

# St. Cyprian's Anglican Church & Iona Presbyterian Church

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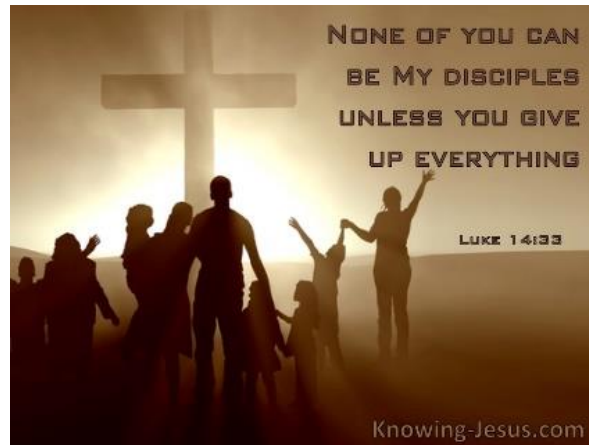
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St. Cyprian's Website: [stcyprianschurch.ca](http://stcyprianschurch.ca)

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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**

**Sunday, September 7, 2025**

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Director of Music: Laura Hope

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## **Zoom Link for Sunday Worship**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2897790104?pwd=WTVXeWtJZWV2RW9JVGJGOE5VUVB1dz09>

Or call: 647 374 4685 or 647 558 0588

Meeting ID: 289 779 0104

Passcode: 432441

## **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 be sure that your cell phone is switched off or set to airplane mode to conserve the WiFi service for our zoom broadcast. Thank you.

## **Holy Communion (Presbyterian *Book of Common Worship* and "Worship Planner")**

**Hymns are from *The Book of Praise***

**Presider and Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Oakes**

## **Welcome**

**Processional Hymn #634:   *Will You Come and Follow Me***

**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!**

## **Prayers of Adoration and Confession**

**Presider:** Let us pray. God of majesty and mystery, you call us together in your presence with that great cloud of witnesses who have worshipped you in song and service for centuries. Our praise joins theirs as we fix our eyes on Jesus and wait for your Spirit to guide us. We praise you for your great love and mercy, revealed in Christ, at work in us through the Spirit.

Loving God, Three-in-One, we offer you all glory and honour in our worship, seeking to renew our faith and commitment to serve you in the world that belongs to you, in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

We also bring before you in confession all those ways in which we have fallen short of your glory and holiness and sinned against you and against others in thought, word, and deed.

## **Confession**

**All:**        **God of grace and glory, we acknowledge that we have fallen short of your hope and purposes for us. Forgive us for all our sins against you and one another, and grant us the grace to forgive, amend who we are, and begin again with you and one another, in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

*Silent reflection.*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Presider: Friends in Christ, to all who humbly seek the mercy of God, Jesus offers forgiveness and new life. In fulfilment of the promises of God, I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, that you are forgiven. All glory be to God. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

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

**All:**        **And also, with you.**

Presider: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **Prayer For Illumination**

Presider: God of truth and wisdom, send us your Holy Spirit as we listen to your Word. Refresh our understanding and equip us to respond to you in love, for the sake of Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**First Reading: Philemon 1: 1–21 David Rudd**

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

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker – <sup>2</sup> also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier – and to the church that meets in your home: <sup>3</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup> because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup> Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

<sup>8</sup> Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, <sup>9</sup> yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul – an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus – <sup>10</sup> that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. <sup>11</sup> Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

<sup>12</sup> I am sending him – who is my very heart – back to you. <sup>13</sup> I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. <sup>14</sup> But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favour you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. <sup>15</sup> Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for ever – <sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup> If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back – not to mention that you owe me your very self. <sup>20</sup> I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 1**

Presider: 1. Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**People: 2. Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.**

Presider: 3. They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

**People: 4. It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Presider: 5. Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**People: 6. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

Presider: Let us pray. Giver of life, save us from the desert of faithlessness and nourish us with the living water of your word, that we may bring forth fruit that will last, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Gradual Hymn CP#712: Alleluia** (chorus x2)

**Gospel Reading: Luke 14: 25–33 Marg Black**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the fourteenth chapter of Saint Luke, beginning at the twenty-fifth verse.

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

<sup>25</sup> Large crowds were travelling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: <sup>26</sup> “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children,

brothers and sisters – yes, even their own life – such a person cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup> Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup> For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

<sup>31</sup> Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Gradual Hymn CP#712: *Alleluia* (chorus x2)**

**Sermon:** "Counting the Cost" the Rev. Dr. John Oakes

**Choir Anthem:** "You Creator God, Have Searched Me"

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## **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 Thanksgiving and Intercession

Intercessor: God in whom we live and move and have our being:  
As we gather in your presence today, we give you thanks for your faithfulness to your people across many generations.  
Thank you for the faithfulness we meet in the world around us, in friendships that endure, in communities that pitch in when someone is in trouble, in workers who go that extra mile, in countries who offer safety or sustenance when disaster strikes and strangers are in desperate need.

Faithful God, hear our prayer,

**People: And renew our faithfulness.**

Compassionate God, we are aware of many challenges in our own lives, in the lives of those we care about, and in the world around us. Show us how our care and concern can respond to the prayers of those we love, especially those on our hearts whom we name before you this day:

Faithful God, hear our prayer,

**People: And renew our faithfulness.**

Intercessor: We pray for those who have been in the headlines lately, whose situations concern us deeply, whose lives cry out to you for help.

Faithful God, hear our prayer,

**People: And renew our faithfulness.**

Intercessor: We pray for those who are suffering behinds the scenes in our community: those who are ill or waiting on treatment;

those who are bereaved; those struggling to make ends meet or find the right job; those who are lonely, those who are moving and will need new friends.

Faithful God, hear our prayer,

**People: And renew our faithfulness.**

Intercessor: We pray for those looking forward to a new beginning: those starting at a new school or in a new college or university program; those beginning new work or new activities; those settling into a new home and neighbourhood; those welcoming new members into the family through birth, adoption or marriage.

Faithful God, hear our prayer,

**People: And renew our faithfulness.**

Intercessor: We pray for our congregations.  
Gather us into new and renewed friendships.  
Show us how to reach out with your love and generosity.  
Equip us to meet every challenge we face with faithfulness and commitment, as we pray together the words Jesus taught us:

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Presider: Our Father,

**All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

## **Invitation to the Offering**

Presider: As we have been given so many gifts, let us return a portion of those gifts to God.



## Offertory Hymn #499: *Tell Me the Old, Old Story*

### Prayer of Dedication

Presider: O God, we offer these gifts to you. Bless them and use them to heal and reshape the world you love with the Good News we celebrate in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

Presider: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God. People will come from east and west, and from north and south and sit at table in the Kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. This is the Lord's Table. Our Saviour invites all those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared. O taste and see that the Lord is good.

### The Celebration of the Eucharist

#### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 1

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 truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, Lord God, Creator of heaven and earth. From the days when you called Moses and Miriam to lead your people, your love has brought freedom in the face of oppression,

and guidance through the wilderness of trials and temptations. When your people turned from your ways, you called us back to you through your prophets. In Christ Jesus, you came to live among us, to show us how to follow your truth and find our joy complete in you. Therefore

**All:** **we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise:**  
**Sung (CP#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:** God of majesty and mercy, blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Sent to be our Saviour, he delivered us from sin and death, bringing us abundant life through his courage and compassion. Dying on the cross, he gave up his life so that we might live. By raising him to new life, you promise us life everlasting. Ascended to your right hand, he spreads his mercy throughout your whole creation. We thank you that on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread and said "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. Do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we take this bread and this cup and give you praise and thanksgiving.

**All:** **Dying, you destroyed our death.**  
**Rising, you restored our life.**  
**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

**Presider:** Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine, that we, and all who share this feast, may be one with Christ and he with us. Here we offer ourselves to be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you. In your mercy, accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Fill us

with the joy of eternal life, that we may be your faithful people until we feast with you in glory. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, Almighty God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

Presider: Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. (1 Cor. 10: 17)

When we break the bread, it is a sharing in the body of Christ.  
(1 Cor. 10: 16)

When we bless the cup, it is a sharing in the blood of Christ.  
(1 Cor. 10: 16)

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Communion:** *All who know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour are welcome to receive Communion. It will be administered to you, as you remain seated— first the bread, which we will all consume together after it has been distributed, then the cups, which we will also drink together.*

**Communion Song: I Love You Lord (x2)**

**I love You Lord and I lift my voice  
To worship You O my soul rejoice  
Take joy my King in what You hear  
May it be a sweet sweet sound in Your ear**

**Chorus**

**All hail King Jesus All hail Emmanuel  
King of kings Lord of lords Bright Morning Star  
And for all eternity I'm going to praise Him  
And forevermore I will reign with Him**

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## **Prayer after Communion**

Presider: Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life.  
May we who have shared in holy things  
bear fruit to your honour and glory,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Announcements**

### **Benediction**

Presider: May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make God's  
face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up  
God's countenance upon you, and give you peace, and the  
blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Recessional Hymn #570: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus***

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.**

### **Sunday Bible Study**

The **Sunday Bible Study** is now on summer break.  
We resume with an exciting new Alpha programme in September.

### **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., is on summer break.** We'll start a new series in the Fall.

Watch this space!

### **St. Cyprian's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**St. Cyprian's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary service** will be held on **Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** when we will also mark **St. Cyprian's Day.**

Tickets available through the church office  
or through Beverly Charles. Please get tickets early.

### **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

Wimsy Sinnatamby	Sept 7
Cecil Edwards	Sept 13
Helmut Berger	Sept 13
Beverly Charles	Sept 13

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.