

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church & Iona Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Worship by Zoom and in person at 10:30 am



Reign of Christ Sunday, November 23, 2025

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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

Meeting ID: 289 779 0104 No Passcode

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 ensure that your cell phone is switched off or set to "airplane" mode to conserve the wifi service for our Zoom broadcast. Many thanks!

Holy Communion (BAS)

Hymns are from *Common Praise*

Guest Presider and Preacher: Rev. Mary Lewis

Welcome

The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #378: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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: 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 everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; 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 1: 11–20 Una Ford

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

¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 46

Presider: 1. God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**People: 2. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains be toppled into the
depths of the sea;**

Presider: 3. Though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

**People: 4. The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

Presider: 5. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**People: 6. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;
God shall help her at the break of day.**

Presider: 7. The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

**People: 8. The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

Presider: 9. Come now and look upon the works of the Lord,
what awesome things he has done on earth.

**People: 10. It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.**

Presider: 11. "Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."

**People: 12. The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

Presider: Let us pray. God our strength, your power is for peace, and the
pride of your mighty acts secures the city of the humble. Teach us to
put our trust in your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gradual Hymn #405: *Alleluia No. 1* (vv. 1–2)

Gospel Reading: Luke 23: 33–43 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-third chapter of Saint Luke, beginning at the thirty-third verse.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” ³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³ Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn #405: Alleluia No. 1 (vv. 3–4)

Sermon: Rev. Mary Lewis

Anthem: "Let the Whole Creation Cry" (arr. Jay Althouse)

The Nicene Creed

Presider: Let us confess the faith, as we say:

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with
the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the
Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered
death and was buried. On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy
catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life,
saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."
Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians:
that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the
praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for Andrew, Kevin, and Riscylla our bishops, for Alex, our
Interim Moderator, for John, our priest and pastor and for all

other ministers: that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

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

Intercessor: We pray for Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority: that their people may lead quiet and peaceable lives, especially in those countries torn by war in Ukraine, Russia, and parts of the Middle East and Africa.

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

Intercessor: We pray for this city and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women: that you will show your goodwill to all.

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

Intercessor: We pray for the victims of our society and those who minister to them: that you will be their help and defence.

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

Intercessor: We pray for the sick and the suffering in our congregations, including Diane, Edna, Judy, Margaret, Jessima, and all others we now name . . . : that you will minister healing and grace, peace and comfort, to them all.

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

Intercessor: We pray for those completing the “Alpha” course: that they may be strengthened in the faith.

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

Intercessor: We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses.

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

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Dear friends in Christ. God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to this table. Let us confess our sins confident in God’s forgiveness.

Presider: Most merciful God.

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

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 #383: *Jesus Shall Reign*

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer 4

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): (#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: 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: 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, 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, 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.

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

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 #259: For the Fruit of All Creation

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood
in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Make known his victory through us, we pray,
that all the world may see his light. We ask this 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. 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 #379: *Rejoice the Lord Is King*

Dismissal

Presider: Alleluia! Let us go in peace to love and serve Christ the King.

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.**

Today we welcome **Rev. Mary Lewis, Honorary Assistant of St. Clement, Eglinton,** as our **guest presider and preacher.**

Emergency Pastoral Coverage for St. Cyprian's

During **Rev. John's absence out of town until November 30,** we are grateful that **Rev. Mary Lewis will also be offering emergency pastoral coverage for members and attenders of St. Cyprian's.**

She can be reached on 647-482-5196.

Alpha

Our **Alpha programme will not meet today.**

We resume on November 30 at noon, when a **free lunch** will be followed by a **video presentation on “What about the Church?”** 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 our** series on “David: Developing a Heart for God” on December 5 after a couple of weeks' break. 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.**

Memorial Flowers

We will be purchasing memorial flowers for the Christmas services for both St. Cyprian's and Iona.

If you would like to remember someone in this way, **please donate by Sunday, December 14.** On your donation envelope, please clearly print the following information:

- 1) Your name or family name (i.e., how you wish it to appear in the bulletin)
 - 2) The name(s) of those you wish to remember/honour.
- If preferred, write-ups may be emailed to Stacey at:
Stacey.leslie.2993@gmail.com

Food Donations

As the holiday season approaches, we would like to help others in need through food donations.

Brenda Haddock, who volunteers at the Scott Mission, and **Stacey Leslie**, who volunteers at the St. Paul's Food Bank in Pickering, will be **collecting food donations on the following Sundays:**
November 30, December 7 and December 14

Scott Mission needs: Fresh produce, cookies, chocolate, and bakery treats
St. Paul's Food Bank needs: cans of chickpeas, cooking oil, canned fruit, canned meats, crackers, cookies and juice

Any help is always appreciated if you would like to contribute.

Please talk to Brenda or Stacey if you have any questions. Thank you.

Happy Birthdays

Catherine Laurencin	November 23
Hannah Annand	November 26
Henry Bengo	November 26
Rita Hiorth	November 29

**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.**