

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.



All Saints' Sunday November 2, 2025

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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.

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. Kathy Brownlee

Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Oakes

Welcome

Processional Hymn #611: *For All the Saints* (vv. 1–2, 4, 7–8)

Responsive Call to Worship

Presider: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

People: They shall mount up with wings as eagles;

Presider: They shall run and not be weary;

People: They shall walk and not faint.

Presider: In the company of all God's saints and pilgrims, come and worship.

People: We come with prayer and praise to find our strength renewed!

Prayer of Adoration

Presider: Ancient of days, God of our everyday lives,
we praise you for your guidance and care in every generation,
and for the example of those who have gone before us,

who taught us your name and brought us to faith.
In the great mystery of your love, we know these saints gather
to praise and adore you for your wisdom that instructs,
your grace that redeems, your Spirit who guides us, and for
the comfort and hope we claim in the knowledge that neither death nor
life can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Presider: Gracious God,

All: **you have been faithful to us in every generation.
Yet we confess that we are not so faithful to you.
We shrink from costly discipleship and we seek cheap grace.
Forgive our fleeting enthusiasms and our shallow commitments.
And guide us always with the love and mercy we find in Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Presider: Dear friends, while it is true that we have all sinned, it is a greater truth
that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. Be at peace with
God, with yourself, and with one another.

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 the prophets and poets, the seers and storytellers of scripture,
thank you for the ancient visions of your truth that still guide us. Send
us your Spirit this day to open our minds and hearts to the word you

have for us in our times, in the name of Jesus Christ, your Living Word.
Amen.

First Reading: Ephesians 1: 11–23 Laura Hope

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

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory. ¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 149

Presider: 1. Hallelujah!
Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
People: **2. Let Israel rejoice in his maker;**
 let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.
 Presider: 3. Let them praise his name in the dance;
 let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
People: **4. For the Lord takes pleasure in his people**
 and adorns the poor with victory.
 Presider: 5. Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
 let them be joyful on their beds.
People: **6. Let the praises of God be in their throat**
 and a two-edged sword in their hand;
 Presider: 7. To wreak vengeance on the nations
 and punishment on the peoples;
People: **8. To bind their kings in chains**
 and their nobles with links of iron;
 Presider: 9. To inflict on them the judgement decreed;
 this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

 Presider: Let us pray. Accept our praise, God of justice, defender of the
 oppressed. Give us grace to join in this your holy work, that all the
 world may see your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Gospel Reading: Luke 6: 20–31 Marg Black

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the twentieth
 chapter of Saint Luke, beginning at the twentieth verse.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁰ Looking at his disciples, Jesus said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as

evil, because of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. ²⁴But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. ²⁵Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets. ²⁷But to you who are listening I say: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who ill-treat you. ²⁹If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Sermon: “People of Power” Rev. Dr. John Oakes

Hymns of Response:

#204: Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

#358: There Is a Redeemer

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

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. We pray for our leaders, including Bishops Andrew, Kevin and Riscylla, Alex our Interim Moderator, John our priest and pastor, and all other ministers. 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,

People: 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,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Eternal Ruler, in your mighty realm the nations rise and fall. Hear our prayers for those who govern, especially in conflict-ridden areas like Russia, Ukraine, and the Middle East. May the world's leaders learn wisdom and truth, establish justice and mercy, and seek the ways of peace. Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Healer of our every ill, we lift up all in our communities of faith and among our friends and families, who are suffering from illness, grief, depression, loneliness or anxiety, including Diane, Edna, Judy, Margaret, Jessima, Stanley, and all others whom we now name . . . We ask you to minister your healing grace, peace, comfort and provision to them by the power of the Holy Spirit.
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: Our Father,

All: 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: When we gather as God's Church, we celebrate the gifts that so many others, for so many centuries, offered in Jesus' name. Now is our opportunity to join our gifts to theirs, so that God will be praised and Jesus' love will be spread in this generation and in those to come.

Offertory Anthem: *"I Saw the Rich Ones"*

Prayer of Dedication

Presider: Generous God, you are faithful and fruitful in every generation. Bless our gifts and make them fruitful beyond our imagining in the work of your kingdom. Keep us faithful in this generation so we can offer the inheritance we have received in Christ to the generation that comes after us. **Amen.**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Presider: 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

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: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and together with them receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all who have served you in every age,

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.**

Presider: 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.**

Presider: 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

Presider: 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)

Presider: 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: #481: *Blessed Be the Tie that Binds*

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. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn #483: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

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

Alpha Today!

We continue our **exciting new Alpha programme today** at noon. A **free lunch** will be followed by a **video presentation** on **"How Does God Guide Us?"** and a time for **small group discussions**. We aim to **finish by 1:30 p.m. All welcome!**

Noon Meditation

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

Or call either: 647 374 4685 or 647 558 0588

Meeting ID: 932 156 4941

Passcode: 1080

Friday Zoom Bible Study

Rev. John's **weekly Zoom Bible Study, which meets on Fridays at 7 p.m., on Zoom continues** a series on "David: Developing a Heart for God."

All are welcome to join at any time.

Please let John know if you'd like to buy a copy of the Study Guide.

The link for the Zoom study is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8517044556>

Meeting ID: 851 704 4556

You can also join the meeting by phone on 647-374-4685 or 647-558-0588.

Alpha Holy Spirit Day

On Saturday, November 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. we'll be holding the "Alpha" Holy Spirit Day in the **Iona space** and the **Fellowship Room**. This is a great opportunity to get **some great teaching** from Nicky Gumbel on the Holy Spirit and to engage with it in **discussion, worship and prayer ministry**.

Lunch and light refreshments will be provided.

All are welcome and there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer for those who wish to join us for this day, but not the whole course.

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**.

Upcoming Concerts

Laura Hope is singing in upcoming concerts.

"Silent Dawn" - November 29 - The theme of the concert of anticipation and awe. Includes beautiful Christmas music and live musicians.

www.villagevoices.ca/upcoming-events/

“Christmas Oratorio” - December 7 - Bach wrote six pieces for feast days around Christmas. Orchestra includes some members of the Toronto Symphony and UofT students. Several ticket options, including a dinner option at a local restaurant. Use the PROMO CODE ALTO1 for 10% off your ticket price.

amadeuschoir.com/events

There is more information about all these concerts on the notice board in the narthex and at the websites highlighted.

Happy Birthdays

John Allen November 6

**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.**