

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church & Iona Presbyterian Church

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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 19

Sunday, October 19, 2025

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Zoom Link for Sunday Worship

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

Meeting ID: 289 779 0104

No Passcode Needed

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
from the *Book of Alternative Services*
Leader and Preacher: John Oakes

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.

WELCOME

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES

Leader: "The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." (Psalm 51:18)

"Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon. " (Isaiah 55: 6–7)

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1: 8–9)

OPENING HYMN #645: *Come Down, O Love Divine*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Please sit or kneel.

**All: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours 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.**

Leader: 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.

Please stand.

THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lord, open our lips,

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Leader: God rules over all the earth: O come, let us worship.

Please stand.

HYMNS OF WORSHIP

#532: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

#531: *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord (On Eagle's Wings)*

PSALM 119:97–104

Leader: 97. Oh, how I love your law!
all the day long it is in my mind.

**People: 98. Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies,
and it is always with me.**

Leader: 99. I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my study.

**People: 100. I am wiser than the elders,
because I observe your commandments.**

Leader: 101. I restrain my feet from every evil way,
that I may keep your word.

**People: 102. I do not shrink from your judgements,
because you yourself have taught me.**

Leader: 103. How sweet are your words to my taste!
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

**People: 104. Through your commandments I gain understanding;
therefore I hate every lying way.**

Leader: Let us pray. Lord, you are just and your commandments are eternal.
Teach us to love you with all our heart and to love our neighbour as
ourselves, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 14–4:5 – Michael Gordon

Reader: The first reading is taken from the third chapter of the second Epistle to Timothy, beginning at the fourteenth verse.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. **4** In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather round them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG: *He Has Made Me Glad*

**I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart
I will enter His courts with praise I will say this is the day
That the Lord has made I will rejoice For He has made me glad**

Chorus

**He has made me glad He has made me glad
I will rejoice for He has made me glad
He has made me glad He has made me glad
I will rejoice for He has made me glad**

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Gospel Reading Luke 18: 1–8 – Hanson Lam

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the eighteenth chapter of St. Luke, beginning at the first verse.

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

18 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴ For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

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SERMON: “Principles of Prayer” — John Oakes

CHOIR ANTHEM: “With Music I Will Praise Thee” by Natalie Sleeth

Please stand.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

Leader: Let us confess our faith, 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.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: As we rest in God’s presence, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.” For the whole People of God and our leaders, that each one may be a true and faithful servant of Christ—especially for Bishops Andrew, Kevin and Riscylla, for Interim Moderator Alex, and for John, our priest and pastor—we pray to you, Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For those drawing near to the light of faith, including all participating in our current Alpha course, that the Lord will bring us to true knowledge of himself, we pray to you, Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do, we pray to you Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For those who are lonely or sick, including Diane, Edna, Judy, Margaret, Jessima, and all others whom we now name . . . ; for the hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord bring them healing, comfort and peace, we pray to you Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and well-being, we pray to you, Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the whole human family, especially for those nations riven by war and conflict, including Ukraine, Russia, and other nations, that we may live together in justice and peace, we pray to you, Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

COLLECTS

Leader: O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life, to serve you is perfect freedom. Defend us your servants from the assaults of our enemies, that we may trust in your defense, and not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All: Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, or be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: 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 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.**

OFFERTORY HYMN #403: *Let All Things Now Living*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Leader: 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.**
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.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN #423: *How Great Thou Art*

DISMISSAL

Leader: Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!
All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

You are warmly invited to stay for refreshments and fellowship.

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**.

Alpha Today!

We continue our **exciting new Alpha programme today** at noon. A **free lunch** will be followed by a **video presentation on "Why and How Do I Pray?"** and a time for **small group discussions**. We aim to **finish by 1:30 p.m. All welcome!**

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., on Zoom continues** a new series on *"David: Developing a Heart for God."* All are welcome to join at any time. Please let John know if you'd like to buy a copy of the Study Guide.

The link for the Zoom study is:

<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

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**.

Upcoming Concerts

Laura Hope is singing in three upcoming concerts.

"Vertigo: A Choral Tango" - November 1 - The main work is "MisaTango," the Catholic Mass, sung in Latin, but entirely Tango music. This concert includes live musicians, an aerial dancer and a tango dance lesson, if you wish. Intense and unforgettable! Use the PROMO CODE ALTO1 for 10% off your ticket price.

amadeuschoir.com/events

"Silent Dawn" - November 29 - The theme of the concert of anticipation and awe. Includes beautiful Christmas music and live musicians.

www.villagevoices.ca/upcoming-events/

"Christmas Oratorio" - December 7 - Bach wrote six pieces for feast days around Christmas. Orchestra includes some members of the Toronto Symphony and UofT students. Several ticket options, including a dinner option at a local restaurant. Use the PROMO CODE ALTO1 for 10% off your ticket price.

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There is more information about all these concerts on the notice board in the narthex and at the websites [highlighted](#)

Happy Birthdays

Rod Hudson November 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.