

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church & Iona Presbyterian Church

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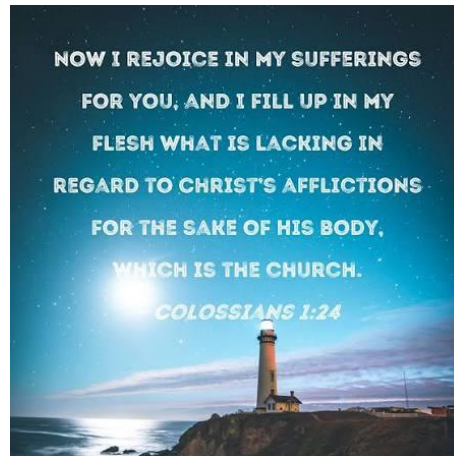
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St. Cyprian's Website: stcyprianschurch.ca

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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 18

Sunday, September 27, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Minister: Every member of the congregation

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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

Holy Communion (BCP Modern)
Hymns are from *Common Praise*

Presider and Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Oakes

Welcome

Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #2: *When Morning Guilds the Skies*

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 mind 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. Grant, O merciful God, that your Church,

being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who 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: Colossians 1: 24–2:5 Marcus Berger

Reader: The first reading is taken from the first chapter of the Epistle to the Colossians, beginning at the twenty-fourth verse.

“²⁴ Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵ I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people. ²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. ²⁹ To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me. **2** I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. ² My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.”

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78: 1–4, 12–16

1. Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**2. I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

3. That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us,
we will not hide from their children.

**4. We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,
and the wonderful works he has done**

12. He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers,
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

**13. He split open the sea and let them pass through;
he made the waters stand up like walls.**

14. He led them with a cloud by day,
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

**15. He split the hard rocks in the wilderness
and gave them drink as from the great deep.**

16. He brought streams out of the cliff,
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

Let us pray. God of pilgrims, strengthen our faith, we pray. Guide us
through the uncertainties of our journey, and hold before us
the vision of your eternal kingdom, made known to us in Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn #712: Alleluia! (Chorus x2)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21: 23–32 Norma Leggard

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

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

²³ Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. ‘By what authority are you doing these things?’ they asked. ‘And who gave you this authority?’ ²⁴ Jesus replied, ‘I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁵ John’s baptism – where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?’ They discussed it among themselves and said, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will ask, “Then why didn’t you believe him?” ²⁶ But if we say, “Of human origin” – we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.’ ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, ‘We don’t know.’ Then he said, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, “Son, go and work today in the vineyard.” ²⁹ “I will not,” he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ ‘Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, “I will, sir,” but he did not go. ³¹ ‘Which of the two did what his father wanted?’ ‘The first,’ they answered.

Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.’”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gradual Hymn #712: *Alleluia!* (Chorus x2)

Please be seated.

Message “Suffering for Christ” Rev. Dr. John Oakes

Choir Anthem: “O Come, Let Us Worship” (Arr from Himmel, 1875)
(Sung by Brenda Haddock and the choir)

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.

Great Intercession

Presider: Let us pray for Christ's holy catholic church
Let us pray for peace on earth and for the unity of all Christian people.
Let us pray for our missionaries at home and abroad.
Let us remember before God those of our brothers and sisters who
have departed this life and are at rest. Let us pray for the whole state of
Christ's church militant here on earth.

Almighty and ever-living God, who has taught us through your holy apostle to pray and to give thanks for all people: we humbly beseech you in your great mercy to receive these prayers, which we now offer; asking you to inspire continually the universal church with the Spirit of truth, unity and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech you also to lead all nations in the ways of righteousness and peace; and so to direct their leaders and rulers, that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. And grant to thy servant Charles our King, and to all in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of true religion and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, priests and deacons, especially to your servants Andrew, Kevin and Riscylla, our bishops, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth your true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer your holy sacraments. Prosper, we pray, all who proclaim the gospel of your Kingdom among the nations. And to all your people give your heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, we may hear and receive your holy Word, truly serving you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

And we most humbly beseech you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We remember before you, O Lord, all your servants who have departed this life in faith; and we bless your holy name for all who in life and death have glorified you; asking you to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship and following their good examples, we may come to share in your heavenly kingdom with them. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. **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:

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 #386: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Let us pray. Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory.
Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our
hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ
our Lord. **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. Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this first day of the week

overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. In our unending joy we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

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: 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider: "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

All: Give us this bread for ever.

Presider: "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All: May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Communion

Please be seated.

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: *How Deep the Father's Love*

**1. How deep the Father's love for us. How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure.**

**How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory**

**2. Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished**

**3. I will not boast in anything: No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom**

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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.

The Blessing

Please stand.

Recessional Hymn #239: *Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now*

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.

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

New Bible Studies!

Rev. John's **weekly Zoom Bible Study**, will now meet on **Tuesdays at 7 p.m.** from October 13, 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 outside or contact John directly.**

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.

The Choir

St. Cyprian choir **rehearsals are on Friday afternoons, starting at 1 pm.**

Ask any choir member for more details and then **come give it a try!**

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

Mateo Lobato	October 1
Gregory Reid	October 1
Onyinyechi Ekeanyawu	October 2

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.