

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church & Iona Presbyterian Church

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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.



Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026

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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

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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.

Holy Communion (BAS) **Hymns are from *Common Praise***

Presider and preacher: Rev. Dr. John Oakes

Welcome

The Liturgy of the Palms (in Fellowship Room)

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

All: Hosanna in the highest.

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palm to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: It is right to praise you, almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King, with palm branches in their hands, crying, Hosanna in the highest. May we also, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Procession

Presider: Let us go forth in peace.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Repeat
Lord, we lift up your name with hearts full of praise.
Be exalted O Lord our God Hosanna in the highest.**

**Glory, Glory, Glory to the King of Kings. Repeat
Lord, we lift up your name with hearts full of praise.
Be exalted O Lord our God, Glory to the King of Kings.**

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Processional Hymn #181: All Glory, Laud and Honour (in St. Cyprian's)

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.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray. True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you so that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.
Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Philippians 2: 5–11 Una Ford

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

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross! ⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 118: 1–2, 19–29

Presider: 1. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

People: 2. Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures for ever."

Presider: 19. Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

People: 20. "This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter."

Presider: 21. I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have

Become my salvation.

People: 22. **The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

Presider: 23. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

People: 24. **On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Presider: 25. Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! Lord, send us now success.

People: 26. **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.**

Presider: 27. God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

People: 28. **"You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you."**

Presider: 29. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

Let us pray.

Holy and mighty God, your Son's triumph over sin and death has opened to us the gate of eternal life. Purify our hearts that we may follow where he has gone and share in the radiance of his glory. We ask this for the sake of our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Gradual Hymn #716: *Glory and Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ* (x2)

Gospel Matthew 21: 1–11 Mary Nagrani

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

"**21** As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, 'Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.' ⁴ This took place to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵ 'Say to Daughter Zion, "See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" ⁶ The disciples went

and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!' 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!' 'Hosanna in the highest heaven!' ¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, 'Who is this?' ¹¹ The crowds answered, 'This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.'"

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gradual Hymn #716: *Glory and Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ* (x2)

Sermon: "From Triumph to Tragedy" Rev. Dr. John Oakes

Choir Anthem: "*Hosanna*" (by Natalie Sleeth)

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, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in 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 the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, including Andrew, Kevin and Riscylla our bishops, Alex our Interim Moderator, and John our priest and pastor, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness we may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

For peace in the world and for its leaders, especially in those nations riven by war and conflict, including Iran, Israel, Ukraine, Israel and elsewhere, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

For those in sorrow, sickness, especially Diane, Edna, Judy, Margaret, Jessima and all others whom we now name . . .

(The people may add their own petitions)

that they may find healing, comfort and protection, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For the forgiveness of our sins and offences, we pray to you, Lord.

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.

The Peace

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

All: And also, with you.

Offertory Hymn: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (Ellacombe)

**1. Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**

**2. From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.**

**3. "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: 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): 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: 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 all people for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Glory to you for ever and ever. 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, so 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, so 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. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(Eucharistic Prayer 4 from *The Book of Alternative Services*.)

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: We break this bread,

People: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Presider: Let your church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

**People: If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

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

People: Thanks be to God.

All (#745) (sung):

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: *Meekness and Majesty* (Graham Kendrick)

Verse 1

**Meekness and majesty Manhood and deity In perfect harmony The Man
who is God Lord of eternity Dwells in humanity Kneels in humility And
washes our feet**

Chorus

**O what a mystery Meekness and majesty Bow down and worship
For this is your God This is your God**

Verse 2

Father's pure radiance Perfect in innocence Yet learns obedience To death on a cross Suffering to give us life Conquering through sacrifice And as they crucify Prays "Father forgive"/Chorus

Verse 3

Wisdom unsearchable God the invisible Love indestructible In frailty appears

Lord of infinity Stooping so tenderly Lifts our humanity To the heights of His throne/Chorus

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Prayer after Communion

Presider: All your works praise you, O Lord.

All: And your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Presider: May 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 #182: *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

Dismissal

Presider: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 in the Iona space.**

Sunday Study Series

Our Sunday series, **"A Life Worth Living,"** in the Fellowship Room at noon concludes today. We begin with a free lunch, followed by a **Bible Study on Philippians with Nicky Gumbel** and others on video.

We aim to **finish by 1:30 p.m. All welcome!**

Noon Meditation

The **Wednesday meditation continues this week** 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 generally meets on Fridays at 7 p.m., on Zoom, **is not meeting through Lent.** Instead, members are encouraged to join the Wednesday evening services online

Wednesday Services in Lent

On Wednesday evenings through Lent there is a Zoom-only Compline or Communion service at 8:00 p.m., using the Sunday Zoom link. All welcome!

Easter Flowers

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

If you would like to remember someone in this way, **please donate by Sunday, March 29, at the latest.** 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

Appeal for Jamaican Relief and Reconstruction

As a Lenten Appeal, there is a Matching Challenge Grant of up to \$50,000. **Make donations through FaithWorks envelopes or the donation box available. Campaign ends April 17. So all donations must be received by Sunday, April 12 to ensure receipt at the Diocese. Any questions? Please ask Stacey Leslie.**

Village Voice Concert - May 2 - "Chrysalis"

Join us as we sing songs of sanctuary; tales of love, hope and resilience by a **70-voice choir, full string orchestra, percussion and piano all in support of the Women's Centre of York Region.** For more information and tickets, **please see Marg Black or Laura Hope.**

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 Brome March 31

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.