

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.



Pentecost 9

Sunday, August 10, 2025

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2897790104?pwd=WTVXZWtJZWV2RW9JVGVGOE5VUVB1dz09>

Or call: 647 374 4685 or 647 558 0588

Meeting ID: 289 779 0104

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10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
from the *Book of Alternative Services*
Leader and Preacher: Rev. Steve Shaw, St. Paul's Bloor Street

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.

WELCOME

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES

Leader: "The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." (Psalm 51: 18)

"Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon." (Isaiah 55: 6–7)

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1: 8–9)

OPENING HYMN #522: *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: 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!**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Please sit or kneel.

**All: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Leader: 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.

Leader: Lord, open our lips,
People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Leader: O God, make speed to save us.
People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Leader: God rules over all the earth: O come, let us worship.

Please stand.

SONGS OF WORSHIP

There Is A Redeemer

Verse 1

**There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One**

Chorus

**Thank You O my Father For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done**

Verse 2

**Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
O for sinners slain / Chorus**

Verse 3

**When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place / Chorus**

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Give Thanks

Chorus

**Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son**

Verse

**And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us**

Ending

Give thanks

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PSALM 33: 12–22

Leader: 12. Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

**People: 13. The Lord looks down from heaven,
and beholds all the people in the world.**

Leader: 14. From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze
on all who dwell on the earth.

**People: 15. He fashions all the hearts of them
and understands all their works.**

Leader: 16. There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

**People: 17. The horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
for all its strength it cannot save.**

Leader: 18. Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him,
on those who wait upon his love,

**People: 19. To pluck their lives from death,
and to feed them in time of famine.**

Leader: 20. Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.

**People: 21. Indeed, our heart rejoices in him,
for in his holy name we put our trust.**

Leader: 22. Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us,
as we have put our trust in you.

Leader: Let us pray. Blessed are you, Creator of the universe. In your loving
kindness you watch over your chosen people. Make us
witnesses to your truth and instruments of your peace,
that all may know you as the God of justice, and praise
your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Hebrews 11: 1–3, 8–16 **Brenda Haddock**

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

11 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for.

³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG: *He Has Made Me Glad*

**I will enter His gates With thanksgiving in my heart
I will enter His courts with praise I will say this is the day
That the Lord has made I will rejoice For He has made me glad**

Chorus

**He has made me glad He has made me glad
I will rejoice for He has made me glad
He has made me glad He has made me glad
I will rejoice for He has made me glad**

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Gospel Reading Luke 12: 32–40 Hanson Lam

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the twelfth
chapter of St. Luke, beginning at the thirty-second verse.

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

³² [Jesus said.] “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will make them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready,

even if he comes in the middle of the night or towards daybreak. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

After the reading

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SONG: *He Has Made Me Glad*

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I will enter His courts with praise I will say this is the day
That the Lord has made I will rejoice For He has made me glad**

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SERMON: Rev. Steve Shaw

SOLO: “Amazing Grace” (John Newton), played by Ron Bloor, guitarist

Please stand.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

Leader: Let us confess our faith, 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 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.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

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

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For Bishops Andrew, Kevin and Riscylla, for Interim Moderator Alex, and for John, our priest and pastor, we pray to you, Lord. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For peace in the world, especially for those nations riven by war and conflict, including Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Iran and other countries, 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.

Intercessor: For all who are in sorrow, sickness or any kind of trouble, including Diane, Edna, Judy, Margaret, Jessima, Roger Leslie and for others whom we now name . . . , that they may find comfort, healing and relief, we pray to you, Lord. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and

for those who live in celibacy, that you would be their joy and their strength. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: To be forgiven our sins and set free from all hardship, distress, want, war, and injustice. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern, that we may all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: That we may be strengthened by our communion with all Christ's saints. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

COLLECTS

Leader: O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life, to serve you is perfect freedom. Defend us your servants from the assaults of our enemies, that we may trust in your defense, and not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All: Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, or be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: 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.**

Please stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN: *This Is The Day*

Verse 1

**This is the day this is the day That the Lord hath made
That the Lord hath made We will rejoice we will rejoice
And be glad in it and be glad in it This is the day
That the Lord hath made We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day this is the day That the Lord hath made**

Verse 2

**This is the day this is the day When He rose again when He rose again
I will rejoice I will rejoice And be glad in it and be glad in it
This is the day when He rose again I will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day this is the day When He rose again**

Verse 3

**This is the day this is the day When the Spirit came
When the Spirit came I will rejoice I will rejoice
And be glad in it and be glad in it This is the day when the Spirit came
I will rejoice and be glad in it This is the day this is the day
When the Spirit came**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Leader: God of heaven and earth, receive our sacrifice of praise,
and strengthen us for the perfect freedom of your service,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Leader: 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.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *By Faith*

Verse 1

**By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight**

Verse 2

**By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign**

Chorus

**We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight**

Verse 3

By faith the prophets saw a day

**When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave**

Verse 4

**By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth/ Chorus**

Verse 5

**By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name / Chorus**

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DISMISSAL

Leader: Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

You are warmly invited to stay for refreshments and fellowship.

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** is now on summer break. We resume with an exciting new Alpha programme in September.

Noon Meditation

The **Wednesday meditation meets** 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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Friday Zoom Bible Study

Rev. John's **weekly Zoom Bible Study, which meets on Fridays at 7 p.m., is on summer break.** We'll start a new series in the Fall. Watch this space!

Barbara Rhodes Post-Secondary Scholarship

Parishioner **applications for Barbara Rhodes Post-Secondary Scholarship** will be **due this year by August 15.**

Forms to be completed will be available by July 20.

St Cyprians 60th Anniversary service will be held on Sunday September 14th.

2026 Canadian Church Calendars

Notice: the 2026 Canadian Church Calendars are ready for ordering. Cost this year is \$7 including HST. Payment is not required in advance. Please sign the list or contact Carol so you are included in our order.

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

Huntley Munroe	Aug 11
Joyce Haynes	Aug 11
Andrew Cole	Aug 11
Rashida Shepherd	Aug 14
Warren Leslie	Aug 15
Jeya Edwards	Aug 16
Mark deVries	Aug 16
Sarah Reid	Aug 16

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.