

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 20

Sunday, October 26, 2025

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Zoom Link

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

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No Passcode Needed

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!

**Pentecost 20,
October 26, 2025. 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion (BAS)
Hymns are from *Common Praise***

Presider and Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Oakes

Welcome

The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #381: *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven*

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: Let us pray. 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. Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; 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: 2 Timothy 4: 6–8, 16–18 – Ron Bloor

Reader: The first reading is from the fourth chapter of the second Epistle to Timothy, beginning at the sixth verse.

⁶For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing . . .

¹⁶At my first defence, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 65

Presider: 1. You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

People: 2. To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, because of their transgressions.

Presider: 3. Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you will blot them out.

People: 4. Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

Presider: 5. Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.

People: 6. You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might.

Presider: 7. You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,
and the clamour of the peoples.

People: 8. Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvellous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

Presider: 9. You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very
plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

People: 10. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

Presider: 11. You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

People: 12. You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

Presider: 13. May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.

People: 14. May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

Presider: Let us pray. Lord God, joy marks your presence; beauty, abundance,
and peace are the tokens of your work in all creation. Work also in our

lives, that by these signs we may see the splendour of your love and praise you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gradual Hymn #712: *Alleluia!* (x2)

Gospel Reading: Luke 18: 9–14 – Mary Nagrani

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the eighteenth chapter of St. Luke, beginning at the ninth verse.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people – robbers, evildoers, adulterers – or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’¹³ But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’¹⁴ I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus

Gradual Hymn #712: *Alleluia!* (x2)

Sermon: “Truth in Advertising”

Choir Anthem: "I Rest in God Alone" (John Daniels)

The Apostles' Creed

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, 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 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. Amen.

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, especially in areas
riven by war and conflict, including Russia, Ukraine, and elsewhere
in the Middle East and Africa;

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, or any kind of trouble, especially Diane, Edna, Judy, Jessima, Margaret, Stanley, and all others whom we now name . . .;

The people may add their own petitions.

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 Alex our Interim Moderator, for John our priest and pastor, and for all other ministers;

People: **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Intercessor: For our own needs and those of others.

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 those who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

People: **Who put their trust in you.**

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

Silence

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.

Absolution

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 #439: *Blest Are the Pure in Heart*

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Communion Prayer

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: “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 (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 Hymn: *In Christ Alone*

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

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

Verse 3

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

Verse 4

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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Prayer after Communion

Presider: God our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven
as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly
nourished be ready to follow you all our days; we ask this in the name
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. 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: *By Faith*

Verse 1

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 2

**By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign**

Chorus

**We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight**

Verse 3

**By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave**

Verse 4

**By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth**

Chorus

**We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight**

Verse 5

**By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name**

Chorus

**We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight**

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

Alpha Today!

We continue our **exciting new Alpha programme today** at noon. A **free lunch** will be followed by a **video presentation on "Why and How Should I Read the Bible?"** and a time for **small group discussions**. 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>

Or call either: 647 374 4685 or 647 558 0588

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** a series on "David: Developing a Heart for God." **All are welcome to join at any time.** Please let John know if you'd like to buy a copy of the Study Guide.

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.

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.**

Upcoming Concerts

Laura Hope is singing in three upcoming concerts.

"Vertigo: A Choral Tango" - November 1 - The main work is "MisaTango," the Catholic Mass, sung in Latin, but entirely Tango music. This concert includes live musicians, an aerial dancer and a tango dance lesson, if you wish. Intense and unforgettable! Use the PROMO CODE ALTO1 for 10% off your ticket price.

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"Silent Dawn" - November 29 - The theme of the concert of anticipation and awe. Includes beautiful Christmas music and live musicians.

www.villagevoices.ca/upcoming-events/

"Christmas Oratorio" - December 7 - Bach wrote six pieces for feast days around Christmas. Orchestra includes some members of the Toronto Symphony and UofT students. Several ticket options, including a dinner option at a local restaurant. Use the PROMO CODE ALTO1 for 10% off your ticket price.

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There is more information about all these concerts on the notice board in the narthex and at the websites highlighted.

Happy Birthdays

Anna Subrata	October 30
Andrea Allen	October 3
Ron Bloor	October 31

**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 is the love light of our Lord for all to know.**