

# St. Cyprian's Anglican Church and Iona Presbyterian Church

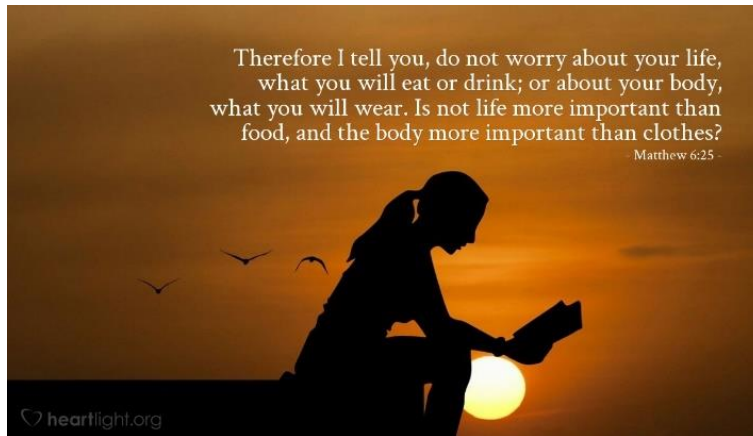
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Sunday Worship by Zoom and in person 10:30 am



## **Pentecost 10 Sunday, July 28, 2024**

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### **Zoom Link for Sunday Worship:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2897790104?pwd=WTVXeWtJZWV2RW9JVGJGOE5VUVB1dz09>

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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.

## **Cell phones**

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## **Holy Communion (Presbyterian *Book of Common Worship*)**

**Hymns are from *Common Praise***

**Presider: Rev. Dr. John Oakes**

**Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Kathy Brownlee**

## **Welcome**

**Processional Hymn #565: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah***

## **Call To Worship**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

## **Prayers of Adoration and Confession**

Presider: God of life, we rejoice in your love which has filled creation from the beginning and which calls all life into being. We praise you for Jesus Christ who reveals most fully your loving purpose for all people. God, bless us with your presence so that our worship and our lives We bless you for your Spirit who draws us into the circle of your tender love.

Gracious may be a true celebration of your love in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

## **Invitation to Confession**

Presider: God's Word tells us that "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. [But] if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1: 8, 9)

In humility and faith let us therefore confess our sins to Almighty God.

## **Confession**

**All: Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sins and offences against you and one another. Although we have found peace in Christ, we are divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbour set neighbour against neighbour and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord have mercy upon us. Heal us, forgive us and set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Presider: Hear the good news: "If anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation. The old has gone. The new is here." (2 Cor. 5:17). Thanks be to God that we can make a fresh start, forgiven and set free. And since we are reconciled to God in Christ, let us share the sign of peace with one another.

## The Peace

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

**All: And also, with you.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### Prayer for Illumination

Presider: Speak to us through the Scriptures this day, O God. By the power of your Holy Spirit, give us a deeper understanding of your Word for our lives and our times, through Christ, the Living Word. **Amen.**

**First Reading: Genesis 2: 1-3** Brenda Haddock

Reader: The first reading is taken from the second chapter of the Book of Genesis, beginning at the first verse.

<sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

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.**

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

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 6: 24–34 Hank Huang**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the sixth chapter  
of Saint Matthew, beginning at the twenty-fourth verse.

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

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said] "No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one  
and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot  
serve God and wealth. <sup>25</sup>Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what  
you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not  
life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the  
air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father  
feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by

worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup>So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

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

**Sermon: “Be Still!”** – Rev. Kathy Brownlee

**Hymn of Response: *Take Time to Be Holy*** (Presbyterian *Book of Praise* #638)

**Take time to be holy Speak oft with thy Lord  
Abide in Him always And feed on His Word  
Make friends with God's children Help those who are weak  
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek**

**Take time to be holy The world rushes on  
Spend much time in secret With Jesus alone  
By looking to Jesus Like Him thou shalt be  
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see**

**Take time to be holy Let Him be thy Guide  
And run not before Him Whatever betide  
In joy or in sorrow Still follow thy Lord**

**And looking to Jesus Still trust in His Word**

**Take time to be holy Be calm in thy soul  
Each tho't and each motive Beneath His control  
Thus led by His Spirit To fountains of love  
Thou soon shall be fitted For service above**

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## **The Apostles' Creed**

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, 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 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. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Intercessor: Loving God, in Jesus Christ you teach us to pray and to present our petitions to you in his name. Guide us by your Holy Spirit, that our prayers for others may serve your will and show your steadfast love for all.

Gracious God,  
you have called together a people to be the church of Jesus Christ. May your people be one in faith and discipleship,

breaking bread together, and telling good news so that the world may believe you are love, turn to your ways, and live in the light of your truth.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Creator God, you made all things and called them good. May your planet earth be held in reverence by all people. May its resources be used wisely and its fragile balance between life and death respected.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Eternal Ruler, in your mighty realm the nations rise and fall. Hear our prayers for those who rule the nations that they may learn wisdom and truth, establish justice and mercy, and seek the ways of peace.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Ever faithful God, you have knit together as one body in Christ those who have been your people in all times and places. Keep us in communion with your saints following the example of faith and life which they set before us, and bring us to the joy which you have prepared in your presence.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Let us pray for the sick and the suffering, and especially for Diane, Edna, Freda, Judy, and all others whom we now name ...



*The people may add their own petitions.*

O Christ the great healer, you desire health and wholeness for your people: minister you healing grace among us, we pray. May those who are broken in body and spirit find rest, restoration, and newness of life.

Lord in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

Presider: As we present our gifts to God, may our generosity reflect God's goodness to us and our hope for abundant life in Christ Jesus.

### **Offertory Hymn #259: *For the Fruit of All Creation***

### **Prayer of Dedication**

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, we bring our gifts to you, asking you to bless them so that they may accomplish more than we can ask or imagine. Bless

us, too, so that our lives speak of our choice to follow you, offering others the healing and hope you have offered us. **Amen.**

## **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Celebrant:** Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God. People will come from east and west, and from north and south and sit at table in the Kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. This is the Lord's Table. Our Saviour invites all those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared. O taste and see that the Lord is good.

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

### **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 1**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Celebrant:** You commanded light to shine out of darkness, divided the sea and dry land, created the vast universe and called it good. You made us in your image to live with one another in love. You gave us the breath of life and freedom to choose your way. You set forth your purpose in commandments through Moses, and called for justice in the cry of prophets. Through long generations you have been patient and kind to all your children. How wonderful are your ways, almighty God. How marvellous is your name, O Holy One. You alone are God. Therefore with apostles and prophets, and that great cloud of witnesses who live for you beyond all time and space,

**All:** we lift our hearts in joyful praise:  
**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.

**Celebrant:** We praise you, most holy God, for sending your  
only Son Jesus to live among us, full of grace and truth. Sharing  
our joy and sorrow, he healed the sick and was a friend of sinners.  
Obeying you, he took up his cross and died that we might live. We  
praise you that he overcame death and is risen to rule the world.  
He is still the friend of sinners. We trust him to overcome every  
power that can hurt or divide us, and believe that when he comes  
in glory we will celebrate victory with him. We thank you that on  
the night before he died, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you,  
broke the bread and said "Take, eat. This is my body, given for  
you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way he  
took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my  
blood. Do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, in  
remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we take this  
bread and this cup and give you praise and thanksgiving

**All:** as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died,**  
**Christ is risen,**  
**Christ will come again.**

**Celebrant:** Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,  
and upon this bread and wine, that we, and all who share this  
feast, may be one with Christ and he with us. Here we offer  
ourselves to be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you. In  
your mercy, accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Fill us  
with the joy of eternal life, that we may be your faithful people  
until we feast with you in glory. Through Christ, with Christ, in  
Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are  
yours, almighty God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. (1 Cor. 10: 17).

When we break the bread it is a sharing in the body of Christ.  
(1 Cor. 10: 16).

When we bless the cup, it is a sharing in the blood of Christ.  
(1 Cor. 10: 16).

Celebrant: 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. It will be administered to you, as you remain seated— first the bread, which we will all consume together after it has been distributed, then the cups, which we will also drink together.*

**Communion Hymn: *Let Us Break Bread Together*** (Presbyterian Book of Praise #324)

**Let us break bread together on our knees  
Let us break bread together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees With my face to the rising sun  
O Lord have mercy on me**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees With my face to the rising sun  
O Lord have mercy on me**

**Let us praise God together on our knees  
Let us praise God together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees With my face to the rising sun  
O Lord have mercy on me**

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### **Prayer after Communion**

Presider: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

### **Benediction**

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: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*** (Presbyterian Book of Praise #324)

**O God my Father There is no shadow  
Of turning with Thee Thou changest not  
Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be**

**Great is Thy faithfulness Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning New mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest  
Sun moon and stars In their courses above  
Join with all nature In manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness Mercy and love (Chorus)**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thy own dear presence To cheer and to guide  
Strength for today And bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine With ten thousand beside (Chorus)**

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**Presider:** Let us go in the peace of Christ, and may God's love open the future for us, empowered by the Spirit, and embraced by the presence of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome to St. Cyprian's and Iona, as we continue our combined  
worship and ministry at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays.**

**All are invited to join the fellowship time in the Iona space after the service.**

### **Summer Fellowship Time**

**For the remaining Sundays this summer, a cool drink and a cookie will be  
available for self-serve after the service, as we continue to take time to chat,  
catch up, and stay in touch. Do stay and join us and if you wish to volunteer one  
Sunday, please speak to an elder or warden.**

## Sunday Bible Study

The Sunday Bible Study is **taking a break** until September.

## Wednesday Noon Meditation

The **Wednesday meditation continues with David Rudd and others at 12 noon.** It is 20 minutes long and a helpful way to nurture your faith through the practice of silent prayer.

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## Friday Zoom Bible Study

Rev. John's **weekly Zoom Bible Study**, which meets on **Fridays at 7:00 p.m.**, is taking a **break until September.**

## 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

Elaine Burton    July 28  
Hank Huang      July 28  
Melvina Lewis   July 31  
Cynthia Williams   Aug 1

**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.**