

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church & Iona Presbyterian Church

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



Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

10:30 a.m.

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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.

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Christmas Day Communion (BCP Modern) **Hymns are from *Common Praise***

Welcome

Opening Sentence

Presider: "I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord."
(Luke 2: 10–11)

Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #135: *Shepherds in the Field Abiding*

The Collect for Purity

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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Summary of the Law

Presider: Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your and with all your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these laws in our hearts, we beseech you.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Hebrews 1: 1–4 Kirsten Oakes

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

¹In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. ³The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for

sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

After the reading

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn #140: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (vv. 1–2)

Gospel Reading: John 1: 1–14 John Oakes

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, ¹and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived

among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

After the reading

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn #140: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (vv. 4–5)

Please be seated.

Message "God in the Flesh" Rev. John Oakes

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed

Presider: Let us confess our 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.

Please sit or kneel

Prayers of the People

Leader: Be mindful, O Lord, of your people bowed before you, and of those who are absent through age, sickness, or infirmity. Care for the infants, guide the young, support the aged, encourage the faint-hearted, collect the scattered, and bring the wandering to your fold. Travel with the voyagers, defend the widows, shield the orphans, deliver the captives, heal the sick. Comfort all who are in times of trial, necessity, or distress. Remember for good all those who love us, and those who hate us, and those who have desired us, unworthy as we are, to pray for them. And remember those whom we have forgotten. For you are the Helper of the helpless, the Saviour of the lost, the Refuge of the wanderer, the Healer of the sick. You who know everyone's needs, and have heard our prayers, grant our requests according to your merciful loving-kindness and your eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Presider: You then, who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from this day forward in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

Silence is kept.

Presider: Most merciful God,

All: **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we acknowledge and lament our many sins**

and the wickedness we have committed time after time, by thought, word and deed against your divine majesty. We earnestly repent, and are deeply sorry for these our wrongdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that from this time forward we may always serve and please you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

Presider: Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him:

All: **Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11: 28***

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3: 16*

Presider: Hear what Saint Paul says:

All: **This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1.15***

Presider: Hear what Saint John says:

All: **If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. *John 2: 1, 2***

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 #118: *O Come All Ye Faithful* (vv. 1–5)

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God of peace, your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you. May all we offer you today renew us as members of your household. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

Please stand, sit or kneel.

The Celebration of Communion

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, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God. And now we give you thanks because, by the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ took our nature upon him and was born of the Virgin Mary his mother, that being himself without sin, he might make us clean from all sin. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you, and saying:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Presider: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy,

gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again. Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." **Amen.**

This is a modernized version of the first part of the Communion Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer (1962). It is based on Common Worship (London, 2000), as are other modern language versions of BCP prayers in this service.

The Prayer of Humble Access

All: We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Communion

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

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.*

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**

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you that you graciously feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ. By this you assure us of your favour and goodness towards us: we are incorporated into the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; we are heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom.

All: **And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and our bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice;**

fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing. Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gloria

Presider: Glory to God in the highest,

All: and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Blessing

Please stand.

Recessional Hymn #123: *Once in Royal David's City*

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



John Oakes, the Staff, Wardens, and Elders
of St. Cyprian's Anglican Church and Iona Presbyterian Church
wish you a Joyful and Blessed Christmas!

Christmas Flowers / Benevolent Fund

In Loving Memory/Honour Of:

**Charlie & Dave Ettinger, Fred & Margaret Stapley,
Denise & Jack Sullivan & departed Relatives and Friends**

Fred Baker & Loved Ones

Herbert Harrison and Winifred Williams

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All of the church and their family members.

Peter Heyland, a devoted husband and father.

Margaret Heyland

In honour of my devoted family

**Reginald Ford, Corleana Smith, Marjorie Gardner,
Gladys & Clarence Graham**

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Loved Ones

Judy North

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