

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

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



## **Palm Sunday April 13, 2025**

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## **Zoom Link for Sunday Worship**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2897790104?pwd=WTVXeWtJZWV2RW9JVGVGOE5VUVB1dz09>

Or call: 647 374 4685 or 647 558 0588

Meeting ID: 289 779 0104 Passcode: 43244

## 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***

## Welcome

## The Liturgy of the Palms (in Iona)

Presider: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All: Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palm to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is right to praise you, almighty God, for the acts of love

by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King, with palm branches in their hands, crying, Hosanna in the highest. May we also, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Procession**

Presider: Let us go forth in peace.

**All: In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Repeat**  
**Lord, we lift up your name with hearts full of praise.**  
**Be exalted O Lord our God Hosanna in the highest.**

**Glory, Glory, Glory to the King of Kings. Repeat**  
**Lord, we lift up your name with hearts full of praise.**  
**Be exalted O Lord our God, Glory to the King of Kings.**

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### **Processional Hymn #181: *All Glory, Laud and Honour* (in St. Cyprian's)**

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.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

Presider: Let us pray. True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you so that we may be found  
beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.  
**Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

**First Reading:   Philippians 2: 5-11     Ron Bloor**

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

<sup>5</sup>In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:<sup>6</sup>who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup>rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.<sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!<sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,<sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader:    The Word of the Lord.

**All:           Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 118: 1–2, 19–29**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Presider:   23. This is the Lord's doing,  
                  and it is marvellous in our eyes.

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

**Presider:** 25. Hosannah, Lord, hosannah!  
Lord, send us now success.

**People:** 26. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you  
from the house of the Lord.

**Presider:** 27. God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; form a procession with  
branches up to the horns of the altar.

**People:** 28. "You are my God, and I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you."

**Presider:** 29. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures  
for ever.

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 #716: *Glory and Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ* (x2)**

**Gospel**                      **Luke 19: 28-40**      **Mary Nagrani**

**Reader:**                      The Lord be with you.

**People:**                      **And also with you.**

**Reader:**                      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the  
nineteenth chapter of St. Luke, beginning at the twenty-eighth  
verse.

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

<sup>28</sup> After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> As he  
approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent  
two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup> "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you  
enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and  
bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs  
it.'" <sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As  
they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the  
colt?" <sup>34</sup> They replied, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their

cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it.<sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.<sup>37</sup> When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:<sup>38</sup> “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”<sup>40</sup> “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

**Reader:** The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Gradual Hymn #716:** *Glory and Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ* (x2)

**Sermon:** “Meekness and Majesty” Rev. Dr. John Oakes

**Choir Anthem:** “*On the way to Jerusalem*” (J. H. Mauder)

## **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, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in 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 the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, including Andrew, Kevin and Riscylla our bishops, Alex our

Interim Moderator, and John our priest and pastor, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness we may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

For peace in the world and for its leaders, especially in those nations riven by war and conflict, including Russia, Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

For those in sorrow, sickness, especially Diane, Edna, Judy and all others whom we now name . . .

*(The people may add their own petitions)*

that they may find healing, comfort and protection, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: For the forgiveness of our sins and offences, we pray to you, Lord.

*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.

### **The Peace**

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

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

**Offertory Hymn:** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (Ellacombe)

**1. Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**

**2. From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,  
the victory palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.**

**3. "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

**Presider:** God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

#### **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 right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God,  
sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider: But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider: Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn.

**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: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, he

took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Glory to you for ever and ever. Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, so that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, so that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(Eucharistic Prayer 4 from *The Book of Alternative Services*.)

### **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: We break this bread,

**People: Communion in Christ’s body once broken.**

Presider: Let your church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

**People: If we have died with him, we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**All (#745) (sung):**

**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:** *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: *Meekness and Majesty*** (Graham Kendrick)

**Verse 1**

Meekness and majesty Manhood and deity  
In perfect harmony The Man who is God  
Lord of eternity Dwells in humanity  
Kneels in humility And washes our feet

**Chorus**

**O what a mystery Meekness and majesty  
Bow down and worship For this is your God  
This is your God**

**Verse 2**

Father's pure radiance Perfect in innocence  
Yet learns obedience To death on a cross  
Suffering to give us life Conquering through sacrifice  
And as they crucify Prays 'Father forgive' / **Chorus**

**Verse 3**

Wisdom unsearchable God the invisible  
Love indestructible In frailty appears  
Lord of infinity Stooping so tenderly

Lifts our humanity To the heights of His throne / **Chorus**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Presider: All your works praise you, O Lord.

**All:** And your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Announcements**

#### **Blessing**

Presider: May 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 #182: *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty***

#### **Dismissal**

Presider: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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**

### **Sunday Bible Study**

The **Sunday Bible Study** concludes our study for Lent **today at noon** in the **Fellowship Room**.

### **Wednesday Noon Meditation**

The **Wednesday meditation continues** with David Rudd and others  
**at 12 noon on:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9321564941?pwd=QmhLdDZ6ekQ2a1FLMmRWK2tXU0F0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 932 156 4941      Passcode: 1080

### **Wednesday Evening Lenten Services**

Rev. John is offering an **online Zoom Compline or Evening Prayer service**  
**at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday through Lent.**

**The link is the same as for Sunday worship:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2897790104?pwd=WTVXeWtjZWV2RW9JVGIJGOE5VUVB1dz09>

Or call: 647 374 4685 or 647 558 0588

Meeting ID: 289 779 0104      Passcode: 432441

### **Friday Zoom Bible Study**

Rev. John's **weekly Zoom Bible Study, which meets on Fridays at 7 p.m., is taking a break for Easter.** We will resume with a new series on May 23. All are welcome at any time.

### **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**

Angela Norman      April 12

Liliana Sarah Lobato      April 17

**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.**