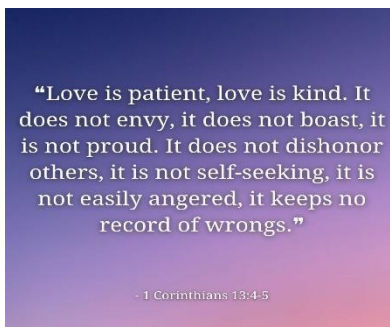


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Sunday Worship by Zoom and in person 10:30 a.m.



**Epiphany 4,
February 2, 2025**

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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 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*)

Hymns are from *The Book of Praise*

Presider: Rev. Dr. John Oakes

Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Kathy Brownlee

Welcome

Processional Hymn #371: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Call To Worship

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

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Presider: Almighty and everlasting One,
your power is incomparable, your majesty infinite,
and your love beyond our imagining.
You are hidden in mystery, and yet so present.
In a hectic world, you are peace and rest.
In a harsh world, you are tenderness and mercy.
In the cold and dark of winter, you are light and comfort,
and so we bring you our worship,
for you are the One who created us,
the One who redeems us,
and the One who gives us life,
our one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
to whom we offer all love and loyalty, now and always.

Your loving kindness and forgiveness endure forever. So we freely
confess our sins against you and one another, as we say together:

Confession

**All: God, whose name is love, you know us through and through.
We confess all our faults and failings freely before you.
Your Word tells us that love is patient and kind, but
our patience and kindness fall short.
You tell us that love is never rude or selfish. Yet so often we insist
on our going our own way. Forgive all our sins of thought, word,
and deed, we pray, including the vain excuses that we make when
our love falters. Strengthen us by your Spirit so that our love is
may be ever more like yours, unflinching and unconditional, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silent reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

Presider: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In fulfillment of the promises of God I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, 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: God of wisdom, we long to hear your holy Word in new and fresh ways. Open our ears to hear your call. Open our minds to understand your truth. Open our eyes to the work of your kingdom and equip us to take our part, in Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

First Reading: I Corinthians 13: 4-13 Mei Chan Lee

Reader: The first reading is taken from the thirteenth chapter of the First Epistle to the Corinthians, beginning at the fourth verse.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we

know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 71:1–6

Presider: 1. In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be ashamed.

**People: 2. In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.**

Presider: 3. Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.

**People: 4. Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

Presider: 5. For you are my hope, O Lord God,
my confidence since I was young.

**People: 6. I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.**

Presider: Let us pray. Holy God, be our strength and our salvation, that we may never be ashamed to praise you for your mighty acts. We ask this through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Gradual Hymn #712: Alleluia (chorus x2)

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:21–30 Hank Huang

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” ²⁴And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s home town. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Sermon: “*Love is Patient*” Rev. Kathy Brownlee

Choir Anthem: “*Wherever You may Go*” (by David Kai)

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: Loving God, your love is patient.
We give you thanks for all those who have been patient with us, teaching us and caring for us in so many ways.
We pray for the patience to love others as you have loved us.
God of love,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Loving God, your love is kind.
Thank you for every unexpected gesture of kindness we have received. Give us the courage to be kind to others, serving those who seem unkind, rude, or difficult to love in these difficult days. Remind us that each one we meet is your child, made in your image.
God of love,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Loving God, your love is not arrogant, nor does it seek its own interests. Thank you for all who work to serve those who cannot fend for themselves. Strengthen those who have lost hope and confidence in their own value. Give us insight to speak the truth in love and to work for change that creates opportunities for those on the margins and respect for any who face discrimination.

God of love,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Loving God, your love is not quick-tempered. Thank you for every occasion when someone spared us from their anger. We pray for those who are filled with anger and for all around them who face or fear violence. Continue to raise up advocates for children and elders who are abused, and rescue those who are trapped in relationships that injure and harm.

God of love,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Loving God, your love bears all things; it never fails. We thank you for those we have loved in this life and who now dwell in the peace and joy of your presence. Let your comfort settle on those who are bereaved, lonely, sick or suffering this day, remembering especially Diane, Edna, Judy and all others whom we now name . . .

Please add other names, silently or aloud

We remember before you those with heavy burdens, many cares, much stress, and those who find too little comfort and

help. Open our eyes to those in need around us and show us how to offer support and companionship, for the sake of Christ, our friend and Saviour, who taught us to pray together:

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: The Lord continues his ministry in and through the church. As his body on earth, we all have gifts to use and to share, both in the church and in the world, to the glory of Christ, our King and Head. Let us share some of the financial gifts that we have received now in our offering.

Offertory Hymn #642: *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

Prayer of Dedication

Celebrant: God of life and love, we are grateful for all you have given us in Christ and in creation, in community and in the Church that bears Jesus' name. We offer our gifts to you in love, trusting you will bless them and us. May all that we offer become tangible expressions of your love at work in the world for Christ's sake. **Amen.**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: In your Son Jesus Christ
the Word became flesh,
giving us a vision of your glory,
that all people might be brought out of darkness
into your marvellous light. How wonderful are your ways,
almighty God. How marvellous is your name, O Holy One.
You alone are God. Therefore with apostles and prophets,
and that great cloud of witnesses
who live for you beyond all time and space,

All: We lift our hearts in joyful praise:

**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.**

Celebrant: We praise you, most holy God, for sending your only Son Jesus to live among us, full of grace and truth. Sharing our joy and sorrow, he healed the sick and was a friend of sinners. Obeying you, he took up his cross and died that we might live. We praise you that he overcame death and is risen to rule the world. He is still the friend of sinners. We trust him to overcome every power that can hurt or divide us, and believe that when he comes in glory we will celebrate victory with him. 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: As we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: 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. (I Cor. 10:16).

When we bless the cup, it is a sharing in the blood of Christ. (I Cor. 10:16).

Celebrant: 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 #530: *I Come with Joy* (Tune: Land of Rest)

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Gracious God,
our hands have taken holy things;
our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son.
May we who have eaten at this holy table
be strengthened for service in your world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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: #499: *Tell Me the Old, Old Story*

Presider: Alleluia! Let us go in the peace of Christ to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God. Allelu

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.

Sunday Bible Study

The **Sunday Bible Study** on 1 Corinthians continues **at noon today** after church **in the Fellowship Room.**

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 new 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. Ministry leaders and others who wish to submit reports for inclusion in the Annual Vestry Report are requested to send them into the church office by today.

Pancake Supper

Tuesday March 4, 2025

5:30–7:00 pm

Save the Date: More details to follow

Happy Birthdays

Kyle Shepherd	Feb 2 (92)
Yusef Curtis Clarke	Feb 3 (88)
Mavis Morris	Feb 5
Editha Stuart	Feb 8

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.