

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church & Iona Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Worship by Zoom and in person 10:30 a.m.



Pentecost 10 Sunday, August 17, 2025

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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.

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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***

Presider and Preacher: Rev. Kathy Brownlee

Welcome

Processional Hymn #685: *How Firm a Foundation*

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!

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Presider: Let us pray. God of majesty and mystery, you call us together in your presence with that great cloud of witnesses who have worshiped you in song and service for centuries. Our praise joins theirs as we fix our eyes on Jesus and wait for your Spirit to guide us. We praise you for your great love and mercy, revealed in Christ, at work in us through the Spirit.

Loving God, Three-in-One, we offer you all glory and honour in our worship, seeking to renew our faith and commitment to serve you in the world that belongs to you, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

We also bring before you in confession all those ways in which we have sinned against you and against others in thought, word, and deed.

Confession

All: **God of grace and glory, we acknowledge that we have fallen short of your hope and purposes for us. Forgive us for all our sins against you and one another, and grant us the grace to forgive, amend who we are, and begin again with you and one another, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Silent reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Presider: Friends in Christ, to all who humbly seek the mercy of God, Jesus offers forgiveness and new life. In fulfilment of the promises of God, I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, that 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: Spirit of God, open our minds and hearts to receive God's wisdom in the Scriptures. Show us how to live out that wisdom today and tomorrow, as we follow Jesus, God's living Word, in whose precious name, we pray. **Amen.**

First Reading: Exodus 3: 4–15 Alan Teare

Reader: The first reading is taken from the third chapter of the Book of Exodus, beginning at the fourth verse.

⁴ When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵ Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶ He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ¹² He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

¹³ But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 150

Presider: 1. Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy temple;
praise him in the firmament of his power.

**People: 2. Praise him for his mighty acts;
praise him for his excellent greatness.**

Presider: 3. Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn;
praise him with lyre and harp.

**People: 4. Praise him with timbrel and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe.**

Presider: 5. Praise him with resounding cymbals;
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

**People: 6. Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord.
Hallelujah!**

Presider: Let us pray. Maker of the universe, Source of all life, give us grace to serve you with our whole heart, that we may faithfully perform your will and joyfully participate in your creation, to the praise and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4: 18–25 Margaret Black

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in

the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn CP#712: Alleluia (chorus x2)

Sermon: *"Follow me and Learn"* Rev. Kathy Brownlee

Solo: "You Are Worthy " (Christopher Beatty) sung by Laura Hope

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 Thanksgiving and Intercession

- Intercessor: God in whom we live and move and have our being:
As we gather in your presence today, we give you thanks for your faithfulness to your people across many generations and in so many situations.
Thank you for the faithfulness we meet in the world around us, in friendships that endure, in communities that pitch in when someone is in trouble, in workers who go that extra mile, in countries who offer safety or sustenance when disaster strikes and strangers are in desperate need.
Faithful God, hear our prayer,
- People: And renew our faithfulness.**
Compassionate God, we are aware of many challenges in our own lives, in the lives of those we care about, and in the world around us. Show us how our care and concern can respond to the prayers of those we love, especially those on our hearts whom we name before you this day:
Faithful God, hear our prayer,
- People: And renew our faithfulness.**
- Intercessor: We pray for those who have been in the headlines lately, whose situations concern us deeply, whose lives cry out to you for help.
Faithful God, hear our prayer,
- People: And renew our faithfulness.**
- Intercessor: We pray for those who are suffering behind the scenes in our community: those who are ill or waiting on treatment; those who are bereaved; those struggling to make ends meet or find the right job; those who are lonely, those who are moving this summer & will need new friends.
Faithful God, hear our prayer,
- People: And renew our faithfulness.**
- Intercessor: We pray for those looking forward to a new beginning this coming Fall: those starting at a new school or in a new college or

university program; those beginning new work or new activities;
those settling into a new home and neighbourhood;
those welcoming new members into the family through birth,
adoption or marriage.

Faithful God, hear our prayer,

People: **And renew our faithfulness.**

Intercessor: We pray for our congregations.

Gather us into new and renewed friendships.

Show us how to reach out with your love and generosity.

Equip us to meet every challenge we face with faithfulness and
commitment, as we pray together the words Jesus taught us:

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: Thankful for the good gifts God gives us in Christ and in creation,
let us present to God the fruit of our labour for God's work in the
church and the world.

Offertory Hymn #324: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Prayer of Dedication

Presider: Faithful God, bless the gifts we offer to you today. Use them to
plant seeds of faith, hope and love in the world, so that your

goodness will grow among your people, and your name be honoured for Christ's sake. **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: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, Lord God, Creator of heaven and earth.

From the days when you called Moses and Miriam to lead your people, your love has brought freedom in the face of oppression, and guidance through the wilderness of trials and temptations.

When your people turned from your ways, you called us back to you through your prophets. In Christ Jesus, you came to live among us, to show us how to follow your truth and find our joy complete in you. Therefore

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.
(I Cor. 10: 16)

When we bless the cup, it is a sharing in the blood of Christ.
(I 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 Song: ***I Love You Lord*** (x2)

**I love You Lord And I lift my voice
To worship You O my soul rejoice
Take joy my King May it be a sweet sweet sound
In Your ear**

Chorus

**All hail King Jesus All hail Emmanuel
King of kings Lord of lords
Bright Morning Star And for all eternity
I'm going to praise Him And forevermore
I will reign with Him**

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Prayer after Communion

Presider: Eternal God,
we have received a token of your promise.
May we who have been nourished by holy things
live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 #722: *Lord Whose Love*

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.**

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!

Anniversary Service

**St. Cyprian's 60th Anniversary service will be held
on Sunday, September 14, 2025.**

Barbara Rhodes Post-Secondary Scholarship

Parishioner applications for Barbara Rhodes Post-Secondary Scholarship will be due this year by August 15. Forms are available in the office or can be requested electronically from Stacey Leslie: **stacey.leslie.2993@gmail.com**

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

Leonas Shepherd	Aug 17
Anthony Billy	Aug 18
Daphne Wint	Aug 21
Iris Harrison	Aug 22
Eiza Xu	Aug 22

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.