

# **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.



## **Easter 7**

**Sunday, June 1, 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

Passcode: 432441

## 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***

**Presider and Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Oakes**

## Welcome

**Processional Hymn #290:   *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People:   The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presider: May his grace and peace be with you.

**People:   May he fill our hearts with joy.**

## Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Presider: Let us pray. God of glory and majesty, God of mystery and mercy, in Christ Jesus you came to live among us, sharing in our joys and sorrows. After he suffered and died for our sake, you raised him and took him up in glory so that he might fulfill all things. As our ascended Lord, he gives hope to your people in all places, in every generation and every situation. So we claim that hope this day, for ourselves and for the world you love, offering you our praise and worship in the name of Jesus Christ, who now lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Confession

**All:** God of grace and glory, we acknowledge all those ways in which 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: Almighty God, you are the beginning and the end of all things, the First and the Last. By the power of your Spirit, open our hearts and minds to your truth, so that we may find new beginnings in your Word, and make living your Word our purpose and end. Amen.  
**Amen.**

**First Reading: Colossians 1: 15-23** – David Rudd

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

<sup>15</sup> The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. <sup>21</sup> Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. <sup>22</sup> But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation – <sup>23</sup> if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 97**

Presider: 1. The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice;  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**People: 2. Clouds and darkness are round about him,  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.**

Presider: 3. A fire goes before him  
and burns up his enemies on every side.

**People: 4. His lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees it and is afraid.**

Presider: 5. The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord,  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

**People: 6. The heavens declare his righteousness,  
and all the peoples see his glory.**

Presider: 7. Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before him, all you gods.

**People: 8. Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements, O Lord.**

Presider: 9. For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

**People: 10. The Lord loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

Presider: 11. Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

**People: 12. Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name.**

Presider: Let us pray. Almighty God, your whole creation declares your glory. May we perceive you in all your works and live in the light of your righteousness, through him who is the light of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**Gospel Reading: John 17: 20–26** – Dorine Bourque

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

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

<sup>20</sup> [Jesus said], “ My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, <sup>21</sup> that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one – <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me – so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I want those you have given

me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.<sup>25</sup> Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me.<sup>26</sup> I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

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

**Sermon:** “Jesus: Son of God” – Rev. Dr. John Oakes  
Part 3 of “ ‘We Believe’: Understanding the Apostles’ Creed ”

**Choir Anthem:** “You Are My All in All” (Dennis Jernigan)

## **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 the People**

Intercessor: God of care, we draw near to you in prayer,

trusting that your love changes lives and Christ's resurrection brings renewal and redemption into the world God loves.

As we bring before you the concerns on our hearts, we pray that you will draw near to the people and situations we name and bring each one the gift that is needed:

In your great mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayers.**

Intercessor: We lift up the concerns we share from the news headlines and the many world situations, where peace and justice are desperately needed, including warfare in Russia, Ukraine, the Middle East, and elsewhere. In your great mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayers.**

Intercessor: We praise you and pray for your church: renew our life together, correct us when we err and encourage us when we are most faithful. Inspire our congregations with a fresh vision to continue Christ's ministry in the world you love.

Bless your ministers with courage and compassion, your elders and wardens with insight and wisdom, and all your people with passion for you in the ministries to which you call us. In your great mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayers.**

Intercessor: We lay before you, O God, those who are in hospital or care and all those who struggle with illness, pain or health burdens of any sort; and we remember those facing grief and loss, bearing burdens of sorrow and worry, including Diane, Edna, Judy, Margaret, Jessima, and others whom we now name . . .

In your great mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayers.**

Intercessor: God of peace, we lift up families under stress, relationships that are strained, friends and neighbours in need of reconciliation, and we pray for the healing of divisions in our country, between countries, and around the world.

In your great mercy,

**People:** Hear our prayers.

**Intercessor:** Lord Jesus, we know that you hear our prayers and trust that you will be faithful to our requests and concerns.  
Use us in every opportunity that presents itself to serve you by serving our neighbours near and far.  
And so we pray together the words you gave 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:** Our lives overflow with God's blessings. With gratitude for all that we have received, let us present our offering to God, trusting that God can do a new thing with our gifts—and with our lives!

**Offertory Hymn #676:** *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

### **Prayer of Dedication**

**Presider:** Eternal God, we praise you that Christ has ascended to rule in love at your right hand, while the Holy Spirit continues the work of salvation throughout your creation. We offer our gifts and our lives in gratitude for that work, and dedicate them to your purposes in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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 we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, with your prophets, apostles, saints and servants in every time and place:

**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.  
(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 Hymn #448: O God Beyond All Praising**

### **Prayer after Communion**

**Presider:** Eternal God, may we who share Christ's banquet be one with him as he is one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended 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, in the name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn: #205: O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High**

**Presider:** Alleluia! Let us go in the peace of Christ 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** on the Apostles' Creed continues **at noon** in the Fellowship Room.

## 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

## Friday Zoom Bible Study

Rev. John's **weekly Zoom Bible Study, which meets on Fridays at 7 p.m., continues its study of the Creed.**

All are welcome at any time. You can join online at

<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. All welcome at any time!

## 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

Leslie Histrop	June 1
Patricia Fung-On	June 1
Monique Leger	June 5
Joshua Chukwuela	June 7

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.