

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church & Iona Presbyterian Church

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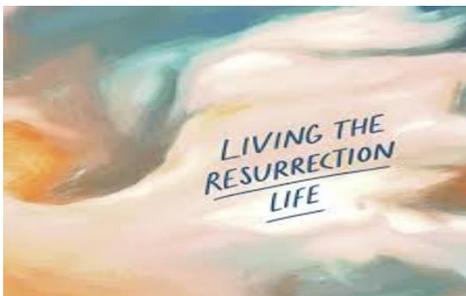
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Church office hours: Tuesdays & Fridays 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

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



Lent 5

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Minister: Every member of the congregations

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Zoom Link

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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.

Holy Communion (BAS) **Hymns are from *Common Praise***

Presider and Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Oakes

Welcome

The Gathering of the Community

Opening Sentence: "I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. (John 11: 25, 26)

Processional Hymn: *In Christ Alone*

**In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live**

**There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

**No guilt in life no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand**

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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.

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison (x3)

Presider: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Presider: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son came into the world
to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of
your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in
holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ,
our Lord. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Romans 6: 6–11 Marcus Berger

Reader: The first reading is from sixth chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the
Romans, beginning at the sixth verse.

⁶The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. ⁹You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 130

Presider: 1. Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

People: 2. If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?

Presider: 3. For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.

**People: 4. I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;
in his word is my hope.**

Presider: 5. My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

People: 6. O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy;

Presider: 7. With him there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel
from all their sins.

Let us pray. Rescue us, O God for whom we wait, from the depths of depression and despair. May we trust in your mercy, know the fullness of your redemption, and share in the glory of your kingdom; through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Gospel Acclamation #716: *Glory and Praise to You* (x2)

Gospel Reading: John 11: 1–45 Hanson Lam

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

“**11** Now a man named Lazarus was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay ill, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) ³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, ‘Lord, the one you love is ill.’ ⁴ When he heard this, Jesus said, ‘This illness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.’ ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was two more days, ⁷ and then he said to his disciples, ‘Let us go back to Judea.’ ⁸ ‘But Rabbi,’ they said, ‘a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?’ ⁹ Jesus answered, ‘Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the day-time will not stumble, for they see by this world’s light. ¹⁰ It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.’ ¹¹ After he had said this, he went on to tell them, ‘Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.’ ¹² His disciples replied, ‘Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.’ ¹³ Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. ¹⁴ So then he told them plainly, ‘Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.’ ¹⁶ Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, ‘Let us also go, that we may die with him.’ ¹⁷ On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. ²¹ ‘Lord,’ Martha said to Jesus, ‘if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.’ ²³ Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’ ²⁴ Martha answered, ‘I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.’ ²⁵ Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ ²⁷ ‘Yes, Lord,’ she replied, ‘I believe that

you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.’²⁸ After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. ‘The Teacher is here,’ she said, ‘and is asking for you.’²⁹ When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.³¹ When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.³⁴ ‘Where have you laid him?’ he asked. ‘Come and see, Lord,’ they replied.³⁵ Jesus wept.³⁶ Then the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’³⁷ But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.³⁹ ‘Take away the stone,’ he said. ‘But, Lord,’ said Martha, the sister of the dead man, ‘by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.’⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?’⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, ‘Father, I thank you that you have heard me.’⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.’⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, ‘Take off the grave clothes and let him go.’⁴⁵ Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus**

Gospel Acclamation #716: *Glory and Praise to You* (x2)

Sermon: “Resurrection Life” Rev. Dr. John Oakes

Choir Anthem: "*Many Gifts, One Spirit*" by Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Apostle's Creed

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: 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.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

Intercessor: For this community, our country, and the world, and especially for those nations riven by war and conflict, including Israel, Iran, Ukraine and Russia and elsewhere;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Intercessor: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Intercessor: For all who are in danger, sorrow, sickness, especially Diane, Edna, Judy, and all others whom we now name:

The people may add their own petitions.

For those in any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Intercessor: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

Intercessor: For Andrew, Kevin and Riscylla our bishops, for John our priest and pastor, for Alex, our interim moderator, for our elders and wardens, and for all other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Intercessor: For our own needs and those of others, especially those which we now remember before you.

The people may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The people may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our king;

People: And praise your name for ever and ever.

Intercessor: We remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Intercessor: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God, have mercy upon you. Pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

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 #259: For the Fruit of All Creation

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Giver of life, your Son has destroyed the power of death for all those who believe in him. Accept all we offer you this day and strengthen us in faith and hope; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all the living. **Amen.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Communion Prayer

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 to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever. Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing,

All (sung): #735

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Presider: We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost. Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Presider: Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this Cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.

People: Amen.

("Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer" from *Eucharistic Prayers, Services of the Word, and Night Prayer Supplementary to The Book of Alternative Services*. ABC Publishing, 2001.)

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break this bread,

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Presider: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

**All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

All (sung): #745

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Grant us peace.

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 #619: *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Prayer after Communion

Presider: God of hope, in this eucharist we have tasted the promise of your heavenly banquet and the richness of eternal life. May we who bear witness to the death of your Son, also proclaim the glory of his resurrection, for he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Presider: Glory to God.

All: 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.

Announcements

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 among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn #306: *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Dismissal

Presider: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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 special joint fellowship time together in the Iona space.**

Sunday Study Series

Our Sunday series, **"A Life Worth Living,"** in the Fellowship Room at noon continues today, including a **Bible Study on Philippians 4 with Nicky Gumbel** on video. We aim to **finish by 1:30 p.m. All welcome!**

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

Friday Zoom Bible Study

Rev. John's **weekly Zoom Bible Study**, which generally meets on Fridays at 7 p.m., on Zoom, **is not meeting through Lent.** Instead, members are encouraged to join the Wednesday evening services online.

Wednesday Services in Lent

On Wednesday evenings through Lent there is a **Zoom-only Compline or Evening Prayer service at 8:00 p.m.,** using the Sunday Zoom link. **All welcome!**

Easter Flowers

We will be purchasing **memorial flowers for the Easter services for both St. Cyprian's and Iona.**

If you would like to remember someone in this way, **please donate by Sunday, March 29 at the latest.** On your donation envelope, please clearly print the following information:

- 1) Your name or family name (i.e., how you wish it to appear in the bulletin)
- 2) The name(s) of those you wish to remember/honour.

If preferred, write-ups may be emailed to Stacey at:

Stacey.leslie.2993@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. Any questions? Please ask Stacey Leslie.**

Crosses for Palm Sunday

Can you spare some time on Friday March 27 between 10am and noon to help make palm crosses for Palm Sunday? No experience necessary!

If so, please contact Carol Berger.

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

Jeremy Edwards	March 23
Eugene Bourque	March 25
Edna Sinnatamby	March 25
Avil Vincent	March 25
Brenda Haddock	March 27
Elaine McCoy	March 28

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.