



St Hilda's By-the-Sea Anglican Church

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October 26, 2014 10:00 am Family Eucharist

Third Sunday of Creation

If wildness is related to holiness, so is wilderness, because the latter is a special breeding ground of the former. A large wilderness provides the conditions where many life forms can live not just according to their own individual essential natures but in healthy communion with many species in an ecosystem.

A healthy ecosystem, in a sense, is like a healthy church— it forms a **community** in which each individual makes a valuable contribution to all the others, even though they may not realize it. In a healthy ecosystem, each individual has its own niche, its own function. For Christians, it's sort of the equivalent of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and their proper use for the good of the community.

Wilderness is like a healthy church in another and vital sense: it provides opportunities for people to **experience silence and solitude**. Indeed, wilderness often does this at an even deeper and more profound level than a typical church.

The silence and solitude of the wilderness **encourage listening**. For one thing, the silence is not total. It is much quieter in the wilderness than in our typical everyday surroundings, but it is also alive with sounds: wind in the trees, bird songs, the splash of a beaver's tail. In everyday life we might ignore or miss similar sounds, but in the wilderness we listen to them, and take them in, and **connect**. And in connecting, we begin to experience a sense of wonder and awe, of beauty and mystery. Our inner eyes and ears begin to open, allowing us to hear the still small voice of God.

Wilderness, in other words, provides natural conditions that facilitate the everyday mysticism that is essential for a living faith and a fully-developed spirituality.

While wilderness is valuable for all kinds of reasons, such as watershed protection and biodiversity, its most important role is its **contribution to the human spirit**. In our disconnectedness from our ancient ties to God's creation, we have grown rootless, arrogant, and dangerous. While the pressures to tear apart wilderness areas for oil and other finite resources will become intense in the near future, those of us who recognize the spiritual battle at the heart of modern civilization must fight to protect these sacred places.

Wilderness Sunday

WHO IS WHO IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY	
Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Clarence Li Music: Tom Kellough & St. Hilda's Choir Readers: Gwen Southin, Julie Stevens Prayers: Stephanie Moul Lay Assistant: David Moul Sacristan: Amelia Foster	Crucifer: Elena Alps Mocellin Greeters/Usher: Joan & Margaret Brock Coffee: Laurelle Findler, Liz Miller Altar Guild: Liz Miller, Wing Wright Altar Flowers: Given by Evelyn Harrison & family in loving memory of Len Harrison.

WELCOME TO CHURCH

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith, you will find a place at our table at St. Hilda's Anglican Church. Come as you are. There are many ways and there is no one particular way to be a part of this vibrant community. Join us today with an open mind, and be prepared to discover a home for your spirit that is inclusive, incarnational, and joyful.

WHO WE ARE

St. Hilda's, situated on the unceded traditional territory of the shíshálh First Nation, is a member of the Anglican Church of Canada and the worldwide Anglican Communion. As a community, we welcome and celebrate human diversity - including spirituality, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and abilities. We aim to create a space where people of any faith or none can question and discover the sacred in life through openness, struggle, laughter and prayer, lived out through a common commitment to be in solidarity with the poor and marginalized, and to cherish Creation.

CHILDREN

Children play a central part when we gather to worship. We welcome them as they gather for a Children's Time at the beginning of the service. We send them off with a song for Sunday School, and they return in time for Communion—the Lord's supper. A Nursery Room is available for parents with babies and toddlers at the back of the Church.

HOLY COMMUNION

ALL are welcome to come forward and receive communion, the divine life of Jesus which comes to us in gifts of bread and wine. Come as you are. Instructions for people joining this meal the first time can be found on p. 11.

♿ ♻️ ♻️ ACCESSIBILITY

Parking for people with disabilities is available next to the Meditation Labyrinth. You are welcome to bring your walker or wheelchair into the sanctuary. If you have hearing difficulties, please ask the greeter for a sound enhancing headset.

Order of Service

Welcome & Introduction to Service

The community is invited to pray in silence.

✠ The Gathering of Community ✠

All rise as able for the processional hymn.

Processional Hymn.....Holy Mystery, Holy Wisdom



1. Ho - ly mys - t'ry, Ho - ly Wis - dom Whol - ly love who guides our - way,
2. We are part - ners in cre - a - tion, Bound by love to all a - round,



Lov - ing Pre - sence, Source of Be - ing, Now trans - form us
Seek - ing just - tice and com - pas - sion, Shar - ing truths that



day by day, Words of Scrip - ture tell our sto - ries,
we have found. Spir - it Source of In - spir - a - tion,



Voi - ces rise in gifts of song, Call - ing us to
Love -- our song a - long the way, Ho - ly Mys - t'ry,



lov - ing ac - tion, Faith - filled as we jour - ney on.
Ho - ly Wis - dom -- Source of hope with each new day.

Greeting

Celebrant: In the name of the Creator, the fountain of life,
the name of Christ, the pulse of life,
and the name of the Spirit, the breath of life. Amen.

All: Holy! Holy! Holy!
Earth is filled with God's presence.

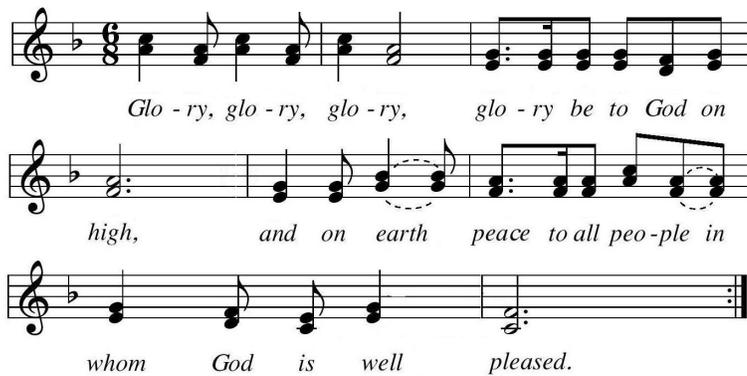
Celebrant: Christ, we come into your presence
to worship in this sanctuary called Earth,

**All: a planet sustained by the abundance of your harvest,
a presence quivering in the forests,
a presence pulsating in the wilderness,
a presence shimmering in the rivers.**

Celebrant: God, reveal yourself to us in this place,
and show us your face in all creation.

All: Holy! Holy! Holy!
The whole Earth is filled with your glory.

Gloria



Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry be to God on
high, and on earth peace to all peo-ple in
whom God is well pleased.

Children's Time *Children are invited to come forward. After the reflection, all rise as able. People sitting on the aisle are invited to form an arch for children to come through as they head out for Sunday School as we sing:*



Come, let us sing to the Lord our song, we have stood
si- lent- ly too long; sure-ly the Lord de- serves our
praise, so joy- ful- ly thank God for our days.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God, our Creator, whose glory fills our planet,

All: Help us to discern your vibrant presence among us, especially in the wonders of the wild in wilderness areas. Help us to be in solidarity with your wilderness creatures who are suffering. Lift our spirits to rejoice with the wild world of the wilderness. We ask this in the name of Christ, who reconciles and renews all things in creation. Amen

All are seated as we listen to the readings.

✠ The Proclamation of the Word of God ✠

After each reading, there will be a short time of quiet meditation

The First Reading *Elijah's encounter of God in the wilderness*

I Kings 19:1-13 (p. 284).....*Gwen Southin*

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 18:4-6, 16-19 *The wild forces of creation*

Refrain is sung by all. Verses read responsively.

in pas - tures of peace you'll lead them.
and give to the wea - ry rest.

4. The cords of death bound me;
the torrents of the underworld overwhelmed me.
5. **The bonds of the grave surrounded me;**
the snares of death overwhelmed me. Refrain
6. In my distress I called to the Holy One, cried out to my God.
You heard my voice in your holy temple; my cry came to your ears.
16. **You sent from on high and took me;**
you drew me from deep waters. Refrain
17. You saved me from my mighty enemies,
from those who hate me and are mightier than I.
18. **They attacked me on my day of danger,**
but you, Holy One, were my buttress. Refrain

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19. **You brought me to a place of freedom;**
you rescued me because you were pleased with me. Refrain

The Second Reading *A Psalm* by Thomas Merton.....*Julie Stevens*

Gradual Hymn*Hosea*

Verses



1. Come back to me with all your heart.
 † Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;
 2. The wil - der - ness will lead you
 In - teg - ri - ty and jus - tice,
 3. † You shall sleep se - cure with peace;



Don't let fear keep us a - part.
 so must we to oth - ers' call. (To refrain)
 to your heart where I will speak.
 With ten - der - ness, † you shall know. (To refrain)
 faith - ful - ness will be your joy. (To refrain)

Refrain



Long have I wait-ed for your com - ing home to me and



liv - ing deep - ly our new life.

The Gospel Mark 1:9-13 *Jesus in the wild of wilderness*..... p. 812
All remain standing as able

Celebrant: May God be with you

All: And also with you

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Gospel Acclamation *Sung twice: 1st time Soloist, 2nd time Congregation*



Hel - le - lu - yan, yah - hay - kah - thle - ez, Hel - le, He - le - lu - yan,



Hel - le - lu - yan, yah - hay - kah - thle - ez, Hel - le, He - le - lu - yan.

After reading
Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ

Gospel Acclamation *(sung once together)*

Sermon *Rev. Clarence Li*
After the sermon, we sit for a short quiet meditation

Affirmation of Faith

All rise as able

Celebrant: We believe that God creates all things,
renews all things and celebrates all things.

**We believe Earth is a sanctuary,
a sacred planet filled with God's presence,
a home for us to share with all beings.**

We believe in God present and active in Jesus of Nazareth,
Revealing to us the good news of our communion with God .

**And is with all other people and urging us to love
Graciously and generously
So that God's reign might be established**

We believe that the risen Jesus
is the Christ at the core of creation
**reconciling all things to God,
renewing all creation and filling the cosmos.**

We believe the Spirit renews life in creation
**groans in empathy with a suffering creation,
and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.**

**We believe that with Christ we will rise
and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit, or kneel according to your praying custom. Names upheld in the prayers can be found on the Parish List on the back page. You are also welcome to name your loved one(s) aloud or silently in your heart.

Leader: Lord of all life, **Response: Hear our prayer.**

Prayer of Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: For the times that we behaved irresponsibly towards your gifts
of creation: Lord, in your mercy,

All: forgive us and help us.

Celebrant: For the times that we have ignored the spiritual and material
needs of those who are not so fortunate as ourselves:

Christ, in your mercy,

All: forgive us and help us.

Celebrant: For the times that we have failed to proclaim your gospel through indifference, selfishness or bad example:

Lord, in your mercy,

All: forgive us and help us.

Silence

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Peace *(Please stand as we share the peace of the Lord)*

Celebrant: God makes peace within us.

All: Let us claim it.

Celebrant: God makes peace among us.

All: Let us share it.

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

✠ The Holy Communion ✠

The Offertory

During the hymn, the bread and wine for the Lord's Supper are presented alongside with the offering of money to symbolize the offering of ourselves and of the whole creation to God in thanksgiving for the many blessings we experience.

621 Offertory Hymn *Before the World Began*

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: God our Creator,

**All: through your love you have given us these gifts to share.
Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks
and as a sign of our concern for those in need, including our
fellow creatures on planet Earth. Amen.**

Doxology

**Praise God the Source of life and birth,
Praise God the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.
All glory, honour to God's name.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

This is a ritual meal to re-enact the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his friends to remind them of his sacrificial love for humanity and the whole creation. All stand as able.

Celebrant: The Spirit of God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift your hearts to heaven.

All: Where Christ in glory reigns.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right to give you thanks, loving Creator. Your word is the impulse for all things to be, for space, stars, and stardust to appear, for Earth to emerge from the deep, for life to be born of Earth, and for humans to be born of Earth and the Spirit.

Your Spirit is the life impulse in all things, restoring the broken and healing the wounded, groaning in anticipation of a new creation, stirring with new life born of water and the Spirit.

You chose to be born a human being, to become a part of Earth, to suffer, die, and rise from death to redeem humankind, to renew creation, and to reconcile all born of Earth and the Spirit.

Your presence is the living impulse in all things, the Christ deep among us, filling Earth – land, sea, and air – filling every element and place, filling the grain and the grape we share with you this day.

Therefore with angels and archangels, ancient voices in the forest, high voices from the sky, deep voices from the sea, and the whole company of creation, we proclaim your presence among us:

Sanctus *(sung twice)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you. My
heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you Lord!

Celebrant: We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who on the

night he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

“This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this to remember me.”

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying:

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.”

As on this night, so here and now,
he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

Great is the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Therefore, we come to him in whom all is created in heaven and on earth, whose cross and resurrection make all things new.

We offer this to you, asking you to smile upon the gift we bring, for you alone are the Giver and Christ's the gift through which we live once and for all.

Through him who was emptied to bear your fullness we make our prayer with all created life to the glory of the God who fills all in all now and for ever.

All: Amen

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

The Lord's Prayer *(Please speak the prayer in your native language.)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

All: So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) *(repeat three times, third time take last ending)*

A - gnus De - i, qui
tol - lis - pec - ca - ta mun - di: mi - se - re - re no - bis,
mi - se - re - re no - bis, mi - se - re - re no - bis
mi - se - re - re no - bis, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

The Invitation

Receiving Communion

If you know the brokenness of life, its fractures within and its division without, then you have participated in the broken body of Christ and you are invited to share in the breaking of bread.

If you desire to know the love of God that overcomes indifference and despair, if you desire the reconciliation that overcomes estrangement and alienation, then you are invited to share the cup of the new covenant.

The bread is received in the open palm. It is usual Anglican practice to drink the wine from the common cup. Wine and unfermented grape juice are served. If you would prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer or grape juice, please inform the person administering the bread or wine when they approach you. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, you are welcome to come forward and place your hands across your chest.

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: We thank you, Christ,

All: for the meal we have celebrated with you, and we pray that through your body and blood we may be healed and become agents of healing for Earth. Amen.

Family Thanksgiving & Announcements

All are invited to share if they know of any birthdays, anniversaries or other celebrations. As sharing concludes, all say "Amen."

All stand as able

Celebrant: 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.**

Blessing

Celebrant: May God bless you
with a restless discomfort about easy answers,
half-truths and superficial relationships,

**All: so that we may seek truth boldly
and love deep within our heart.**

Celebrant: May God bless you
with holy anger at injustice, oppression,
and exploitation of people,

**All: so that we may tirelessly work for justice,
freedom, and peace among all people.**

Celebrant: May God bless you
with the gift of tears to shed
with those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation,
or the loss of all that they cherish,

**All: so that we may reach out our hand
to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.**

Celebrant: May God bless you
with enough foolishness to believe
that you really can make a difference in this world,

**All: so that we are able, with God's grace,
to do what others claim cannot be done.**

Tune **Recessional Hymn** *We Sing a Love That Sets All People Free*

#362 We sing a love that sets all people free,
That blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame,
Enfolds like earth, springs up like water clear.
Come, living love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a song that seeks another's good,
That longs to serve and not to count the cost,
A love that, yielding, finds itself made new.
Come, caring love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid
To be itself, despite another's wrath,
A love that stands alone and undismayed.
Come, strength'ning love, live in our hearts today.

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We sing a love that, wand'ring, will not rest
Until it finds its way, its home, its source,
Through joy and sadness pressing on refreshed.
Come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a burning, fiery, Spirit free
That seeks out shades of ancient bitterness,
Trans fig'ring these, as Christ in ev'ry heart.
Come, joyful love, live in our hearts today.

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go into the world and be the love of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia



And the world cannot be discovered by a journey of miles, no matter how long, but only by a spiritual journey, a journey of one inch, very arduous and humbling and joyful, by which we arrive at the ground at our own feet, and learn to be at home.

- Wendell Berry, The Unforeseen Wilderness: Kentucky's Red River Gorge

Parish Events and Notices

Don't Eat Alone Dinner: This evening at 5:30 pm. Come eat and visit with friends. No need to bring anything. Please let Stephanie know if you can help with set-up and/or clean-up.

Mission to Seafarers: Our ships' rigging is now in the narthex awaiting your contributions of warm hats, mitts and socks for the sailors who will be visiting the Vancouver area ports this winter. The ACW appreciates your participation in this mission again this season. Deadline is mid-November.

Parishioners' Picks: Friday, November 7 at 7:30 pm *Vera Drake* (Nominated for three Oscars and winner of the 2004 Venice Film Festival) One of the finest movies to come out of English cinema! Abortionist Vera Drake finds her beliefs and practices clash with the mores of 1950s Britain – a conflict that leads to tragedy for her family. Because of subject matter this is for mature audiences only.

Daytime Bible Study: A Daytime Bible Study is being organized. If you are interested, please see Clarence or contact the office.

A Notice about Christmas Craft & Bake Sale This annual event will be in the mall on Friday and Saturday November 28 & 29. Time to start "crafting." The congregational Craft Sale will be Sunday November 23 after the services. Your guests are very welcome to join us from 9:30-10:00 am & 11:30 am -1:00 pm.

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Music Student Sponsors A very talented student of our organist Tom Kellough is needing financial help. A sponsorship program for this student has been organized here at St. Hilda's. The ACW and several generous parishioners have already agreed to be sponsors, but to date we have not reached our goal. Heartfelt thanks to the ACW and the St. Hilda's sponsors for their generosity. If you are interested in being a sponsor please see Tom Kellough. \$100 sponsors the student for one month or \$25 sponsors the student for one lesson.

Community Notices

Money Skills Financial Literacy Program - Sechelt

In partnership with the Sunshine Coast Credit Union, the Community Resource Centre is offering a free adult education program dedicated to increasing financial knowledge and money management skills.

Thursdays, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at the Sechelt Public Library 5797 Cowrie St
 Oct 30 Debt & Credit Management
 Nov 06 Budgeting & Goal Setting

For more information or to register, call the Community Resource Centre at 604.885.4088, email admin@communityresourcecentre.info

Heart to Heart: The Sunshine Coast Hospice Society's Gala Fundraiser. Saturday, November 8 at 5:00 pm at Sunshine Coast Gold & County Club, Roberts Creek. Cost is \$150. See poster in breezeway for more details.

REPORT TO PARISH

JANUARY TO SEPT 2014

	JAN - SEPT 2014	JAN - SEPT 2013	BUDGET FOR JAN - SEPT	YEAR BUDGET 2014
REVENUE				
TOTAL INCOME	143,402.	153,488.	158,175.	210,900.
EXPENSES				
TOTAL EXPENSE	152,802.	148,595.	161,056.	214,496.
PROFIT/LOSS IN PERIOD	-9,400.	4,892.	-2,881.	-3,596.

Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's			
Sun 26	4:00 pm 5:30 pm	Drumming Circle Don't Eat Alone Dinner	Sanctuary Hall
Mon 27	10:00 am	Sharing Abundance Co-op Kitchen	Hall
Tues 28	2:00 pm	Communion Service	Totem Lodge
Wed 29	8:00 am 5:30 pm	Wisdom Circle & Meditation St. Hilda's Choir	Sanctuary Sanctuary
Thu 30	10:00 am 2:00 pm	Centering Prayer EfM Meeting	Sanctuary Sanctuary
Fri 31	7:00 pm	Gospel of Thomas Study Group	Sanctuary
Nov Sun 02	8:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist with Sunday School Taizé Service	Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary

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Readings for November 2, 4th Sunday of Creation: River Sunday

1st Reading: Genesis 8:20-22; 9:12-17 Reader: Bobbi Kelly
 2nd Reading: Revelation 22:1-5 Reader: Elizabeth Brown
 Psalm 104:27-33 Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK	
Anglican Communion	The Church of Ceylon Diocese of Colombo - (Ceylon) The Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey Diocese of Kurunagala - (Ceylon) The Rt Revd Greg Shantha Kumar Francis
Diocese	St. Margaret, Cedar Cottage, Vancouver: Rev Heidi Brear, The Ven. William Inglis
Ecumenical Partners	Grace Church, Tainan The BC Synod of the ELCIC, Bishop Gregory Mohr
Local Agencies	Capilano University - students, staff, faculty
Local Churches	St John's United Church
UN MDG Project	(Ndandini, Kenya) The Community Greenhouses
Acute	Heidi Benner, Maryann Darney & family, Frank & Rose, Beth Lamb, Pam McGee, Len Tweedie, George Van Meer & family, Paul Weatherington R.I.P. Susie Kassen
Parish Families	Liz & Clark Miller; Holly & Ray Monteith; Nancy Moote & Pat Dickie and children Ann, Margaret; Bruce & Margaret Morris and children Ian, Robin, Jeremy