

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church & Iona Presbyterian Church

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



St. Peter's and St. Paul's Day Sunday, June 29, 2025

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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

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!

**St. Peter's and St. Paul's Day,
June 29, 2025. 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion (BAS)
Hymns are from *Common Praise***

Presider and Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Oakes

Welcome

The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #444: *Your Hand, O God, Has Guided* (vv. 1–3, 5)

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: Let us pray. 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 God, you inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God. Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Ephesians 2: 12–22 Mary Macnamara

Reader: The first reading is from the second chapter of the Epistle to the Ephesians, beginning at the eighth verse.

¹² Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. ¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a

holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn #519: *The Lord's My Shepherd* (vv. 1–4 – Brother James' Air)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16: 13–19 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 sixteenth chapter of St. Matthew, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus

Gradual Hymn #519: *The Lord's My Shepherd* (v. 5 – Brother James' Air)

Sermon: “The Church: Why We Believe” Rev. Dr. John Oakes
Part 7 of sermon series on the Apostles' Creed

Songs of Response:

Here I Am to Worship

Verse 1

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see Beauty that made
This heart adore You Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

**So here I am to worship Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy Altogether wonderful to me**

Verse 2

King of all days Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above Humbly You came
To the earth You created All for love's sake became poor/**Chorus**

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In Christ Alone

Verse 1

**In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand**

Verse 2

**In Christ alone who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied**

For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

**There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

Verse 4

**No guilt in life no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand**

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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: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
People: For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

Intercessor: For this community, our country, and the world, especially in areas riven by war and conflict, including Russia, Ukraine, Israel and Iran;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Intercessor: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Intercessor: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, especially Diane, Edna, Judy, Jessima, Margaret, and all others whom we now name . . .;

The people may add their own petitions.

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Intercessor: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

Intercessor: For Andrew, Kevin and Riscylla our bishops, for Alex our Interim Moderator, for John our priest and pastor, and for all other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Intercessor: For our own needs and those of others.

The people may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The people may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our king;

People: **And praise your name for ever and ever.**

Intercessor: We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ,
and those whose faith is known to you alone.
Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

People: **Who put their trust in you.**

Presider: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
**In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that
we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and
glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

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.

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:

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness 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

Chorus

**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**

Verse 2

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**

Verse 3

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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Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Living God, accept the offering of your holy Church. As Peter confessed Jesus, the Messiah and your Son, give us courage to follow him, the Lord who reigns with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Communion Prayer

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: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All (sung): Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
(#735) 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: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."
Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you
and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.
All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

("Eucharistic Prayer 2" from the BAS)

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): Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us
#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: grant us peace. Grant us peace.

Communion Hymn #73: *One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All*

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Keep us, Father, in this fellowship of faith,
the Church of your Son Jesus Christ,
and help us to confess him as Messiah and Lord
in all we say and do. We ask this in his name.
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 #525: *The Church's One Foundation*

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 **special joint fellowship time together in the Iona space.**

Sunday Bible Study

The **Sunday Bible Study** continues **at noon today with our study** on the Apostles' Creed in the Fellowship Room.

Noon Meditation

The **Wednesday meditation meets** with David Rudd and others **at 12 noon on:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9321564941?pwd=QmhLdDZ6ekQ2a1FLMmRWK2tXU0F0Zz09>

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Friday Zoom Bible Study

Rev. John's **weekly Zoom Bible Study, which meets on Fridays at 7 p.m., completed its study of the Creed on June 27.**

We'll start a new series in the Fall. Watch this space!

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

Joyce Peters – July 4

**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 is the love light of our Lord for all to know.**