

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church & Iona Presbyterian Church

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



Pentecost 22

Sunday, October 25, 2026

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<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.

October 25, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Healing Service of the Word

Hymns are from *Common Praise*

Leader and Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Oakes

[This liturgy is adapted from "A Service of the Word 1," in *Eucharistic Prayers, Services of the Word, and Night Prayer Supplementary to The Book of Alternative Services* (ABC Publishing, 2001)]

Welcome

The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #300: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

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.**

Leader: Let us pray.
We thank you, O God, that you have again brought
us together to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing.
Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your
purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Leader: Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people
and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery,

free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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

**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.**

The Peace

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

All: And also, with you.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Colossians 3: 18 – 4: 18 Norma Halstead

Reader: The first reading is taken from the third chapter of the Epistle to the Colossians, beginning at the eighteenth verse.

¹⁸ Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

²¹ Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

²² Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favour, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. ²⁵ Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favouritism.

4. Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven. ² Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³ And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴ Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. ⁵ Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

⁷ Tychicus will tell you all the news about me. He is a dear brother, a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. ⁸ I am sending him to you for the express purpose that you may know about our ^[c] circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts. ⁹ He is coming with Onesimus, our faithful and dear brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that is happening here.

¹⁰ My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.) ¹¹ Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings. These are the only Jews among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have proved a comfort to me. ¹² Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. ¹³ I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis. ¹⁴ Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings. ¹⁵ Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house.

¹⁶ After this letter has been read to you, see that it is also read in the church of the Laodiceans and that you in turn read the letter from Laodicea. ¹⁷ Tell Archippus: 'See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord.' ¹⁸ I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 90: 1–6, 13–17

1. 1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

**2. Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.**

3. You turn us back to the dust and say,
“Go back, O child of earth.”

**4. For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday
when it is past
and like a watch in the night.**

5. You sweep us away like a dream;
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

**6. In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered. . .**

13. Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?
be gracious to your servants.

**14. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

15. Make us glad by the measure of the days that you
afflicted us and the years in which we suffered adversity.

**16. Show your servants your works
and your splendour to their children.**

17. May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

Leader: Let us pray. Eternal Father of our mortal race, in Jesus Christ your grace
has come upon us. For his sake, prosper the work of our hands until he
returns to gladden our hearts forever. **Amen.**

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22: 34–46 Mary Nagrani

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

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

³⁴ Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together.

³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ⁶ ‘Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?’ ³⁷ Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’” ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: “Love your neighbour as yourself.” ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.’

⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² ‘What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ ‘The son of David,’ they replied. ⁴³ He said to them, ‘How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him “Lord”? For he says,

⁴⁴ “‘The Lord said to my Lord: ‘Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.’”

⁴⁵ If then David calls him “Lord”, how can he be his son?’ ⁴⁶ No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

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

Gradual Hymn #712: Alleluia (Chorus x2)

Choir Anthem: “*Halle, Halle, Halle*” by Hal. H. Hopson

Sermon: “Solidarity in Christ” by John Oakes

Hymn of Response: *We Are One in the Spirit* (*Book of Praise: #471*)

**1. We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity
will one day be restored**

**Refrain:
and they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
and they'll know we are Christians
by our love.**

**2. We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land.**

(Refrain)

**3. We will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
we will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
and we'll guard each one's dignity
and save each one's pride.**

(Refrain)

**4. All praise to the Father,
from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus,**

who is God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit,
who makes us one,

(Refrain)

The Apostle's 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.**

Healing Litany

Leader: Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers, including
Diane, Edna, Margaret, and all others whom we name . . .

The people may audibly name those for whom they are interceding.

Leader: God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

All: **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Leader: God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more
abundantly;

All: **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Leader: God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

All: **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Leader: Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

All: **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Leader: Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

All: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Leader: Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

All: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Leader: Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

All: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Leader: Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

All: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Leader: Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

All: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Leader: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world, especially in those countries torn apart by warfare and bitter conflict;

All: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Leader: You are the Lord who does wonders:

All: **You have declared your power among the peoples.**

Leader: With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

All: **And in your light we see light.**

Leader: Hear us, O Lord of life:

All: **Heal us, and make us whole.**

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Anointing and Healing Prayer

Leader: According to Mark's Gospel, "the apostles drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them." (Mark 6:1) "Are any among you sick?" the apostle James writes, "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.”
(James 5:14)

Do you give yourself to God, so that the will of God may be done in you?

People: I do.

Leader: All things are possible to those who believe. Do you believe in God’s power to help you?

People: I do.

Leader: Let us pray. God our Healer, through this holy anointing grant our brothers and sisters healing, wholeness and comfort in their suffering. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of your love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All are invited to come up to the front for healing prayers and anointing.

Anointing Hymns:

Be Still and Know that I Am God (Book of Praise: #64)

1. Be still and know that I am God

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Be still and know that I am God

2. I am the Lord that healeth thee

I am the Lord that healeth thee

I am the Lord that healeth thee

3. In Thee O Lord do I put my trust

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4. I am the Lord that strengthens thee

I am the Lord that strengthens thee

I am the Lord that strengthens thee

5. I am the way the truth the life

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After all have been anointed, and received prayers, the leader concludes:

Let us pray. O Gracious God, you are a strong tower to all who put their trust in you, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth, bow and obey; be now and evermore our defense, and make us know and feel that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is that of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Offertory Hymn #291: *O Christ the Healer* (Tune: #7)

Prayer over the Gifts

All: God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

Leader: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfill now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, 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.

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 forever and ever, Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

Recessional Hymn #564: *Lead Us Heavenly Father, Lead Us*

Dismissal

Leader: 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.

New Bible Studies!

Rev. John's **weekly Zoom Bible Study, now meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.** as we continue a **new series "Saints at Prayer."** The **Sunday group** meeting in the Fellowship Room after church **will follow the same programme, beginning today at noon. All are welcome** to either group!

PLEASE NOTE NEW LOGIN DETAILS FOR TUESDAY:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85421074008>

Meeting ID: 854 2107 4008

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

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

Passcode: 1080

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

Andrea Allen October 30

Anna Subrata October 30

Ron Bloor October 31

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.