

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church & Iona Presbyterian Church

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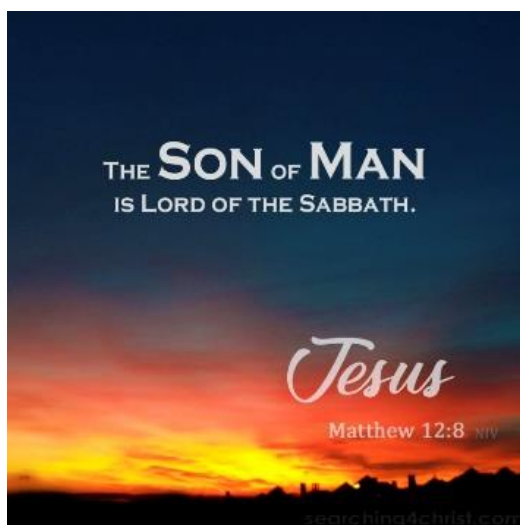
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St. Cyprian's Website: stcyprianschurch.ca

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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 12 Sunday, August 31, 2025

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Zoom Link for Sunday Worship

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2897790104?pwd=WTVXeWtjZWV2RW9JVGVGOE5VUVB1dz09>

Or call: 647 374 4685 or 647 558 0588

Meeting ID: 289 779 0104

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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.

Morning Prayer

(from Presbyterian *Book of Common Worship* and the PCC "Worship Planner")

Leader and Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Oakes

Welcome

Processional Hymn: *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

(*The Book of Praise*: #333)

I sing the mighty power of God That made the mountains rise
That spread the flowing seas abroad And built the lofty skies
I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day
The moon shines full at His command And all the stars obey

I sing the goodness of the Lord That filled the earth with food
He formed the creatures with His word And then pronounced them good
Lord how Thy wonders are displayed Where'er I turn my eye
If I survey the ground I tread Or gaze upon the sky

There's not a plant or flower below But makes Thy glories known
And clouds arise and tempests blow By order from Thy throne
While all that borrows life from Thee Is ever in Thy care
And everywhere that we can be Thou God art present there

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: We see God's wondrous works all around us,

People: **so we come to praise God's holy name.**

All: **We lift our hearts to God with thanks and praise.**

Prayer Of Adoration

Leader: Let us pray. God our Maker,
We praise you for all the wonders in your creation and we lift our hearts to praise you. May the life, teaching and resurrection of the living Christ inspire and instruct our hearts this day, that we may greet a new week as an occasion to discover him in our midst, making all things new by the power of your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us, therefore, freely confess the wrongs we have done against God and one another.

All: God of mercy, as we gather to celebrate your gift of love, we recall with sorrow the times when we forget you and are divided from one another. We regret how often our thoughts, words, and actions have betrayed the goodness you have shown to us. So we ask you to forgive us, merciful God, for all our sins of thought, word, and deed. Mend what is broken and heal the wounded relationships that separate us from you and each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: Loving God, we know that we can only be saved by grace through faith and this is not our doing, but your gift to us. We thank you that your mercy is from everlasting to everlasting and for the forgiveness, which we now humbly receive. And as we know the peace of Christ, we share it with one another in his name.

People: **All glory be to God. Amen.**

The Peace

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Offertory Invitation

Leader: On this Labour Day weekend, we offer to God the fruit of our labour to support the redeeming work God has begun in the world. Let us give in hope and trust that God will use our gifts for his glory and for the good of others.

Offertory Duet: "Laudamus Te" by Natalie Sleeth,
sung by Brenda Haddock and Laura Hope,
accompanied by Theresa Kwok

Prayer of Dedication

Leader: Generous God, we ask you to bless the gifts we bring today, as well as the time, talent, and concern we will offer you this week. Through the power of your Spirit, may what we give accomplish more than we can ask or imagine, for Christ's sake. **Amen.**

Prayer For Illumination

Leader: O God, still in us the worries of the world to listen for your wisdom spoken by prophets, poets, and apostles. Move in us and among us by your Spirit so that in their words, we meet your Living Word, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 Ron Bloor

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

13 Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³ Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are ill-treated as if you yourselves were suffering. ⁴ Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept

pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” ⁶ So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?” ⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever . . . ¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. ¹⁶ And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 112

Intercessor: 1. Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in his commandments!

People: **2. Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Intercessor: 3. Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last for ever.

People: **4. Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

Intercessor: 5. It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

People: **6. For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

Intercessor: 7. They will not be afraid of any evil rumours;
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

People: **8. Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

Intercessor: 9 They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honour.

People: 10. The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.

Leader: Let us pray. God of light, teach us to love each other as you love us, that we may bring peace and joy to the world, and rejoice in the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gradual Song: #496 Thy Word

Chorus

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path**

Verse 1

**When I feel afraid And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end/ Chorus**

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1–14 Hank Huang

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

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

14 One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. ² There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. ³ Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" ⁴ But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way. ⁵ Then he asked them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?" ⁶ And they had nothing to say. ⁷ When he

noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸ "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹ If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, "Give this person your seat." Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, "Friend, move up to a better place." Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹ For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."¹² Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

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

Gradual Song #496: *Thy Word*

Chorus

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Verse 2

I will not forget Your love for me and yet

My heart forever is wandering

Jesus be my guide And hold me to Your side

I will love You to the end/ Chorus

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Sermon: “Breaking Barriers” Rev. Dr. John Oakes

Song of Response: *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*

**How deep the Father's love for us How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory**

**Behold the Man upon a cross My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished**

**I will not boast in anything No gifts no pow’r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom**

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The Apostles’ Creed

Leader: 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 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 the People

Intercessor: Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you taught us to pray and to present to you our intercessions for others. By your Holy Spirit, be present to guide us so that our prayers may serve your will and show your steadfast love for all. Loving God, with gladness we praise you for creating and sustaining all things. We thank you that you have made us in your own image to glorify you, to love one another and to care for your creation. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ who saves and redeems us by grace through faith in him, and for your precious Holy Spirit, who empowers and equips us for your service. We also praise you for the many other ways in which you bless us, including those which we now name . . .

Please add your own prayers of thanksgiving.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for the church and all those serving as leaders in it, including Bishops Andrew, Kevin and Ryscilla, Interim Moderator Alex, John our priest and pastor, and others in leadership at St. Cyprian's and Iona.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We ask for peace among the nations, especially those of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia and many others torn apart by armed conflict and strife.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We lift up those in positions of authority and responsibility at all levels of government, including Prime Minister Carney, Premier Ford and Mayor Chow.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for the poor, the homeless, the hungry and for all who seek to meet their needs.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We intercede for those who are suffering from sickness of any kind, or from grief and loneliness, including Diane, Edna, Judy, Jessima, Sadie, and all others whom we now name . . .

Please add other names silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We lift up our own needs and those of others whom we name who are especially on our minds and hearts this morning . . .

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. 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

Benediction

Leader: Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever (Hebrews 13:20–21). 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: *And Can It Be?* (The Book of Praise: #352)

**And can it be that I should gain An interest in the Savior's blood
Died He for me who caused His pain For me who Him to death pursued
Amazing love how can it be That Thou my God shouldst die for me
Amazing love how can it be That Thou my God shouldst die for me**

**'Tis mystery all th'Immortal dies Who can explore His strange design
In vain the firstborn seraph tries To sound the depths of love divine
'Tis mercy all let earth adore Let angel minds inquire no more
'Tis mercy all let earth adore Let angel minds inquire no more**

**He left His Father's throne above So free so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself of all but love And bled for Adam's helpless race
'Tis mercy all immense and free For O my God it found out me
'Tis mercy all immense and free For O my God it found out me**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray woke the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off my heart was free I rose went forth and followed Thee
My chains fell off my heart was free I rose went forth and followed Thee**

**No condemnation now I dread Jesus and all in Him is mine
Alive in Him my living Head And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach th'eternal throne
And claim the crown through Christ my own
Bold I approach th'eternal throne
And claim the crown through Christ my own**

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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 **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, beginning September 28.

St. Cyprian's 60th Anniversary

St. Cyprian's 60th Anniversary service will be held on **Sunday September 14th** when we will also mark **St. Cyprian's Day**.
Watch this space!

Wednesday 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

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 on October 5.
Watch this space!

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

Diane Downing Aug 29
Shobana Anand Sept 1
Loretta Bucchan Sept 2
Sadie Wiltshire Sept 4

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.

ALPHA

September 28 to

November 30

@ 12 noon

**Welcome to this 10-week opportunity to explore the Christian faith
through video presentations and discussions.**

→ For the schedule and for signing up,
please see the Alpha poster further below:



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| • Why Did Jesus Die? | October 5 |
| • How Can I Have Faith? | October 12 |
| • Why and How Do I Pray? | October 19 |
| • Why and How Should I Read the Bible? | October 26 |
| • How Does God Guide Us? | November 2 |
| • Who is the Holy Spirit? | November 8 |
| What Does the Holy Spirit Do? | Saturday |
| How Can I Be Filled with the Holy Spirit? | 9:30–4:00 |
| How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life? | |
| • How Can I Resist Evil? | November 9 |
| • Why and How Should I Tell Others? | November 16 |
| • Does God Heal Today? | November 23 |
| • What About the Church? | November 30 |

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