

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

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Sunday Worship by Zoom and in person 10:30 am



**Easter 3,  
Sunday, April 14, 2024**

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## **Zoom Link for Sunday Worship:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2897790104?pwd=WTVXeWtjZWV2RW9JVGVJGOE5VUVB1dz09>

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.

## Morning Prayer

(from Presbyterian *Book of Common Worship* and the PCC "Worship Planner")

Hymns are from *Common Praise*

## Welcome

**Processional Hymn #355:** *All Creatures of Our God and King* (vv. 1, 5–7)

**Leader:** We gather with joy, for Easter brings us new life.

**People:** The risen Christ is with us wherever we go.

**Leader:** Love breaks all bonds and unites us in hope.

**People:** Christ has defeated death. Let us rejoice and be glad!

**Leader:** Come and worship with hearts full of praise.

**People:** O God, receive our grateful Hallelujahs!

## Prayer Of Adoration

**Leader:** Let us pray. God our Maker,

We praise you for all the wonders in your creation:

we lift our hearts to praise you. May the life, teaching and resurrection of the risen Christ lift and instruct our hearts this day, that we may greet a new week as an occasion to discover him in our midst, making all things new in the springtime of your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us, therefore, freely confess the wrongs we have done against God and one another.

**All: God of mercy, as we gather to celebrate your gift of love, we recall with sorrow the times when we forget you and are divided from one another. We regret how often our thoughts, words, and actions, have betrayed the goodness you have shown to us. So we ask you to forgive us, merciful God, for all our sins of thought, word, and deed. Mend what is broken and heal the wounded relationships that separate us from you and each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Leader: Loving God, we know that we can only be saved by grace through faith and this is not our doing, but your gift to us. We thank you that your mercy is from everlasting to everlasting and for the forgiveness, which we now humbly receive. And as we know the peace of Christ, we share it with one another in his name.

People: **All glory be to God. Amen.**

## The Peace

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

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

## Offertory Invitation

Leader: Our lives overflow with blessing and goodness in Christ and in creation. Out of the bounty with which God has blessed us, let us present to God our offering with gratitude that overflows.

Offertory Song: *I Love You, Lord* (X2) (by Laurie Klein, 1978)

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you,  
Oh, my soul rejoice,  
Take joy, my king, in what you hear,  
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

**Chorus:**                    *All Hail King Jesus*    (*Book of Praise* #268, by Dave Moody)

**All Hail King Jesus All hail Emmanuel  
King of king Lord of lords  
Bright Morning Star And thro'out eternity  
I'm sing his praisesand I'll reign with Him  
thro'out eternity**

### **Prayer of Dedication**

Leader:    God our Maker, you have filled the world with so much abundance. We offer our gifts to you, knowing they are part of your abundance. Bless them and use them to bring hope and new life in Christ's name to a world that so badly needs these gifts, in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

### **Prayer For Illumination**

Leader:    God of Word and wisdom, the risen Christ opened the minds of his friends to understand the Scriptures. Send us your Holy Spirit to open our minds to receive your truth and love through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

**First Reading: 1 John 3:1–7      Una Ford**

Reader: The first reading is from the third chapter of the first epistle of John, beginning at the first verse.

<sup>1</sup>See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us

is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears,<sup>[a]</sup> we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

#### **Psalm 4**

Leader: 1. Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

**People: 2. "You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory; how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"**

Leader: 3. Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

**People: 4. Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

Leader: 5. Offer the appointed sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord.

**People: 6. Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.**

Leader: 7. You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

**People: 8. I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

Leader: Let us pray: Faithful defender, do not let our hearts be troubled, but fill us with such confidence and joy that we may sleep in peace and rise in your light; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

## **Gradual Hymn #715: Alleluia! (Chorus x2)**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36–48      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 twenty-fourth chapter of Saint Luke, beginning at the thirty-sixth verse.

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

<sup>36</sup>While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."<sup>37</sup>They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."<sup>40</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate it in their presence. <sup>44</sup>He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He told them, "This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

Reader:    The Gospel of Christ

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

**Gradual Hymn #715:    *Alleluia!* ( Chorus x2)**

**Sermon: "God Eats Fish" – Rev. Dr. John Oakes**

**Hymn of Response #405:    *Alleluia No. 1***

## The Apostles' Creed

Leader: 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 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

Leader: Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you taught us to pray and to present to you our intercessions for others. By your Holy Spirit, be present to guide us so that our prayers may serve your will and show your steadfast love for all. Loving God, with gladness we praise you for creating and sustaining all things. We thank you that you have made us in your own image to glorify you, to love one another and to care for your creation. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ who saves and redeems us by grace through faith in him, and for your precious Holy Spirit, who empowers and equips us for your service. We also praise you for the many other ways in which you bless us, including those which we now name . . .

*Please add your own prayers of thanksgiving*

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church and all those serving as leaders in it, including Bishops Andrew, Kevin and Ryscilla, Interim Moderator Alex, John our priest and pastor, and others in leadership at St. Cyprian's and Iona.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We ask for peace among the nations, especially those of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia and many others torn apart by armed conflict and strife.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We lift up those in positions of authority and responsibility at all levels of government, including Prime Minister Trudeau, Premier Ford and Mayor Chow.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the poor, the homeless, the hungry and for all who seek to meet their needs.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We intercede for those who are suffering from sickness of any kind, or from grief and loneliness, including Diane, Edna, Freda, Cynthia, and all others whom we now name . . .



*Please add other names silently or aloud*

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We lift up our own needs and those of others whom we name who are especially on our minds and hearts this morning . . .

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Leader: 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.**

Leader: 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**

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

**Recessional Hymn #374: *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* (vv. 1–3, 5)**

### **Dismissal**

Leader: Alleluia! Let us go in peace. And whatever we do, in word or deed, Let us do it in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col. 3:17).

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome to St. Cyprian's and Iona, as we continue our combined worship and ministry at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays.**

**All are invited to join the fellowship time together in the Iona space after the service.**

### **Sunday Bible Study**

**The Sunday Bible Study continues today at noon.**

**Rev. John is helping facilitate a study on Acts using an N.T. Wright study guide.**

**All are welcome. Please bring your own lunch, if you want one.**

### **Wednesday Noon Meditation**

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

**It is 20 minutes long and a helpful way to nurture your faith through the practice of silent prayer.**

### **Zoom link to join:**

<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 on Acts** meets on **Fridays at 7 p.m.**  
**All are welcome at any time.**

You can join online at:

<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**

**Andrew Heyland** is putting together a **new team of sidespeople.**  
A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer. We need new members.  
**To help with refreshments, please contact Judy North.**

### **Happy Birthdays**

Liliana Sara Lobato      April 14 (2008)  
Chloe Loretta Bucchan    April 20 (2006)

**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.**