

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church & Iona Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Worship by Zoom and in person 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.

Cell phones

Please be sure that your cell phone is switched off or set to airplane mode to conserve the WiFi service for our Zoom broadcast. Thank you.

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 #1: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Call To Worship

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Presider: Holy and loving God, blessed are you in all the universe: your goodness is seen in creation, your holiness is incomprehensible, your truth and wisdom are radiant, your justice rolls down like waters, your love is wider than all the universe and your mercy greater than the heights of heaven, and so, with our lips we sing your praises and we join with your good creation in joyful praise of you as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Invitation to Confession

Presider: In recognizing all that you are and all that you have done, we also recall who we are and what we have done. 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: God of mercy: you have called us to be thankful for your good gifts to us, but too often we have taken them for granted as if we deserved them. You have called us to be hopeful through the gospel of Jesus Christ, but too often despair has come upon us, and the cares of the world have weighed us down. You have called us to be joyful in the wonder of your presence among us, but too often we become mired in the mundane and lose the gift of reverence. By your saving power, O God, we ask you to forgive our sins of thought, word, and deed against you and one another, and to help us to celebrate your love with joy and thanksgiving.

Silent reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Presider: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In fulfillment of the promises of God I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. All glory be to God. Amen.

The Peace

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

All: And also, with you.

Presider: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

The Proclamation of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Presider: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, illumine the sacred page, we pray, that our minds may be open to receive your Word, our hearts taught to love it, and our wills strengthened to obey it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: James 5: 13-16 Ron Bloor

Reader: The first reading is taken from the fifth chapter of the Epistle of James, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 19: 7–14

Presider: 7. The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**People: 8. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

Presider: 9. The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**People: 10. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

Presider: 11. By them also is your servant enlightened,

and in keeping them there is great reward.

People: **12. Who can tell how often he offends?
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Presider: 13. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

People: **14. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

Presider: Let us pray. Gracious creator of heaven and earth, your Word has come among us as the true Sun of righteousness, and the good news of his birth has gone out to the ends of the world. Open our eyes to the light of your law, that we may be purified from sin and serve you without reproach for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Life. **Amen.**

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

Gospel Reading: John 1: 35–45 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 first chapter of Saint John, beginning at the thirty-fifth verse.

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

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked

at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter)⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Choir Anthem: "Let It Be Said of Us" (by Steve Fry)

Sermon: "Bringing Others to Jesus" – the Rev. Kathy Brownlee

Hymn of Response #432: *Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult*

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, especially in countries riven by war and conflict, 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, the suffering, and all who mourn, especially for Diane, Edna, Freda, Judy, Sadie, George Williams and family, 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 #531: *On Eagle's Wings*

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.
(I Cor. 10 :16)

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

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

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 Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord be kind and gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour and give you peace, in the name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

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

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: Alleluia! Let us go in the peace of Christ 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**.

2025 Church Calendars

The 2025 church calendars are now available. The cost for this year will be **\$5.00**. There is a **sign-up sheet in the Narthex** if you want to order one. Otherwise, please contact one of the wardens.

Sunday Bible Study

The **Sunday Bible Study resumes today at noon** in the Fellowship Room. Rev. John is helping facilitate a **new study on 1 Corinthians**, using a study guide by N. T. Wright. **All are welcome!**

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.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9321564941?pwd=QmhLdDZ6ekQ2a1FLMmRWK2tXU0F0Zz09>

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Choir

Choir holds weekly rehearsals on Fridays at 1:00–2:30 p.m.

If you are interested in joining, **please come out**. You will be welcomed warmly. For more information, please speak to Laura Hope, Bob Williams or one of our choir members.

Friday Zoom Bible Study

Rev. John's weekly **Zoom Bible Study** will resume on **Friday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m.** We'll be continuing our **new study on 1 Corinthians**, with a study guide by N. T. Wright. **All are welcome!**

The link for the meetings is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8517044556?omn=87394869005>

You can also call in **by phone on 647-374-4685 or 647-558-0588**

Meeting ID: 851 704 45

Confirmation Classes

Rev. John plans to hold **confirmation classes on Zoom for four weekly meetings on Saturday mornings in October.** **If you are interested** in participating, **please let him know.**

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

Gregory Reid October 1
Mateo Lobato October 1
Tracey Grandison October 3

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.