

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 am.



Second Sunday after Pentecost June 7, 2026

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2897790104?omn=83067962618>

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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* and "Worship Planner")**

Hymns are from *The Book of Praise*, unless otherwise noted.

Presider: Rev. Martha Gordon

Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Kathy Brownlee

Welcome

Processional Hymn: #372 Praise Him! Praise Him!

Responsive Call to Worship

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.**

Prayer of Adoration

Presider: God of power and might, grace and love, heaven and earth are full of your glory. You chose to become one of us in Jesus Christ, sharing our joy and sorrow, manifesting your greatness in the child in the manger. So we praise you for your love which is great enough to

embrace the universe, yet close enough to enter our hearts. Fill us with your Holy and life-giving Spirit that we, with the rest of the church and the whole creation, may praise and adore you, O God, our Creator and Redeemer, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

In recalling all that God is and does, we also acknowledge who we are and how far we have fallen. So we join together to confess our sins:

Prayer of Confession

All: God of mercy and loving-kindness, you sent Christ among us to be the light of the world and to reveal your love to all people. We confess our many sins against you and one another, which can cast shade upon the brightness of your light. We waste our gifts, we ignore the cries of the needy, and we do not strive for peace. In your great mercy, we ask you to forgive us our sins against you and one another, and to cleanse us from unrighteousness through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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 us, pardon and deliver us from all your sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: God of Wisdom, we turn to Scripture to listen and learn. Send your Holy Spirit to help us listen carefully so that we hear what we have not heard before and learn to follow Christ with deeper understanding and renewed commitment. **Amen.**

First Reading: Romans 4: 13-25 Alan Teare

Reader: The first reading is taken from the fourth chapter of the epistle to the Romans, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. ¹⁶For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness."

²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 50: 7-15

Celebrant: ⁷Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

People: ⁸**I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your offerings are always before me.**

Celebrant: ⁹I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, nor he-goats out of your pens.

People: ¹⁰**For the beasts of the forest are mine, the herds in their thousands upon the hills.**

Celebrant: ¹¹I know every bird in the sky, and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.

People: ¹²**If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

Celebrant: ¹³Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats.

People: ¹⁴**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.**

Celebrant: ¹⁵Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honour me."

Celebrant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

All: **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.**

Gradual Hymn: #400 Spirit of the Living God (verse 1)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9: 18-26 Dorine Bourque

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the ninth chapter of Saint Matthew, beginning at the eighteenth verse

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just

died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.’ ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, ‘If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.’ ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, ‘Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.’ And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, ‘Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.’ And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout the district.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gradual Hymn: #400 Spirit of the Living God (verse 2)

Sermon: “Interruptions or Opportunities” Rev. Kathy Brownlee

Choir Anthem: *“I Have Called You By Your Name”* Arr. Daniel Damon

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 Intercession

Each Prayer will end with this response:

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer

The prayers will end as follows:

Leader: Merciful Father,

**All: Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

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

Celebrant: Our lives are blessed with the goodness that comes from God. Let us trust that goodness to sustain us and offer God our gifts with glad hearts to share with the world in need.

Offertory Hymn: #683 I know not why such wonderful grace

Prayer of Dedication

Celebrant: Generous God, we offer our gifts to you in gratitude for all that we have received in Christ and in creation. Bless our gifts and our lives, so that we can share in the building up of your kingdom in the world you love. In Jesus' name, we pray. **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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 call your people to repentance, to renew their covenant with you and to prepare for the joyful victory feast of the Lamb who is slain. 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 join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise:

**Sung (CP#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: God of majesty and mercy, blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Sent to be our Saviour, he delivered us from sin and death, bringing us abundant life through his courage and compassion. Dying on the cross, he gave up his life so that we might live. By raising him to new life, you promise us life everlasting. Ascended to your right hand, he spreads his mercy throughout your whole creation. 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: Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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: #556 Now let us from this Table rise...

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Loving God, Christ our Lord, Holy Spirit,
you have nourished us, body and soul, in this meal.
We have heard your love, so send us out to speak it.
We have seen your love, so send us out to show it.
We have been fed by your love, so send us out to share it.
And let all things be done for your glory, in Jesus' 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, for ever and ever. 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. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn: #350 To God be the Glory

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

People: Thanks be to God.

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 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

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God's Earth, Our Home

The Fifth Study of the Ecology and Economy Bible Study will take place in the Fellowship Room at noon today.

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

Joshua Chukwuela **June 7**
Dennis Bucchan **June 9**
Ingrid Ellis-Rowe **June 13**

**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.**