

# 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 at 10:30 am



**Christmas Day**  
**December 25, 2024**  
**10:30 am**

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## Zoom Link

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**Christmas Day Communion (BCP Modern)**  
**Hymns are from *Common Praise***

**Welcome**

**Opening Sentence**

Presider: "I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord."  
Luke 2: 10–11

**Gathering of the Community**

**Processional Hymn #135: *Shepherds in the Field Abiding***

**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 God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## **Proclamation of the Word**

**First Reading:**   **Titus 3: 4–7**       Ron Bloor

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

<sup>4</sup> But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

*After the reading*

**Reader:**     The word of the Lord

**People:**     **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**Gradual Hymn #140:**   ***It Came Upon the Midnight Clear***   (vv. 1–2)

**Gospel Reading:**     Luke 2: 1–14       Hank Huang

**Reader:**     The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Reader:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!”

**Reader:** The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Gradual Hymn #140:** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (vv. 4–5)

*Please be seated.*

**Message:** “The Greatest Gift” Rev. Dr. John Oakes

*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.*

## Prayers of the People

**Leader:** Be mindful, O Lord, of your people bowed before you, and of those who are absent through age, sickness, or infirmity. Care for the infants, guide the young, support the aged, encourage the faint-hearted, collect the scattered, and bring the wandering to your fold. Travel with the voyagers, defend the widows, shield the orphans, deliver the captives, heal the sick. Comfort all who are in times of trial, necessity, or distress. Remember for good all those who love us, and those who hate us, and those who have desired us, unworthy as we are, to pray for them. And

remember those whom we have forgotten. For you are the Helper of the helpless, the Saviour of the lost, the Refuge of the wanderer, the Healer of the sick. You who know everyone's needs, and have heard our prayers, grant our requests according to your merciful loving-kindness and your eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

**All:** **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:

**All:** **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:

**All:** **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 #146: *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime***

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

**Presider:** God of peace, your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you. May all we offer you today renew us as members of your household. We ask this in his name. **Amen.'**

*Please stand, sit or kneel.*

### **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, by the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ took our nature upon him and was born of the Virgin Mary his mother, that being himself without sin, he might make us clean from all sin. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you, and saying:

**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.” **Amen.**

*This is a modernized version of the first 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.*

## **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 everliving 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.**

### **Gloria**

**Presider:** Glory to God in the highest,

**All:** **and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## The Blessing

*Please stand.*

**Recessional Hymn #118:   *O Come All Ye Faithful*   (vv. 1–5)**

## Christmas Flowers 2025

### In Loving Memory/Honour Of:

### Given by:

Charlie & Dave Ettinger, Fred & Margaret Stapley,  
Denise & Jack Sullivan & all who have departed

Gwynneth and family

Fred Baker & Loved Ones

Sandra & family

C.H. Raj & B.G. Nagrani

Mary & Prakash Nagrani

Loving husband Herbert and Sister Winnie

Iris Harrison

Robert Cumming

Eliza Xu and family

Nicole Halstead

Joe, Norma, Tricia & her family

Thomas, Gertrude, Audrey, Rosemary & Donna

The Mitchener family

Errol Simmons, Samantha Simmons and Family

Esther & the Simmons family

Cynthia Williams, Andrew Williams and Family  
and family

George Williams

Robert Rouse, Jason and Family

The Rouse Family

Rueben Archer and Family

Stuart and Archer Family

Duane Shepherd, Rashida Shepherd and Family      Shepherd, Elliot & McCoy Family

Daisy Hutchinson, Kester Hutchinson & Karen Hutchinson      The Hutchinson Family

Peter Heyland, a devoted husband and father.      Margaret Heyland In honour  
of my devoted family

Reginald Ford, Corleana Smith, Marjorie Gardner,      Una Ford & family  
Gladys & Clarence Graham, Carol Bailey, Freda Manning  
Algon Reid, Daisy Hutchinson, Keith Golding and  
Daphne Gordon

Loved Ones      Judy North

Norma Elliott and Rashida Shepherd      Rosa McKoy

Lionel Elliott and Rashida Shepherd      Dalton Elliott

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and Anthony Gill      Jacqueline Gill

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Edna Charles, Duane Martin, Ablertha McLaughlin,      Beverly Charles  
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Glentis Charles, and Shawn Charles

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Olga McIntosh, Greta and Russell McIntosh.

Sybil & Noel Ruddy, Joe Ruddy,  
Jean Gooding & Marilyn Magnus

Theresa and Aaron Smith, and Noel      Nassie Grandison & family

John Macnamara, Harold & Margaret Macnamara,

Eric, Estella & Frank Thompson.

Mary Macnamara

Thomas Teare and Jessie (McNeil) Teare

Alan Teare

Parents, Derek and Wanetta Hudson

Janet and Rod Hudson  
Grandparents and Friends

Walford Edmead, a beloved husband, father,  
grandfather and friend

Althea Edmead and family

Michael and Evelyn Strachan,  
Sister Beverley Dyer (nee Strachan),  
Esmine Colquhoun, aunt, Daphne Boyd and C. Allen

Sadie Wiltshire

Loved Ones

Kevin Wang

Donald & Cynthia Jeffrey, Elizabeth Jeffrey,  
Roger & Mirja Leslie, Dave Jeffrey  
Family & Friends

Stacey & Warren & family

## Dismissal

**Presider:** Alleluia! Let us go in peace to love and serve the new-born King.

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



John Oakes, the Staff, Wardens, and Elders of  
St. Cyprian's Anglican Church and Iona Presbyterian Church

wish you

*a joyful and Blessed Christmas!*