

# St. Cyprian's Anglican Church & Iona Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Worship by Zoom and in person 10:30 am



**Easter 4,  
Sunday, April 21, 2024**

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**Zoom Link for Sunday Worship:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2897790104?pwd=WTVXeWtjZWV2RW9JVGlGOE5VUVB1dz09>

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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.

## **Holy Communion (BAS)** **Hymns are from *Common Praise***

**Welcome**

**The Gathering of the Community**

**Opening Sentence:** "I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me." (John 10: 14)

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

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.**

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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 your laws in our hearts.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

Presider: Let us pray. O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

**First Reading: Acts 4: 1–22     Marcus Berger**

Reader: The first reading is taken from the fourth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the first verse.

<sup>1</sup>The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. <sup>2</sup>They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. <sup>3</sup>They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. <sup>4</sup>But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand. <sup>5</sup>The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. <sup>7</sup>They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup>If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup>then know this, you and all the people of Israel: it is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup>Jesus is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.'" <sup>12</sup>Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name

under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”<sup>13</sup> When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realised that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. <sup>14</sup>But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say. <sup>15</sup>So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together. <sup>16</sup>“What are we going to do with these men?” they asked. “Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and we cannot deny it. <sup>17</sup>But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name.”<sup>18</sup> Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. <sup>19</sup>But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! <sup>20</sup>As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.” <sup>21</sup>After further threats they let them go. They could not decide how to punish them, because all the people were praising God for what had happened. <sup>22</sup>For the man who was miraculously healed was over forty years old.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn #519: *The Lord’s My Shepherd* (vv. 1–3)**

**Gospel Reading: John 10: 11–18 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 tenth chapter of Saint John, beginning at the eleventh verse.

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

<sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup>The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—<sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I

lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that are not of this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Gradual Hymn #519: *The Lord's My Shepherd* (vv. 4–5)**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:  
Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, The Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: 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.**

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: 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.**

**Sermon: “Standing Firm” – Rev. Dr. John Oakes**

**Anthem: “Lead me Lord” (Arr. Samuel Sebastian Wesley).**

## Prayers of the People

Intercessor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, including Andrew, Kevin and Riscylla our bishops, Alex our Interim Moderator, and John our priest and pastor, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.  
Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: For peace in the world, especially in those nations riven by war and conflict, including Russia, Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: For those in sorrow, sickness, especially Diane, Edna, Laura and all others whom we now name . . .

*(The people may add their own petitions)*

that they may find healing, comfort and protection, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: For this city and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women: that you will show your goodwill to all.

Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: For the victims of our society and those who minister to them: that you will be their help and defence.

Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We pray for those recently baptized: that they may be strengthened in the faith.  
Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses.  
Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

### **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 the 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*

**All:** **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all, we acknowledge and confess our many sins, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed, against your divine majesty. We earnestly repent, and are truly sorry for all our misdoings. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us all that is past, and grant that from now on we may always serve and please you in lives wholly renewed by your Spirit, 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 who turn to him with heartfelt repentance and true faith: have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all

goodness, and bring you to eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Comfortable Words**

Minister: Listen to our Lord Jesus Christ's words of assurance to all who truly turn to him:

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

The apostle Paul says:

“Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” (1 Timothy 1:15)

The apostle John also says:

“If anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defence—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins.” (1 John 2:1-2)

## **The Peace**

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

**All: And also, with you.**

## **Offertory Hymn #435: *Take My Life and Let It Be***

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Presider: Blessed are You, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever.



**All: All that is in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and from your hand we have given you. Amen.**

## **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, our duty and joy, that we should always and everywhere give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, mighty Creator, and eternal God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with the whole company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and singing,

**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, in your tender mercy you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his once and for all offering of himself, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, atonement and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world. He instituted and in his holy gospel commands us to continue a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we who receive this bread and wine according to your Son Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood.

On the night that Jesus was betrayed he took bread and, when he had given 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, Jesus 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

(Adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer* Communion prayer in contemporary language)

### **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 abundant and great mercies. We are not even worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord who delights in showing mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat this bread and to drink this wine, that our bodies and souls may be cleansed by Christ's body and blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

**All (#745) (sung):**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us  
peace. Grant us peace.**

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

**All:**        **Thanks be to God.**

**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: *In Christ Alone*** (Keith Getty and Stuart Townend)

**In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when  
strivings cease!**

**My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone! – who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save: Till on  
that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied –  
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine –Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand:  
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

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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, for ever and ever, Amen.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Presider: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you with all our hearts for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. We acknowledge your love and care for us in making us members of his mystical body, the blessed company of all faithful people, and heirs of eternal life.

**All: And here we offer and present ourselves, our soul and bodies, to be a holy and living sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### **Announcements**

### **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 among you and remain with you always. Amen.

### **Recessional Hymn #520: *The King of Love, My Shepherd Is***

### **Dismissal**

Presider: Alleluia! Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome to St. Cyprian's and Iona, as we continue our combined worship and ministry at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays.**

**All are invited to join the fellowship time together in the Iona space after the service.**

### **Sunday Bible Study**

**The Sunday Bible Study continues today at noon.**

**Rev. John is helping facilitate a study on Acts using an N.T. Wright study guide.**

**All are welcome. Please bring your own lunch, if you want one.**

### **Wednesday Noon Meditation**

**The Wednesday meditation continues with David Rudd and others at 12 noon.**

**It is 20 minutes long and a helpful way to nurture your faith through the practice of silent prayer.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9321564941?pwd=QmhLdDZ6ekQ2a1FLMmRWK2tXU0F0Zz09>

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### **Friday Zoom Bible Study**

**Rev. John's weekly Zoom Bible Study on Acts meets on Fridays at 7 p.m.**

**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

## Spring Clean-Up

**Members of St. Cyprian's and Iona are invited (and encouraged!) to attend our annual Spring Clean-Up on the morning of Saturday, May 4, from 9:00 a.m. onwards, when we'll be tidying up the grounds for summer. Refreshments will be provided.**

## Ministry Opportunities

**Andrew Heyland is putting together a new team of sidespeople. A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer. We need new members. To help with refreshments, please contact Judy North.**

## Happy Birthdays

<b>Phil Sharp</b>	<b>April 21</b>
<b>Bob Williams</b>	<b>April 22</b>
<b>Rev. John Oakes</b>	<b>April 24</b>
<b>Grace Scott</b>	<b>April 25</b>
<b>Gwynneth Ettinger</b>	<b>April 26</b>

**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.**