

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.



**Epiphany 3
Sunday, January 25, 2026
10:30 am**

Minister: Every member of the congregation

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Zoom Link

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

Or call: 647 374 4685 or 647 558 0588

Meeting ID: 289 779 0104 No Passcode

Holy Communion (BCP Modern)
Hymns are from *Common Praise*

Presider and Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Oakes

Welcome

Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #560: *God Whose Almighty Word*

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, by grace alone you call us

and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who 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: 1 Corinthians 1: 10–18 - Dylan Leggard

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

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. ¹¹ My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. ¹² What I mean is this: one of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ." ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel – not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27: 1, 4–9

Presider: 1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

People: **4. And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him.**

Presider: 5. One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

People: **6. To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.**

Presider: 7. For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

People: **8 Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.**

Presider: 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Let us pray. Faithful God, the shelter of all who hope in you, may those who seek your face be set free from fear and distress, and come to see your goodness in the land of the living; through Jesus Christ, our Light and our Salvation. **Amen.**

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn #458: Seek Ye First (v. 1)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4: 12–23 - Norma Leggard

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali – ¹⁴ to fulfil what was said through the prophet Isaiah: ¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – ¹⁶ the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” ¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net

into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and illness among the people.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gradual Hymn #458: *Seek Ye First* (v. 2)

Please be seated.

Message: “*Fishers of Men*” — John Oakes

Choir Anthem: “*Abundant Life*” Ruth Duck/Ron Klusmeier

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.

Great Intercession

Presider: Let us pray for Christ's holy catholic church
Let us pray for peace on earth and for the unity of all Christian people.
Let us pray for our missionaries at home and abroad.
Let us remember before God those of our brothers and sisters who have departed this life and are at rest. Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's church militant here on earth.

Almighty and ever-living God, who has taught us through your holy apostle to pray and to give thanks for all people: we humbly beseech you in your great mercy to receive these prayers, which we now offer; asking you to inspire continually the universal church with the Spirit of truth, unity and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech you also to lead all nations in the ways of righteousness and peace; and so to direct their leaders and rulers, that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. And grant to thy servant Charles our King, and to all in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of true religion and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, priests and deacons, especially to your servants Andrew, Kevin and Riscylla, our bishops, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth your true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer your holy sacraments. Prosper, we pray, all who proclaim the gospel of your Kingdom among the nations. And to all your people give your heavenly grace; and

especially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, we may hear and receive your holy Word, truly serving you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

And we most humbly beseech you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We remember before you, O Lord, all your servants who have departed this life in faith; and we bless your holy name for all who in life and death have glorified you; asking you to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship and following their good examples, we may come to share in your heavenly kingdom with them. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. **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:

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 #430: *Will You Come and Follow Me?*

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Loving God, before the world began you called us.
Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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. Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. In our unending joy we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

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: 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Presider: "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

All: Give us this bread for ever.

Presider: "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All: May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

Please be seated.

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: *How Deep the Father's Love*

**1. How deep the Father's love for us. How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory**

**2. Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished**

**3. I will not boast in anything: No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom**

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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.**

The Blessing

Please stand

Recessional Hymn #423: *How Great Thou Art*

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.

New Sunday Study Series

We continue an exciting new Sunday series, **“A Life Worth Living,”** in the Fellowship Room at noon today. A **free lunch** will be followed by **a Bible Study on Philippians with Nicky Gumbel** on video.

We aim to **finish by 1:30 p.m. All welcome!**

Noon Meditation

The **Wednesday meditation** meets 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 meets on Fridays at 7 p.m., on Zoom** continues our series on “David: Developing a Heart for God”.

All are welcome to join at any time.

The link for the Zoom study is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8517044556>

Meeting ID: 851 704 4556

You can also join the meeting by phone on 647-374-4685 or 647-558-0588.

Pancake Supper

Save the date for **St. Cyprian's Pancake Supper, Tuesday, February 17.**
Watch this space for further details.

Vestry Preparations

Ahead of **St. Cyprian's Annual Vestry Meeting** after church on **February 22**, ministry leaders are requested to **submit their reports by to the church office by February 8.**

Iona Annual Meeting Preparations

Iona's annual meeting will take place on **March 1 after church.**
Ministry reports are due with Bob at the church office by February 15.

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

Paulraj Anand January 26
Mary Macnamara January 30
Cindy Mitchener January 30

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.**