St. Cyprian's Anglican Church & Iona Presbyterian Church

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



Reign of Christ
Sunday, November 22, 2026

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Zoom Link for Sunday Worship
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2897790104?omn=83067962618
Or call: 647 374 4685 or 647 558 0588
Meeting ID: 289 779 0104 No Passcode

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. Kathy Brownlee

Welcome

Processional Hymn #5: ***Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies***

Leader: The God of glory rules over the earth in majesty and mystery.
People: We praise God's holy name!
Leader: The Spirit of God empowers and calls us to minister together in unity.
People: We come to honour God's purposes with love and loyalty.
Leader: The Christ of glory shines in this place.
People: We praise God's holy name!

Prayer of Adoration

Leader: God of grace and of wonder, you are the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you and the strength of those who serve you. In you we have our beginning and our end
and in you we find our life's purpose. We come to worship, to marvel in your goodness and to seek your truth,as we offer all praise and honour to you, with Christ and the Holy Spirit, One God, mighty and merciful, now and always.

In recalling all that you do and all that you are, we remember what we have done and who we are; and so to begin again with you and each other, we confess our sins:

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

All: **God of mystery and mercy, we confess that we too often mistake our own desires for your will. We are distracted by our own desires and disappointments and we cling to fantasies and false promises. We fear for the future rather than seeking signs of hope and we preserve what is, rather than work for what you desire to be. Forgive our sins against you and against one another, we pray, in thought, word, and deed, and help us become who you made us to be, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Leader: Scripture reminds us that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), but "if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). So let us receive the truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. God offers us mercy and new of life this day, as every other day. Let us at peace with God, with ourselves and with one another.

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: God of mystery and majesty, your thoughts are not our thoughts; your ways are not our ways. Send us your Holy Spirit, speaking through the Scriptures, so that our thoughts and ways may be transformed as we encounter your Living Word, in Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Zechariah 4: 1–10 Marcus Berger

Reader: A reading from fourth chapter of the Book of Zechariah,
beginning at the first verse.

"4. The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as one is wakened
from sleep. [2] He said to me, 'What do you see?' And I said, 'I see a lampstand all of
gold, with a bowl on the top of it; there are seven lamps on it, with seven lips on
each of the lamps that are on the top of it. [3] And by it there are two olive trees, one
on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.' [4] I said to the angel who talked
with me, 'What are these, my lord?' [5] Then the angel who talked with me answered
me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.' [6] He said to me, 'This is
the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit,
says the Lord of hosts. [7] What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you
shall become a plain; and he shall bring out the top stone amid shouts of "Grace,
grace to it!'[8] Moreover, the word of the Lord came to me, saying, [9] 'The hands of
Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it.
Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. [10] For whoever has
despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the
hand of Zerubbabel. 'These seven are the eyes of the Lord, which range through
the whole earth.'"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 95: 1–7a

Leader: 1. Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

People: 2. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

Leader: 3. For the Lord is a great God,
and a great king above all gods.

People: 4. In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.

Leader: 5. The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.

People: 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Leader: 7. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

People: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gradual Hymn #458: ***Seek Ye First*** (v. 1)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 31–46 Hanson Lam

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

"[31] 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32] All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33] and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34] Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; [35] for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." [37] Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" [40] And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." [44] Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or

thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?”
45 Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the
least of these, you did not do it to me.” 46 And these will go away into eternal
punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn #458: ***Seek Ye First*** (v. 1)

Sermon: *“Thy Kingdom Come”* Rev. Kathy Brownlee

Choir Anthem: ***“****Let the whole creation cry”* composed by Jay Althouse

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

Leader: 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,
People: **Hear our prayer.**
Leader: 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,
People: **Hear our prayer.**
Leader: We ask for peace among the nations, especially those of Ukraine, Russia, Iran, and many others torn apart by armed conflict and strife.

Lord in your mercy,
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: 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,
People: **Hear our prayer.**
Leader: We pray for the victims of poverty, the homelessness, racism and hunger and for all who seek to meet their needs. Lord in your mercy,
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We intercede for those who are suffering from sickness of any kind, or from grief and loneliness, including Diane, Edna, Marg, Judy, Margaret, Jessima, and all others whom we now name . . .
Please add other names silently or aloud

Lord in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.
Leader: We lift up our own needs and those of others who are especially on our minds and hearts this morning . . .

Please add other names silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.
Leader: 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

Offertory Invitation

Leader: God has blessed us in Christ and in creation with all that we need to thrive. Yet Jesus' story reminds us there are so many in this world who do not have what they need. What we offer today will reach out in Jesus' name to touch lives in need with the love of God.

Offertory Hymn #383: *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

Prayer of Dedication

Leader: Generous God, you envision a world where the hungry are fed and strangers are welcomed. We bring you our gifts to put your vision into action. Bless them and the lives they will touch
so that the love of Jesus Christ wears a human face again for those who need him in our time. **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. 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: Go with open eyes and open hearts, watching for lives that need to receive God's generosity from your hands, trusting in them you have met our Lord, Jesus. And may mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance through God, Source, Saviour and Spirit of Life, One God, world without end.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn #378*:* ***Crown Him with Many Crown***

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**.

Emergency Pastoral Coverage

During **Rev. John's forthcoming vacation from November 18 to November 25**, **Rev. Martha Gordon** has generously agreed to offer **emergency pastoral coverage** for the people of St. Cyprian's. She can be reached on **416-333-9897**.

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

Midweek Bible Study

Rev. John's **weekly Zoom Bible Study, which meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.** as we continue our **series "Saints at Prayer,"** is taking a break this week.
The **Sunday group** in the Fellowship Room after church **has joined the Tuesday group and will no longer meet separately.**
If you wish to be part of this course, **please contact John directly**.
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

Village Voices Choir presents "Magnificat"- Sunday, November 28, at 3:00 p.m. St. Maurice and St. Verena, Coptic Orthodox Church, 3300 Highway #7, Markham.
Brenda Haddock and Laura Hope have tickets for this **wonderful Christmas**

Concert that has a special emphasis on Mary, the mother of Jesus. Choir performs with a small orchestra.

An Indigo Christmas - Amadeus Choir collaborates with the Nathaniel Dett Chorale, Toronto's pre-eminent Choir of music of the African diaspora on **Saturday, December 19, 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**
Enjoy a concert of Christmas gospel music. More information on the table in the narthex, on the bulletin board and from Laura Hope.

<u>Ministry Oppportunities</u>

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

Hanson Lam	November 22
Catherine Laurencin	November 23
Hannah Annand	November 26
Henry Bengo	November 26
Rita Hiorth	November 29

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.