

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church & Iona Presbyterian Church

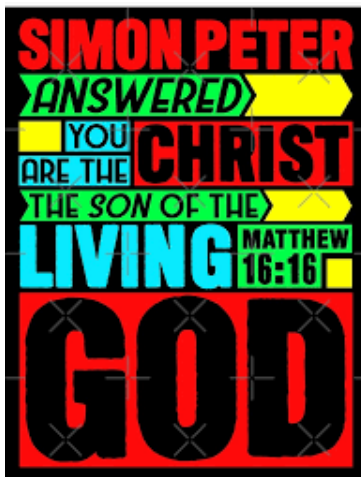
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Church office hours: Tuesdays & Fridays 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

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



Pentecost 13

August 23, 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

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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*

Welcome

Opening Sentence: "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God."
(Matthew 16:16)

The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #374: *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* (vv. 1–3, 5)

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

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, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Romans 12:1–8 Janet Mitchener

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

"12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. ³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 124

1. If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
2. If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
3. Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
4. Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
5. Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
6. Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
7. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
8. Our help is in the name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

Presider: Let us pray. Helper and Defender of Israel, rescue the peoples of the world from destructive anger, and set us free to love and serve each other in the peace of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gradual Hymn #405: *Alleluia No. 1* (vv. 1–2)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13–20 Norma Leggard

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the sixteenth chapter of Saint Matthew, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹³When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ ¹⁴They replied, ‘Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the

prophets.’¹⁵ ‘But what about you?’ he asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’ ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’¹⁷ Jesus replied, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.’¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn #405: *Alleluia No. 1* (vv. 3–4)

Sermon: “The Key Question” by John Oakes

Songs of Response

Majesty (x2)

Majesty worship His majesty Unto Jesus be all glory
Honor and praise Majesty kingdom authority
Flow from His throne Unto His own His anthem raise
So exalt lift up on high The name of Jesus
Magnify come glorify Christ Jesus the King
Majesty worship His majesty Jesus who died now glorified
King of all kings

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There is a Redeemer

1. There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son

Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

Chorus

**Thank You O my Father For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done**

**2. Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah O for sinners slain / Chorus**

**3. When I stand in glory I will see His face There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place**

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The Nicene Creed

Presider: Let us confess the 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

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”
For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy

Intercessor: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For our bishops, especially Bishops Andrew, Kevin and Ryscilla, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith and without faith, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering, especially all those whom we now name . . . , for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences, let

us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Remembering all who have died, especially those whom we now name . . . , let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: Remembering all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

All: To you, O Lord.

Intercessor: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will grant their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, giving us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Dear friends in Christ. God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to this table. Let us confess our sins confident in God's forgiveness.

Presider: Most merciful God.

All: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, and forgive us that we may delight in your will. And walk in your ways to the glory of your name, 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.

The Peace

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

All: And also, with you.

Offertory Hymn #619: *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer 4

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 right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: At your command all things came to be the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

All (#735) (sung):

**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: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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."

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by

him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever.
 Amen.**

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: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**All: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
 happy are they who trust in him!**

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

People: Thanks be to God.

All (#745) (sung):

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 #73: *One Bread, One Body*

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love.

Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things,

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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. The blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn #433: *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

Dismissal

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

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

Noon Meditation

The **Wednesday meditation meets** with David Rudd and others **at 12 noon on:**

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

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News from St. Christopher's

St. Christopher's invites us to join their **35th Anniversary Thanksgiving Eucharist** on **Sunday, September 20** at **3:30 p.m.** at 459 Crosby Ave., Richmond Hill.

Afterwards, at 6 p.m., they will host a **fundraising dinner for the Anniversary Thanksgiving at Golden Palace Banquet Hall (3225 Hwy 7 & Woodbine)**. **Tickets are on sale** for \$90 each. A \$25 donation receipt will be issued for each ticket.

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

Anique Cole August 25

Diane Downing August 29

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.