

**St. Cyprian's Anglican Church
and Iona Presbyterian Church**
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Church office hours: Tuesdays & Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship by Zoom and in person 10:30 a.m.



**Epiphany 6/Black History Sunday,
February 16, 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 #471: *We Are One in the Spirit*

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Prayer Of Adoration

Leader: Let us pray. O Lord our God, Creator and Ruler of the universe, you are great beyond all things. You are clothed in honour and majesty, wrapped in light as a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. You gave us your son Jesus Christ as Saviour and Messiah and the Holy Spirit as our Helper and Comforter. We give you glory, honour and praise now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Merciful God, in your gracious presence we now take time to acknowledge our own weaknesses and shortcomings. Trusting that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ, we 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 one another; 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: The Bible reminds us that when we give generously abundant gifts will pour out upon us with overflowing measures. Let us give to God with hearts of thanksgiving and praise for God loves a cheerful giver.

Offertory Hymn #233: *Were You There?*

Prayer of Dedication

Leader: Generous God, all good and perfect gifts come from you. With joy and thanksgiving, we have come to return to you a part of the gifts you gave us. As Jesus blessed the bread and fish and it multiplied, we pray that you will multiply our gifts and bless us with wisdom and direction from the Holy Spirit on how to use it to bless your Kingdom. **Amen.**

A Portrait from Black History: Rev. Josiah Henson (1789–1883)

Prayer For Illumination

Leader: God of word and wisdom, as we read the scriptures, open our eyes to see your wonderful truth. May our hearts embrace your Word and may the Holy Spirit direct us in following it in our lives in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12–20

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

²But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 1

Leader: 1. Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**People: 2. Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

Leader: 3. They are like trees planted by streams of water,

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

**People: 4. It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Leader: 5. Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when
judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of the
righteous.

**People: 6. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

Leader: Let us pray. Giver of life, save us from the desert of faithlessness
and nourish us with the living water of your word, that we may
bring forth fruit that will last, in the name of Jesus Christ our
Saviour. **Amen.**

Gradual Hymn: *Soon and Very Soon*

**1. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!**

**2. No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!**

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:20–31

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

²⁰Looking at his disciples, Jesus said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in
heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.

²⁵Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷But to you who are listening I say: love your enemies, do good to those
who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who ill-treat
you. ²⁹If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If
someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰Give to

everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn: *Soon and Very Soon*

**3. No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!**

**4. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're are goin' to see the King!**

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Sermon: “The Practice of Peace” – John Oakes

Choir Anthem: “Hymn to Freedom” by Oscar Peterson

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 Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia, Syria, 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 Trudeau, 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, Judy, Sadie, the family of Freda Hopkinson-Manning, 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 . . .

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

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 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.**

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 into the world in peace.
Be of good courage.
Hold fast to what is good.
Return no one evil for evil.
Strengthen the fainthearted.
Support the weak.
Help the afflicted.
Love God and one another,
follow Christ,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and may the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you this day and always.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn: *I Shall Not Be Moved*

Verse 1

**Jesus is my Savior I shall not be moved
In His love and favor I shall not be moved**

**Just like a tree that's planted by the waters Lord
I shall not be moved**

Chorus

**I shall not be I shall not be moved
I shall not be I shall not be moved
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters Lord
I shall not be moved**

Verse 2

**In my Christ abiding I shall not be moved
In His love I'm hiding I shall not be moved
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters Lord
I shall not be moved/Chorus**

Verse 3

**If I trust Him ever I shall not be moved
He will fail me never I shall not be moved
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters Lord
I shall not be moved/Chorus**

Verse 4

**On His word I'm feeding I shall not be moved
He's the One that's leading I shall not be moved
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters Lord
I shall not be moved/Chorus**

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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.

The flowers at the altar today are given in loving memory of Reinald Ford
by Una Ford and family

Sunday Bible Study

The **Sunday Bible Study** is currently taking a break after completing our study of 1 Corinthians. Watch this space for our next programme!

Wednesday Noon Meditation

The **Wednesday meditation** continues 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** meets on **Fridays at 7 p.m.** to continue a **study of Ruth.** 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.**

St. Cyprian's Annual Vestry Meeting and Reports

All members and attenders of St. Cyprian's are invited to the St. Cyprian's Annual Vestry Meeting after church on Sunday, February 23.

Pancake Supper

This year, we are again holding a **traditional Pancake Supper** on the last day before Lent, **Shrove Tuesday March 4, 2025**
5:30–7:00 p.m. in the Iona space.
The meal will be **free, but tickets will be required.**

Happy Birthdays

Stacey Leslie	Feb 20
Ava Nicole Banfield	Feb 20 (2007)
Micjael Banfield	Feb 20
Merv McCleery	Feb 21

**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.**

