 2026 10:30 a.m.

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Zoom Link

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

Or call: 647 374 4685 or 647 558 0588

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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!

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*References: Anglican Diocese of Ottawa and Diocese of Toronto
All else in the Book of Alternative Services (BAS) 1985.*

Hymn numbers are from *Common Praise*

Presider and Preacher: Rev. Martha Gordon

Welcome

Processional Hymn: #407 Many and Great O God

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

Our parish was founded on the homeland of the Mississauga. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Silence may be kept.

Honouring the Four Directions

The congregation is invited to turn in the four directions as indicated below.

Come Great Spirit, as we gather in your name.

We face East: To your symbol colour red, the hue of revelation; To your animal symbol the Eagle, strong and nurturing; To your lessons calling us to the balance of your Spirit in harmony with others; To invoke your wisdom and grace, the goodness of the ages,

We pray: Come to us, Great Spirit.

We turn to face South: To your symbol colour gold for the morning star; To your symbol Brother Sun that enlightens our intellect and brings light on our path to live responsibly; To your lessons calling us to balance of mind in the spirit of humility; To invoke your spirit of illumination and far sighted vision; help us to love you and one another with our whole heart, our whole mind, and our whole soul,

We pray: Come to us, Great Spirit.

We turn to face West: To your symbol colour black, still and quiet; To your animal symbol the Thunderbird; To your symbol the thunder mighty and purposeful; To your lessons calling us to balance our emotions in the spirit of gentleness and honesty; To invoke your spirit of introspection, seeing within; Give us your strength and the courage to endure,

We pray: Come to us, Great Spirit.

We turn to face North: To your symbol colour white of clarity and brightness; To your animal symbol the swan which brings us in touch with Mother Earth and growing things; To your lessons calling us to balance of our body in the spirit of a good sense of humor; To invoke your spirit of innocence, trust and love; Help us to open our eyes to the sacredness of every living thing,

We pray: Come to us, Great Spirit.

We turn to complete the circle and to look: To God, our Creator who cleanses our Mother Earth with snow, wind and rain; To Jesus Christ, the Peacemaker who fills us with the wideness of mercy and lovingly embraces all, and the Holy Spirit who inspires us to action, **Come to us, Great Spirit.**

Collect of the Day

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Philippians 4: 4-9 Una Ford

The first reading is taken from the fourth chapter of Paul's letter to the Philippians, beginning at the fourth verse.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, siblings whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows the handiwork of the Lord.

**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

**Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.**

In the deep has God set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure

and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often they offend?

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in
your sight; O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen

Gradual Hymn: #589 Come O God of All the Earth (vs 1-3)

The Gospel: John 1: 1-18 Norma Leggard

From the First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament.

Note: the names in brackets are normally not said when reading aloud.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the first chapter of John
beginning at the first verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Long ago, in the time before all days, before the creation of all things, the one who
is known as the Word was there face to face with the Great Spirit. This Word fully
represents Creator and shows us who he is and what he is like. He has always been
there from the beginning, for the Word and Creator are one and the same.

Through the Word all things came into being, and not one thing exists that he did

not create. Creator's life shined out from the Word, giving light to all human beings. This is the true Light that comes to all the peoples of the world and shines on everyone. The Light shines into the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it or put it out. Into the wilderness of the Land of Promise (Judea) came a man named Gift of Goodwill (John). He was sent by the Great Spirit to tell what he knew about the Light so everyone could believe. He was not the Light but came to speak the truth about the Light. The true Light that shines on all people was coming into the darkness of this world. He came down into this world, and even though he made all things, the world did not recognize him. Even his own tribe did not welcome or honor him. But all who welcome and trust him receive their birthright as children of the Great Spirit. They are born in a new way, not from a human father's plans or desires, but born from above—by the Great Spirit. Creator's Word became a flesh-and-blood human being and pitched his sacred tent among us, living as one of us. We looked upon his great beauty and saw how honorable he was, the kind of honor held only by this one Son who fully represents his Father—full of his great kindness and truth. Gift of Goodwill (John) told what he knew about him and cried out with a loud voice, "The one I have told you about is here! He comes after me, but is much greater—my elder! He has more honor, for even though he is thought to be younger, he existed before I was born." From the fullness of his being we have all had many gifts of kindness poured out on us. Drawn from the Water (Moses) gave us our tribal laws, but the gift of great kindness and truth came from Creator Sets Free (Jesus), the Chosen One. No one has ever seen the Great Spirit, but the one Son, who is himself the Great Spirit and closest to the Father's heart, has shown us what he is like.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn: #589 Come O God of All the Earth (vs. 4-5)

Message: *"Invest in knowledge, healing and truth-telling" to
"Take the time to see the importance of today"*
Rev. Martha Gordon

Anthem: *"Draw the Circle Wide"* Gordon Lightfoot

The Apostle's Creed

Presider: Let us confess our faith, as we say

All: I believe in God, the Father, almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Credal Hymn: #44 I believe in God Almighty

Prayers of the People for Treaty Renewal*

**We are all Treaty People. The Bishop's Collaborative for Right Relations (Anglican Diocese of Toronto) is delighted to share with you a litany for Treaty Renewal. This litany was created to recognize Call to Action #46 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, for Church parties "renew or establish Treaty relationships based on principles of mutual recognition, mutual respect, and shared responsibility for maintaining those relationships into the future." This litany can be used at any time during the year.*

For the gift of life, the wellbeing of Mother Earth, the waters that sustain us, and for all creation. For all land and water protectors, for all children and new life being born, for a spirit of respect to grow within us,
Creator of all

Hear our prayer.

For the gifts of all cultures and languages, for the flourishing of Indigenous Nations on whose Territory our Church gathers to worship, for the Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, the Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation, and the Mississauga's of Scugog Island First Nation. With gratitude for

their governance and leadership on these lands and waters since time immemorial,

Creator of all

Hear our prayer.

For the responsibility to honour our sacred obligations as Treaty People. For us to embody the teachings of gratitude, respect, humility, of not taking more than we need, of living in balance and right relationship with one another and all life,

Creator of all

Hear our prayer.

For our continued renewal, for true repentance when we have acted in domination and violence, for restitution, healing, and your Church to truly follow your selfless servant,

Creator of all

Hear our prayer.

For the courageous witness of Elders and Residential School legacy Survivors, whose truths broke through the sin of genocide denial and call us all to participate in paths of healing and reconciliation. For all whose precious lives have been taken by colonial and Church violence. For our commitment to remember, learn, speak out, and practice solidarity,

Creator of all

Hear our prayer.

For all who are sick or suffering in body, mind, or spirit. For the incarcerated, the hungry, the persecuted, the missing, and the oppressed. For all we name now either silent or aloud. For justice and the living waters of your Spirit to flow through this land,

Creator of all

Hear our prayer.

Turn us from selfishness to mutuality, from arrogance to openness, from domination to relationships of respectful reciprocity. Help us to live into your hope and vision for us held in our sacred obligations, our covenants, commitments spoken, and our Treaties. Fill us with your love and lead us to paths of harmony and respect.

Creator of all

Hear our prayer.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Confession lets us set down the heavy things we carry with us, putting us in right relationship with God and with one another.

Silence

For all that separates our hearts from God and all that closes our eyes to God's love:

Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Silence

For what we have done, left undone, and what has been done on our behalf:

Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Silence

For the pride that prevents us from forgiving others, as we have been forgiven:

Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on us, pardon our sins and set us free from them. Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

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

The Peace

Offertory Hymn: #575 Let Streams of Living Justice

Prayer over the Gifts

Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation. We thank you for our offerings of time, talents and resources to help build your kingdom here on earth. **Amen**

Please be seated.

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Glory to God,
whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Send us anywhere you would have us go, only go there with us. Place upon us any burden you desire, only stand by us to sustain us. Break any tie that binds us, except the tie that binds us to you. And the blessing of God; the Creator, who made and knows us; the Saviour, who redeems and befriends us; and the Spirit, who enlightens and sustains us, be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: #576 For the Healing of the Nations

Dismissal

Go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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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.

Noon Meditation

The **Wednesday meditation continues this week** with David Rudd and others
at 12 noon on:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9321564941?pwd=QmhLdDZ6ekQ2a1FLMmRWK2tXU0F0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 932 156 4941

Passcode: 1080

Healing Service

Next Sunday June 28, we will have a healing service with anointing.
Friends and family are welcome.

Interesting fact:

Presbyterians bake real bread for communion to honor the historical Last Supper, symbolize the unity of the church, and avoid the commercial use of thin, pre-made wafers. Using an actual, breakable loaf reflects the scriptural act of "breaking bread" and emphasizes the physical, everyday nourishment found in God's grace. Some Anglican and many Creation care or environmental services also use home-baked bread for the Eucharist like we did last Sunday for our World Environment Month service. Martha baked sourdough bread at home.

Happy Birthdays

Kirsten Oakes	June 23
Zoe Rowarth	June 23
Danon Brown	June 24
Monica Mitchell	June 26

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.