

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church & Iona Presbyterian Church

1080 Finch Ave East, Toronto, Ontario

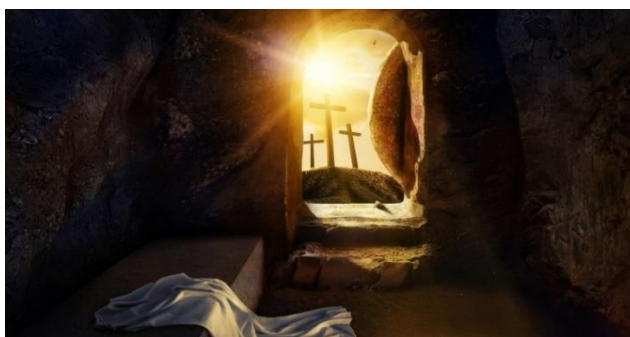
Telephone: 416-494-2442

St. Cyprian's Website: stcyprianschurch.ca

Iona's Website: tri-church.ca/iona

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

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



Easter Day April 5, 2026

Minister: Every member of the congregation

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Dr. John Oakes

Email: revdrjohnoakes@outlook.com

Phone: (647) 219-5754

Rector's Warden: Carol Berger

People's Warden: Stacey Leslie

Iona Elders: Marg Black, Dorine Bourque, Melissa Reid

Director of Music: Laura Hope

Office Administrator: Bob Williams

Lay Assistant: Hanson Lam

Zoom Link for Sunday Worship

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

Or call: 647 374 4685 or 647 558 0588

Meeting ID: 289 779 0104 No Passcode

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: "Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast." (1 Corinthians 5: 7–8)

Processional Hymn #203: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presider: May his grace and peace be with you.

People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

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.**

Hymn #365: *Glory to God on High*

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray.

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Acts 10: 34–43 Janet Mitchener

Reader: Our first reading is from the tenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the thirty-fourth verse.

³⁴Then Peter began to speak: “I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism ³⁵but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 118: 1–2, 14–24

Presider: 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

**Response: 2 Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures for ever."**

Presider: 14. The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.

**Response: 15. There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:**

Presider: 16. "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

**Response: 17. I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.**

Presider: 18. The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.

**Response: 19. Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

Presider: 20 "This is the gate of the Lord;
he who is righteous may enter."

**Response: 21. I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.**

Presider: 22 The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

**Response: 23 This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Presider: 24. On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us pray. Holy and mighty God, your Son's triumph over sin and death has opened to us the gate of eternal life. Purify our hearts that we may follow where he has gone and share in the radiance of his glory. We ask this for the sake of our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Gradual Hymn #205: *The Day of Resurrection* (vv. 1–2)

Gospel Reading: John 20:1–18 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 twentieth chapter of St. John, beginning at the first verse.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

“**20** Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. **2** So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!’ **3** So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. **4** Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. **5** He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. **6** Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, **7** as well as the cloth that had been wrapped round Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. **8** Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. **9** (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) **10** Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. **11** Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb **12** and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. **13** They asked her, ‘Woman, why are you crying?’ ‘They have taken my Lord away,’ she said, ‘and I don’t know where they have put him.’ **14** At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus. **15** He asked her, ‘Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?’ Thinking he was the gardener, she said, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.’ **16** Jesus said to her, ‘Mary.’ She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, ‘Rabboni!’ (which means ‘Teacher’). **17** Jesus said, ‘Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, “I am ascending

to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.””¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: ‘I have seen the Lord!’ And she told them that he had said these things to her.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

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

Gradual Hymn #205: *The Day of Resurrection* (v. 3)

Sermon: “Death Defeated” Rev. Dr. John Oakes

Anthem: *"He Is the Risen Lord"* (Joseph M. Martin)

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.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying,
“Hear us, Lord of glory!”

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Intercessor: That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Intercessor: That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Intercessor: That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Intercessor: That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Intercessor: That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, especially Diane, Edna, Judy, and those we now name . . .

(Other names may be added, silently or aloud)

to the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Intercessor: That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Dear friends in Christ. God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to his 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 #231: *That Eastertide with Joy Was Bright*

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day,

and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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 Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All (sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
(#735) 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 give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was

handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Presider: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon us, that these gifts may be for us the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for 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: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Presider: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Presider: Live in us, that we may live in you.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

**All (#745) Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy
(sung): 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 #239: *Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now*

Prayer after Communion

Presider: God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection
promised in this Easter sacrament.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All: 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 may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Recessional Hymn #210: *Yours Be the Glory*

Dismissal

Presider: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Rev. John, the staff, wardens and elders of St. Cyprian's and Iona wish you all a happy and healthy Easter!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to St. Cyprian's and Iona, as we continue our combined worship and ministry at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. A special Easter welcome to visiting family and community members, who are joining us today. Please sign our guest book.

Welcome Rev. Martha!

We're pleased to welcome **Rev. Martha Gordon**, who **begins her ministry as Interim Priest-in-Charge with us tomorrow**. She will be with us **until the end of June**, when Rev. John returns from recovery and rehabilitation leave.

Martha can be reached by phone at 416-333-9897 or by email at: marthahgordon@gmail.com

Wednesday Meditation

The Wednesday Meditation is taking a **one-week break after Easter** and **will resume on April 30 at noon**. It is **20 minutes long** and a **helpful way to nurture your faith** through the practice of silent prayer.

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. So all donations must be received by Sunday, April 12 to ensure receipt at the Diocese. Any questions? Please ask Stacey Leslie.**

Village Voice Concert - May 2 - "Chrysalis"

Join us as we sing songs of sanctuary; tales of love, hope and resilience by a **70-voice choir, full string orchestra, percussion and piano all in support of the Women's Centre of York Region.** For more information and tickets, please see **Marg Black or Laura Hope.**



VILLAGE VOICES PRESENTS

Chrysalis

Shirley Madden, Artistic Director
Adolfo de Santis, Accompanist

St. Maurice & St. Verena Coptic Orthodox Church
3300 Hwy 7, Markham

May 2, 2026 at 3:00 pm

VillageVoices




Free underground parking!

\$25 Adult | \$20 Senior | \$10 Student | Children under 12 (Free)

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

Joe Subrata Apr. 7

**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.**

Easter Flowers 2026

In Loving Memory/Honour of:

Given by:

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

Gwynneth and family

C.H. Raj & B.G. Nagrani

Mary & Prakash Nagrani

Robert Cumming

Eliza Xu and family

Thomas, Gertrude, Audrey, Rosemary & Donna

The Mitchener family

Errol Simmons, Samantha Simmons and Family

Esther & the Simmons family

Cynthia Williams, George Williams, Andrew Williams
and Family

The Williams family

Joseph Robert Rouse and Family

Muriel Rouse and family

Rueben Archer and Family

Edith Stuart and family

Duane Shepherd and Rashida Shepherd

Reg Shepherd and 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

Loved Ones

Judy North

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

Una Ford & family

Norma Elliott and Rashida Shepherd

Rosa McKoy

Lionel Elliott and Rashida Shepherd

Dalton Elliott

Beatrice & George McIntosh, Delroy, George &
Olga McIntosh, Greta and Russell McIntosh.
Sybil & Noel Ruddy, Joe Ruddy,
Jean Gooding & Marilyn Magnus

Aubrey McIntosh

Theresa and Aaron Smith, and Noel

Nassie Grandison & family

John Macnamara, Harold & Margaret Macnamara,
Eric, Estella & Frank Thompson

Mary Macnamara

Parents, Derek and Wanetta Hudson
Grandparents and Friends

Janet and Rod Hudson

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

Loving husband Herbert and Sister Winifred

Iris Harrison

Egbert and Hilda Gill, Valerie Isaac, Vada Bickley
and Anthony Gill

Jacqueline Gill

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Kwok

Theresa Kwok

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

Stacey & Warren & family