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September 14, 2014 Holy Cross Sunday

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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 ARE WE?

St. Hilda's, situated on the unceded traditional territory of the shishálh 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. Instruction for people joining this meal the first time can be found on page 10.

ACCESSIBILITY

Parking for people with disabilities are 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 one of the greeters for a sound enhancing headset.

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Order of Service

Welcome and announcements

The community is invited to pray in silence

✦ First Movement: Gathering as a Community

Introit *Where Two or Three Are Gathered* *St. Hilda's Choir*

All rise as able for the processional hymn.

589 Processional Hymn *Come, O God of All the Earth*

Greeting

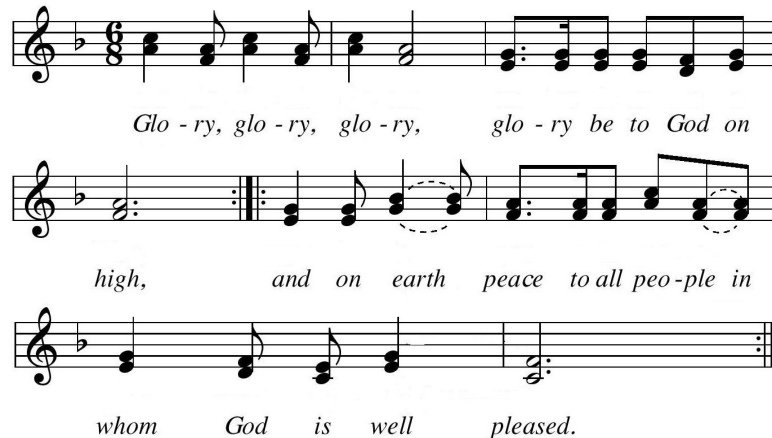
Celebrant: Grace to you and peace from God creator, redeemer, and loving spirit, giver of all gifts.

All: **God is with us, here we find new life.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

All: **Jesus Christ is good news for the poor, release for the captives, recovery for the afflicted, and liberty for those who are oppressed.**

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:

Put Your Hand in the Hand

Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the water;
Put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea.
Take a look at yourself and you can look at others differently,
By putting your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee.

The Prayer of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God,

All: whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself, may we who rejoice in the mystery of our redemption, have grace to take up our cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

All are seated

✦ Second Movement: Listening to God's Good News

After each reading, we observe a short time of quiet meditation

Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-24 (*Bible p. 926*)..... Janet McIntosh

Silence

Psalm 98:1-6 *Refrain is sung by all. Choir will sing the verses.*



1. Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
2. With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.
Refrain
3. The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
4. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
Refrain
5. Shout with joy to the Lord all you lands;
life up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
6. Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.
Refrain

Time of Silence

418 Gradual Hymn *Draw the Circle Wide* (vs. 1,2)

Gospel Lesson John 3:13-17 (*Bible p. 864*)

All remain standing as able

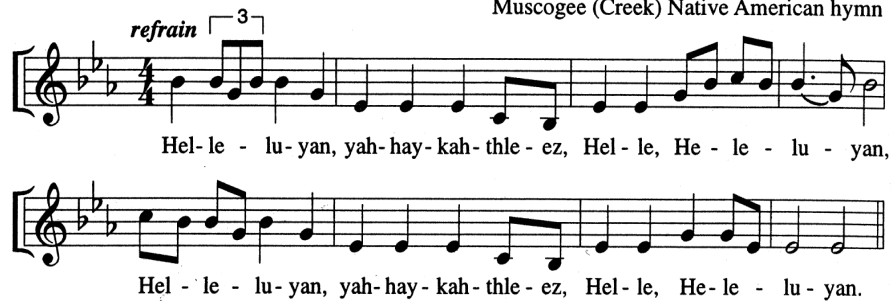
Celebrant: May God be with you

All: And also with you

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

Gospel Acclamation *Sung 3 times: Soloist, Choir, Congregation*

Muscogee (Creek) Native American hymn

refrain 

After the reading

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ

Gospel Acclamation (*sung twice together*)

418 Gradual Hymn *Draw the Circle Wide* (vs. 3)

Sermon The Rev. Clarence Li

After the sermon, we sit for a short quiet meditation

Affirmation of Faith

All rise as able

Celebrant: Let us affirm our faith together saying:

**I believe in God, Creator of the universe,
dwelling forever beyond time and space.
I believe in Jesus Christ who came to live amongst us
and let us see what God is like.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit
sent from God through Jesus,
to be our guide and comforter.**

**Therefore I believe in love,
in hope, compassion, joy and faith,
and forgiveness beyond eternal life.**

✦ Third Movement: Praying for the Healing of Creation

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 page 12. You are also welcome to name your loved one(s) aloud or silently in your heart.

After each bidding: *Leader:* God of love, **Response:** Hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant O Most Holy and Beloved One, our Companion,
our Guide upon the way, our bright morning star.
We repent the wrongs we have done:

Silence

We have wounded your love.

All: O God, heal us.

Celebrant: We stumble in the darkness.

All: Light of the world transfigure us.

Celebrant: We forget that we are your home.

All: Spirit of God, dwell in us.

Celebrant: Eternal Spirit, living God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you,
to the very secret of our hearts
and all that rises to trouble us.

**All: Living flame, burn into us,
cleansing wind, blow through us,
fountain of water, well up within us,
that we may love and praise in deed and in truth.**

The Peace

All stand as able as we share the peace with one another.

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.

All: And also with you.


✦ Fourth Movement: Celebrating the Lord's Supper

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 experienced.

Offertory Hymn *A Place at the Table*


Verses




1. For ev - 'ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble, for
 2. For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble, re -
 3. For gay and for straight, a place at the ta - ble, a
 4. For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble, a -
 5. For ev - 'ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble, to



ev - 'ry - one born, clean wa - ter and bread, a
 vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share, with
 cov - e - nant shared, a wel - com - ing space, a
 bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give, in
 live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be, to



shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing, for
 wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er, for
 rain - bow of race and gen - der and co - lour, for
 an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy, for
 work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship, for



ev - 'ry - one born, a star o - ver - head.
 wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair.
 for gay and for straight, the cha - lice of grace, And
 just and un - just, a new way to live.
 ev - 'ry - one born, the right to be free.

Refrain



God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of



jus - tice and joy, yes, God will de - light



when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



jus - tice and joy!

At the conclusion of the hymn, we praise God and sing

**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.

The Spirit of God be with you. And al-so with you.

Lift your hearts to heaven where Christ in glo-ry reigns.

Let us give thanks to God. It is right to of-fer thanks and praise.

Celebrant: God of wind and flame, we praise your wild beauty flying free
in the shining air.

Your Spirit nurtured life in outrageous diversity; she raised up
judges to protect the weak, made kings dance in ecstasy, and
prophets burn with holy anger.

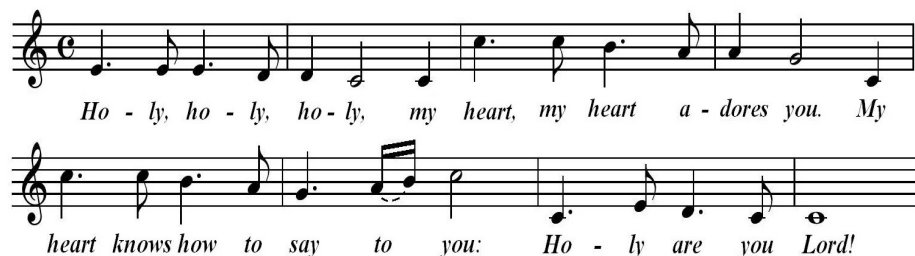
Through the Spirit, the Word became flesh and the world was
called to hear his voice; she drove him to the desert his first sure
step to victory over death and division.

When he left his followers, she was poured out on all flesh and
crossed the line between male and female, slave and free, Jew
and gentile.

She is with us now, bringing Christ near -
filling our worship, guiding us in hope.

Therefore, with all God's rainbow people, and all who have
tasted the Spirit of life, with the thirsty and the cold, and all who
long to dream again, we worship your glory as heaven touches
earth:

Sanctus & Benedictus *(sung twice)*



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 that 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 the that 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 is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: Therefore we come in memory and hope, responding to your call and the promise that echoes from the dawn of all time.

May mind and heart be held by your self-giving love as we stand before the cross, approach the empty tomb and praise the one whose name is lifted high above all earthly power.

Receive our broken offering through his all-powerful grace and bind us in communion with all who share your gifts; through Jesus Christ, in whom all ages and all the worlds are drawn into the ceaseless love of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

***All:* Amen.**

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

744 The Lord's Prayer

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 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 and Laying-on of Hands for Healing

We invite those who desire healing for themselves or on behalf of someone else, to come to the front of the line to receive the bread and wine. Immediately after receiving Communion, proceed to the prayer station beside the votive candles on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. Give your first name and briefly state your prayer need. A member of the Clergy will offer you the Laying on of Hands and Anointing.

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: God of peace,

All: In this eucharist, we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Family Thanksgiving

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.

✦ Final Movement: Being Commissioned to be God's Healing in the World

Closing Doxology

Celebrant: O God of peace, we come before you, not alone, but in the company of one another.

We share our happiness with each other:

All: It becomes greater.

Celebrant: We share our troubles with one another:

All: They become smaller.

Celebrant: We share one another's grief and burden

All: Their weight becomes possible to bear.

Celebrant: We share our work and witness to each other:

All: We are inspired and challenged.

Celebrant: We share our failures and disappointments:

All: We are comforted and strengthened.

For in sharing we learn to live in peace;

in sharing we learn to love;

in sharing we encounter the meaning of life, the mystery of our existence - and discover you.

425 Recessional Hymn..... Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee!

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in hope, bearing the message of love, of service, of community into the world that God loves.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



*We would like to invite all our visitors to stay
following the service for a Kodak moment.*

*Following the picture taking,
please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall.*



PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK	
Anglican Communion	The Anglican Church of Tanzania: The Most Revd Jacob Erasto Chimeledya Archbishop of Tanzania & Bishop of Mpwapwa
Diocese	Church of the Holy Cross, Vancouver - Rev Daebin Im Christ Church, Hope - Rev Gail Newell, Rev Fred Tassinari
Ecumenical Partners	Church of the Good Shepherd, Taipei: Rev Lily Chang, Vicar; Rev Diane Wong, English Chaplain BC Synod of the ELCIC, Bishop Gregory Mohr
Local Agencies	Alcoholic Anonymous
Local Churches	Salvation Army Sunshine Coast Community
UN MDG Project	(Ndandini, Kenya) Students of Ndandini Primary School
Acute	Oliver Clapham, Loraine Heppner, Susie Kassen, George Thacker
Parish Families	Jill Halliwell & Janet Tufnall, Evelyn Harrison, Max Haugen, Michael & Diane Heisler, Adam & Petra Helfer and children Joshua & Jakob, Rosemary Hoare, Katherine Hume & Carl Montgomery and children Leif & Allegra

Readings for September 21

Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11 Reader: Julie Stevens

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:21-30 Reader: Corrinne Newman

Psalm 145:1-8 Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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**Bishop Melissa Skelton's Visit
September 20-21**



Saturday September 20

- 10:30 am *Art & Spirit:*
An Exploration of Spirituality and the Creative Process
 A dialogue with a panel of Sunshine Coast artists:
 Paul Gibson, Ed Hill, Gigi Hoeller, Suzy Naylor, Ray Niebergall
 Moderated by Bishop Melissa
 Free admission. All are welcome
- 12:00-1:00 pm Refreshment/social with dialogue participants in Parish Hall
- 3:30 pm Congregational Development Session with parish leaders

Sunday September 21

- 8:30 am Preaching and presiding at 8:30 am service
- 10:00 am Preaching and presiding at 10 am service
 Tree Planting at Annex Extension
 Dedication of Parish Kitchen
- 11:30 am Unveiling of Portraits of St. Hilda's recipients of the
 - 1:00 pm Order of the Diocese of New Westminster recipients
 Luncheon with Bishop in Parish Hall

Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's

Mon	15	10:00 am	Sharing Abundance Community Kitchen	Annex
Tues	16	2:00 pm	Conversation #1: The Idea: "What did	Gathering Rm
Weds	17	8:00 am 5:30 pm	Wisdom Circle & Meditation St. Hilda's Choir	Sanctuary Sanctuary
Thurs	18	10:00 am 2:00 pm	Centering Prayer EfM Meeting	Sanctuary Sanctuary
Fri	19	7:30 pm	Parishioners' Picks Movie Nite	Sanctuary
Sat	20	10:30 am 3:30 pm	Art & Spirit Congregational Development Session	Hall Sanctuary
Sun	21	8:30 am 10:00 am	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist with Sunday School	Sanctuary Sanctuary

Parish Events and Notices

Workshop on Stewardship Development: *Three Conversations on Stewardship*

Would you like to see St. Hilda's continue to be a relevant, vital and sustainable local church on the Coast? Would you like to be part of a team to help St. Hilda's and its members be good stewards of everything that God has given us? David Rushton, who has over 20 years of experience as a financial and stewardship development consultant will be the leader of this workshop beginning on Tuesday September 16 at 2 pm in the Gathering Room. All are welcome.

Sep 16 Conversation #1: The Idea: "What did Christ say about 'stewardship'?"

Sep 23 Conversation #2: The People: "Who are we, why are we here, and what are we called to be and do?"

Sep 30 Conversation #3: The Tasks: "It's all about relationship..."

Parishioners Picks: *Cinema Paradiso* Friday, September 19 at 7:30 pm

Cinema Paradiso is Bishop Skelton's favourite movie. It won the 1989 Oscar for Best Foreign Film (Italy). It is a story of love. Love between a father and son, an individual and his home, and love of the movies. It has amazing visuals, a beautiful music score, and one of the best loved movie endings ever. In Italian, with subtitles. For General audiences.

Messy Church Saturday September 20 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at St. Bart's Church. Want to meet other families in your area? Sundays seem too busy? Want to learn more about God as a family? Then Messy Church is for you. See poster in breezeway for more information.

Fall Clean-up Festival Sunday, September 28 after the 10:00 service. We need all willing hands and bodies to get ready St. Hilda's grounds for the winter. Please bring your own tools, gloves, enthusiasm, and snacks.

Introduction to Centering Prayer: Saturday Oct. 4, 10:00am to 2:30pm at St. Hilda's. This intro will have 6 follow-up sessions in Oct/Nov. Presenters are Anne Larochelle and Wendy Eyre-Gray. Registration is \$20 (includes lunch). For more info or to register contact Wendy at 604-865-1888.

Pie Sale Saturday October 11, 9:30 to 12 noon

The ACW are asking the congregation to help us meet our goal of 150 plus pies. Do you have apples, rhubarb, plums, or berries that you would care to donate for our freezer in the hall? Help us fill the freezer up for our bakers. For those who bake, foil pie pans, canned pumpkin, evaporated milk, crisco and zip lock bags will be available now in the breezeway. Also see Lorraine Barker or Maggie Scott or any ACW members.

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 at these times: 9:30-10:00 am and 11:30 am – 1:00 pm.

St. Hilda's Mission Principles

At St. Hilda's our aim is to create a sacred space where we can be nourished and nourish others through our practices of Worship, Hospitality, and Justice.

Hospitality: The Lord's Table is the foundation of our understanding of hospitality - a safe place where all are welcome just as they are, broken yet blessed, all seeking food that satisfies. We aim to be an inclusive, sacred space in our community. We support a variety of expression of Spirit where people are committed to listen to each other, honour each other's beliefs and perspectives, and to create a safe environment for healthy, vibrant dialogue with friends and strangers alike.

Worship: As a Christ centred community, our parish recognizes worship as a means of inspiring connection to the Divine through prayer, contemplation, music, and liturgy, with lay and ordained participation. We offer a variety of worship services to honour the diverse worshipping style of our community.
We value community more than an ascribed set of beliefs.

Justice: Our faith informs us that the foundation of our practice of justice is right relationship with all of creation. Jesus calls us to seek out, serve, and learn from those who are marginalized. We seek justice through compassionate listening, extending hospitality to all, advocacy, prayer, and caring for the earth.

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WHO IS WHO IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Clarence Li	Sacristan: Barbara Carver
Music: Tom Kellough & St. Hilda's Choir	Crucifer: Janet McIntosh
Readers: Janet McIntosh	Greeters/Usher: Joan & Margaret Brock
Prayers: Bonnie Paetkau	Coffee: Gwen Southin, Stan & Lorraine Barker
Lay Assistant: Gwen Southin	Altar Guild: Liz Miller, Corrinne Newman

Weekly Worship & Contemplative Services

Sunday	<p>8:30 am Traditional Eucharist</p> <p>10:00 am Family Eucharist with Sunday School</p> <p>4:00 pm Native Drumming Circle every 4th Sunday With songs, prayer & sharing. Bring your own drum Or use one of the extra ones.</p> <p>7:00 pm Taizé Candlelight Contemplative 1st & 3rd Sundays Chant, inspirational reading, & meditative silence.</p>
Wednesday	<p>8:00 am Wisdom Circle & Meditation. Come start your day in stillness with early morning contemplative Eucharist & meditation.</p>
Thursday	<p>10:00 am Centering Prayer</p>
Friday	<p>7:00 pm Gospel of Thomas Study 2nd & 4th Fridays This contemplative group includes meditation, inward reflection, and discussion. All are welcome.</p>

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