

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 at 10:30 am



Pentecost 23

Sunday, November 16, 2025

10:30 am

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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.

Cell Phones

Please ensure that your cell phone is switched off or set to "airplane" mode to conserve the wifi service for our Zoom broadcast. Many thanks!

Holy Communion (BCP Modern)
Hymn numbers are from *Common Praise*

Presider and Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Oakes

Welcome

Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #565: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

The Collect for Purity

Presider: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Summary of the Law

Presider: Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your

strength.” The second is this: “Love your neighbour as yourself.”
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these laws in our hearts, we beseech you.

Kyrie Eleison (x3)

Presider: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Presider: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3: 6–13 Dylan Leggard

Reader: The first reading is taken from the third chapter of the second Epistle to the Thessalonians, beginning at the sixth verse.

⁶ In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone’s food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, labouring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with

you, we gave you this rule: 'The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.'¹¹ We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. ¹² Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. ¹³ And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

Presider: 1. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.

People: **2. With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.**

Presider: 3. The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in
the sight of the nations.

People: **4. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to
the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God.**

Presider: 5. Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

People: **6. Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.**

Presider: 7. With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

People: **8. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

Presider: 9. Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.

People: **10. In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.**

Presider: Let us pray. Lord God, we see your righteous rule in all your works, and we join our voices with the song of your whole creation in praising you, in and through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation #712: *Alleluia!* (x2)

Gospel Reading: Luke 21: 5–19 Norma Leggard

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the twenty-first chapter of St. Luke, beginning at the fifth verse.

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

⁵ Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶“As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.”⁷ “Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?”⁸ He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them.”⁹ When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.”¹⁰ Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.”¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.”¹² But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name.”¹³ And so you will bear testimony to me.”¹⁴ But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves.”¹⁵ For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.”¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death.”¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of me.”¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish.”¹⁹ Stand firm, and you will win life.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation #712: *Alleluia!* (x2)

Please be seated.

Message: "Signs of the Times" Rev. John Oakes

Choir Anthem: "O Lord Most Holy" (César Franck)

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed

Presider: Let us confess our faith, as we say

All: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the
Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our
salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For
our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and
was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of
the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the
Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken
through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for
the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Please sit or kneel.

Great Intercession

Presider: Let us pray for Christ's holy catholic church
Let us pray for peace on earth and for the unity of all Christian people.
Let us pray for our missionaries at home and abroad.

Let us remember before God those of our brothers and sisters who have departed this life and are at rest. Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's church militant here on earth.

Almighty and ever-living God, who has taught us through your holy apostle to pray and to give thanks for all people: we humbly beseech you in your great mercy to receive these prayers, which we now offer; asking you to inspire continually the universal church with the Spirit of truth, unity and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech you also to lead all nations in the ways of righteousness and peace; and so to direct their leaders and rulers, that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. And grant to thy servant Charles our King, and to all in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of true religion and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, priests and deacons, especially to your servants Andrew, Kevin and Riscylla, our bishops, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth your true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer your holy sacraments.

Prosper, we pray, all who proclaim the gospel of your Kingdom among the nations. And to all your people give your heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, we may hear and receive your holy Word, truly serving you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives. And we most humbly beseech you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We remember before you, O Lord, all your servants who have departed this life in faith; and we bless your holy name for all who in life and death have glorified you; asking you to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship and following their good examples, we may come to share in your heavenly kingdom with them. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Presider: You then, who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in

love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from this day forward in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

Silence is kept.

Presider: Most merciful God,

All: **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we acknowledge and lament our many sins and the wickedness we have committed time after time, by thought, word and deed against your divine majesty. We earnestly repent, and are deeply sorry for these our wrongdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that from this time forward, we may always serve and please you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

Presider: Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him:

All: **Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11: 28**
God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3: 16

Presider: Hear what Saint Paul says:

All: This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15)

Presider: Hear what Saint John says:

All: If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. John 2: 1, 2

Please stand.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

You are invited to greet those around you in the name of Christ.

Offertory Hymn: *I Cannot Tell* (W. Y. Fullerton—Tune: Londonderry Air)
Book of Common Praise, 1938, #731

1. I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
should set his love upon all humankind ,
or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,
to bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary
when Bethl'em's manger was his only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

2. I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted
and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden;
for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.

3. I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
how he will claim his earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
and some glad day his sun will shine in splendour
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

4. I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when at his bidding every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when every heart with love and joy is filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
and myriad myriad human voices sing,
and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer,
“at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!”

Offertory Response #666: *Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow*

Please stand, sit or kneel.

The Celebration of Communion

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 indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God. We give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. In our unending joy

we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All (sung):

**#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: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again. Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." **Amen.**

This is a modernized version of the first part of the Communion Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer (1962). It is based on Common Worship (London, 2000), as are other modern language versions of BCP prayers in this service.

The Prayer of Humble Access

All: We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,

trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Communion

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Communion: *All who know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour are welcome to receive Communion. You may choose between the common or an individual cup. If you would rather not receive either, simply push out your hand. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms when you approach the Communion station.*

Communion Hymn

Verse 1

Let us break bread together on our knees
Let us break bread together on our knees
When I fall on my knees
With my face to the rising sun
O Lord have mercy on me

Verse 2

Let us drink wine together on our knees
Let us drink wine together on our knees
When I fall on my knees
With my face to the rising sun
O Lord have mercy on me

Verse 3

**Let us praise God together on our knees
Let us praise God together on our knees
When I fall on my knees
With my face to the rising sun
O Lord have mercy on me**

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The Lord's Prayer

Presider: 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, forever and ever. Amen**

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you that you graciously feed us,
who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of
the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ. By this you assure us of
your favour and goodness towards us: we are incorporated into the
mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; we
are heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom.

All: **And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls
and our bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice;
fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and
heavenly blessing. Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the
duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our**

offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

The Blessing

Presider: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand.

Recessional Hymn: #109: *When the King Shall Come Again*

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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**.

Alpha Today!

We continue our **exciting new Alpha programme today** at noon. A **free lunch** will be followed by a **video presentation on "Why and How Should I Tell Others?"** and a time for **small group discussions**. We aim to **finish by 1:30 p.m. All welcome!**

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., on Zoom is taking a couple of weeks' break from our series on**

"David: Developing a Heart for God."

We resume on December 5. All are welcome to join at any time.

The link for the Zoom study is:

<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.

Upcoming Concerts

"Silent Dawn" - November 29 - The theme of the concert is anticipation and awe. It includes beautiful Christmas music and live musicians.

www.villagevoices.ca/upcoming-events/

"Christmas Oratorio" - December 7 - Bach wrote six pieces for feast days around Christmas. Orchestra includes some members of the Toronto Symphony and UofT students. Several ticket options, including a dinner option at a local restaurant.

Use the PROMO CODE ALTO1 for 10% off your ticket price.

amadeuschoir.com/events

There is **more information** about all these concerts **on the notice board in the narthex** and at the websites highlighted.

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

Joyce Elliot	November 17
Hanson Lam	November 17
Catherin Laurencin	November 23

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