

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church & Iona Presbyterian Church

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



Pentecost 21

Sunday, October 18, 2026

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Zoom Link for Sunday Worship

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

Or call: 647 374 4685 or 647 558 0588

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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.

Baptism and Holy Communion (BAS)
Hymns are from *Common Praise*
Presider and Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Oakes

Today we welcome Alden Edmead and Peter Otoo-Annan as new members of Christ's church.

Welcome

The Gathering of the Community

Opening Sentence: "Shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life."
(Philippians 2: 15,16)

Processional Hymn #362: *Tell Out My Soul*

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: There is one body and one Spirit,

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

People: **One God and Father of all.**

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.**

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. Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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: Colossians 2: 16–3:17 Janet Mitchener

Reader: The first reading is from second chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Colossians, beginning at the sixteenth verse.

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

¹⁸Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind. ¹⁹They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow. ²⁰Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules: ²¹'Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!?' ²²These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings.

²³Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence. **3** Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you

died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways; in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. ¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 96

Presider: 1. Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

**People: 2. Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

Presider: 3. Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.

**People: 4. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.**

Presider: 5. As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

**People: 6. Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
Oh, the power and the splendour of his sanctuary!**

Presider: 7. Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honour and power.

**People: 8. Ascribe to the Lord the honour due his name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.**

Presider: 9. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Presider: Let us pray. We worship you, God of glory, in the beauty of holiness, and
we joyfully proclaim your just and righteous rule, established
for all, through your Son Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Gradual Hymn #712: Alleluia (chorus x2)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22: 15-22 Norma Leggard

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the twenty-
second chapter of St. Matthew, beginning at the fifteenth verse.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

“¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. ‘Teacher,’ they said, ‘we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the poll-tax to Caesar or not?’ ¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, ‘You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax.’ They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, ‘Whose image is this? And whose inscription?’ ²¹ ‘Caesar’s,’ they replied. Then he said to them, ‘So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.’ ²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ
All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus**

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

Sermon: “Serving Christ” Rev. Dr. John Oakes

Choir Anthem: “*For These Blessings*” by Natalie Sleeth

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates for Baptism

Presider: The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and sponsors: We present Ander Edmead to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Elder: On behalf of the Iona session, I present Peter Otoo-Anan to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Presider: Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents and sponsors: I will, with God’s help.

Presider: Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and sponsors: I will, with God’s help.

Presider: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and sponsors: I renounce them.

Presider: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and sponsors: I renounce them.

Presider: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and sponsors: I renounce them.

Presider: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Parents and sponsor: I do.

Presider: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and sponsors: I do.

Presider: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Parents and sponsors: I do.

Presider: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES AND THE COMMUNITY

Leader: Let us now pray for Ander and Peter who are to receive the sacrament of new birth, and for the church and our world.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all clergy, pastors, and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the sick and the suffering, especially those whom we now name . . . let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For Ander and Peter, O Lord, that you will deliver them from the way of sin and death.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Thanksgiving over the Water

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Presider: We give you thanks, almighty God and Father, for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.
All: **Blessed be God for ever.**
Presider: We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.
All: **Blessed be God for ever.**
Presider: We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.
All: **Blessed be God for ever.**
Presider: We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.
All: **Blessed be God for ever.**
Presider: We give you thanks for you have called Ander and Peter to new life through the waters of baptism. Now sanctify this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Anoint them with your Holy Spirit and bring them to new birth in the family of your Church, that they may become

inheritors of your glorious kingdom. We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All: **Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.**

Please stand.

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider: Let us renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **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.**

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **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.**

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth?

People: I will, with God's help.

The Baptisms

Presider: I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

I sign you with the cross,
and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Heavenly Father,
we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you bestow upon your servants the forgiveness of sin,
and raise us to the new life of grace. Sustain us, O Lord, in your
Holy Spirit. Give us an inquiring and discerning heart,
the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love
you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Giving of the Light

Presider: Receive the light of Christ,
to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

All: Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Presider: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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 #35: *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Eternal God, your word inspires our faith. May we who offer you our praise trust you in all things. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 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: *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 #576: *For the Healing of the Nations*

Prayer after Communion

Presider: God of peace, you have nourished us in this sacrament with the body and blood of Christ. May we who have taken holy things keep faith in our hearts and lives, 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 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. The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Recessional Hymn #482: *Come and Journey with a Saviour*

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 joint fellowship time together in the Iona space.

New Bible Studies!

Rev. John's **weekly Zoom Bible Study, now meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.** as we begin a **new series "Saints at Prayer."** The **Sunday group** meeting in the Fellowship Room after church **will follow the same programme, beginning October 18.** If you wish to be part of either group, **please put your name on the sign-up sheet on tside or contact John directly.**

<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.

2027 Canadian Church Calendar

If you would like a calendar, please advise Carol at the earliest so you are added to the list. The cost is the same as last year: \$7.00, which includes HST. Your payment can be made when the order is received.

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

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

Ossie Gordon	October 14
Leonora Ray	October 16
Rod Hudson	October 22

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.