



## St Hilda's By the Sea Anglican Church

Open Doors · Open Hearts · Open Minds

January 3, 2016 † 10:00 am Family Eucharist



### WHO IS WHO IN OUR WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

**Celebrant & Preacher:** The Rev Clarence Li  
**Music:** Karen Weatherington  
**Readers:** Julie Stevens, Janet McIntosh  
**Prayers:** Bonnie Paetkau  
**Lay Assistant:** Linda Smith

**Sacristan:** Barbara Carver  
**Crucifer:** Taras Pakholchuk  
**Greeters/Usher:** Meg Stevens, Carol Eades  
**Altar Guild:** Barbara Carver, Win Wright

## WELCOME TO OUR 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, situated on the unceded traditional territory of the shíshálh First Nation, is a member of the Anglican Church of Canada & the worldwide Anglican Communion. As a community, we welcome & celebrate human diversity - including spirituality, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, & abilities. We aim to create a space where people of any faith or none can question & discover the sacred in life through openness, struggle, laughter & prayer, lived out through a common commitment to be in solidarity with the poor & marginalized, & 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 and then send them off to Sunday School. They return in time for Communion—the Lord's supper (grape juice is available for communing). A Quiet 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 for the first time are printed in the bulletin.

## ♿️ ♻️ ♻️ 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. There are also large print hymnals available in the entry.

Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's			
<b>Sun 03</b>	8:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist & Sunday School Taize Service	Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary
<b>Tues 05</b>	9:30-11:30 2:15 pm	Library Hours Communion Service	Gathering Rm Shorncliffe Lodge
<b>Wed 06</b>	8:00 am 10:00 am	Wisdom Meditation & Eucharist ACW Meeting	Sanctuary Gathering Rm
<b>Thurs 07</b>	4:00 pm	Choir	Sanctuary
<b>Fri 08</b>	9:30-11:30 7:00 pm	Library Hours Gospel of Thomas Study	Gathering Rm Sanctuary
<b>Sun 10</b>	8:30 am 10:00 am	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist & Sunday School	Sanctuary Sanctuary

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## ✠ The Gathering of Community ✠

Prelude

### Welcome & Introduction to the Service

*All stand as able at the sound of the singing bowl.*

🎵 **160 Processional Hymn** .....As With Gladness Men of Old

### Greeting

Celebrant Alleluia, the Word was made flesh.

PEOPLE **And dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Alleluia!**

Celebrant 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

🎵 **702 Glory to God**

*Refrain:* Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### Children's Time: Blessing of the Chalk

*Children are invited to come forward*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Bless, † O Lord God, this chalk\*\* that it may be helpful to all  
and grant by the invocation of thy Most Holy Name that  
whosoever shall use it or inscribe with it the names of thy  
Saints Gaspard, Melchior and Balthazar upon the doors of their  
homes, may through their merits and intercession, enjoy health  
of body and protection of soul; through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

*\*\*After the service you are invited to take a piece of this chalk with you & write  
on the lintel of your home saying the Epiphany Blessing for your home on p. 10.*

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

🎵 **151 All Poor Folk and Humble** (vs 1)

All poor folk and humble, all lame folk who stumble,  
come haste ye, and be not afraid; for Jesus, our treasure,  
whose love passes measure, in lowly poor manger was laid.  
Though wise men who found him laid rich gifts around him,  
yet oxen they gave him their hay; and Jesus in beauty  
accepted their duty: contented in manger he lay.

Then haste we to show him the praises we owe him;  
our service he ne'er can despise, whose love still is able  
to show us that stable where softly in manger he lies.

**The Collect of the Day**

**Celebrant** May God be with you.

**PEOPLE** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant** Eternal God,

**ALL** **who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son.  
Guide by your light the nations of the earth,  
that the whole world may know your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*All are seated*

✠ **The Proclamation of the Word of God** ✠

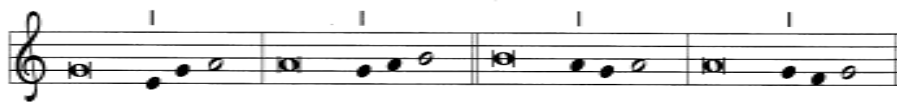
*After each reading, there will be a short time of quiet meditation*

**The First Reading** Isaiah 60:1-6 (p. 602) ..... Bonnie Paetkau

**Reader** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

**ALL** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14**



1. Give the King your jus- 'tice, O God,\*  
and your righteousness to ' the King's Son;
2. That he may rule your ' people righteously\*  
and the ' poor with justice;


3. That the mountains may bring prosperity ' to the people,\*  
and the little ' hills bring righteousness.
4. Let him defend the needy a- 'mong the people;\*,  
rescue the poor and crush ' the oppressor.
5. May he live as long as the sun and ' moon endure,\*,  
from one generation ' to another.
6. Let him come down like rain upon the ' mown field,\*,  
like showers that wa- 'ter the earth.
7. In his time may the ' righteous flourish;\*,  
and let there be an abundance of peace  
till the moon shall ' be no more.
10. May the kings of Tarshish and of the ' isles pay tribute,\*,  
and the kings of Sheba and Seba ' offer gifts.
11. May all kings bow ' down before him,\*,  
and all the nations ' do him service.
12. For the king delivers the poor who cry out ' in distress,\*,  
the oppressed, and those who ' have no helper.
13. He has compassion on the low- 'ly and poor;\*,  
he shall pre'serve the lives of the ' needy.
14. From oppression and violence he re- 'deems their lives\*,  
and precious is their blood ' in his sight.

Glory to God, Source ' of all being,  
Eternal Word and ' Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the begin- 'ning is now  
and shall be for e- 'ver. Amen.

**The Second Reading** Ephesians 3:1-12 (*p. 950*) .....Janet McIntosh

**Reader** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**ALL Thanks be to God.**

 **131 Gradual Hymn**.....*Love Came Down at Christmas (vs.1,2)*

**The Gospel** Matthew 2:1-12 .....*p. 783*

*All remain standing as able*

**Deacon** May God be with you

**PEOPLE And also with you**

**Deacon** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**PEOPLE Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After reading*

**Deacon** The Gospel of Christ

**PEOPLE Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

🎵 **131 Gradual Hymn** ..... Love Came Down at Christmas (vs.3)

**Sermon**..... The Rev Clarence Li  
*After the sermon, remain seated for a short quiet meditation.*

**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:** *God of love*    **Response:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Reflective Confession and Absolution**

**Celebrant** We come before God knowing we are wounded. In our hurt and pain, we have wounded others. In a moment of silence, let us approach God, let us lay bare our hearts and consciences in the presence of the divine mercy.

*A period of silent prayer and reflection follows.*

God's embrace is wider than you can imagine.

God forgives you and calls on you to forgive others.

God invites you to delight in one another and in yourselves, and partner with God to build a world of reconciliation. Amen.

**ALL** **We rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor.**

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

**Celebrant** In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**PEOPLE** **And also 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 experienced.*

🎵 **161 Offertory Hymn** ..... Wise Men They Came to Look for Wisdom

**Prayer over the Gifts**

**Celebrant** Gracious God,

**ALL** **accept the offering of your Church,  
the hearts of your people**

joined in praise and thanksgiving,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

### Eucharistic Preface

*"Eucharist" means "thanksgiving". 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 Prayer of Great Thanksgiving



*Celebrant:* The Spirit of God be with you. *All:* And al - so with you.



*Celebrant:* Lift your hearts to heaven *All:* where Christ in glo-ry reigns.

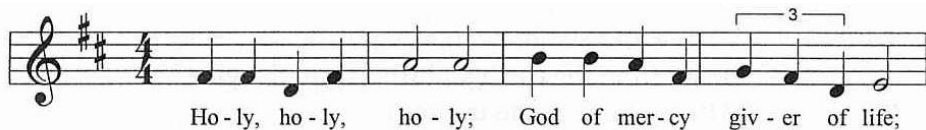


*Celebrant:*

Let us give thanks to God *All:* It is right to of-fer thanks & praise

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation,  
and have shown your Son Jesus Christ  
to be the light of all peoples.  
Therefore with angels and archangels  
we raise our voices in joyful praise  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

### Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly; God of mer - cy giv - er of life;



earth and sea and sky and all that lives declare your presence and your



glo-ry. Ho - san-na! Ho - san-na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Celebrant All glory to you, Giver of life, sufficient for all creation,...

...we lift up the cup of salvation  
and call upon your name.

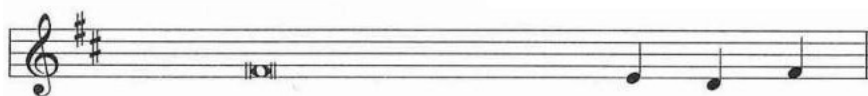
PEOPLE **Here and now, with this bread and wine,  
we celebrate your great acts of liberation and love.**

Celebrant Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit,  
feed us with your life,  
fire us with your love,  
and confront us with your justice

ALL **Through Christ,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
make us one in the body of Christ  
with all who share your gifts of love. Amen.**



*Take and eat, for the peace of all nations. Show us the path that leads to life.*



*Take and drink, for the love of all people.*



*Give us courage to walk in the way of Christ.*

### The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant Joining our prayers into one,  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us saying:

**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** We break the bread of life,  
and that light is the light of the world.

**PEOPLE** **God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

## **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**

**ALL** **God of all the nations of the earth,  
guide us with your light.  
Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us  
in this eucharist and in our neighbours.  
May we welcome him with love,  
for he is Lord now and for ever. 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,

**PEOPLE** **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.**


### The Blessing

**Celebrant** May God the Father,  
who led the wise men by the shining of a star  
to find the Christ, the Light from lights,  
lead you in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

**PEOPLE** **Amen.**

**Celebrant** And the blessing of God:  
Life Giver, Pain Bearer, Love Maker  
be among you and remain with you always.

**PEOPLE** **Amen.**

 **150 Recessional Hymn** ..... *On This Day Earth Shall Ring*

### An Epiphany Blessing for Our Homes

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*This may be written on the lintel above the front door into your home. A piece of blessed chalk from this Mass may be taken home with you for this purpose. Following the writing, this prayer is to be used:*

Let us pray.

O holy and everlasting God, we ask you to hear us and send your holy Angel from heaven to guard and cherish, protect and visit, and evermore defend all that dwell in this house. I call upon thy Saints – Gaspard, Melchior, and Balthazar – to protect my Family and my home from every harm and danger, and, I place this mark over my door to remain as a constant reminder to us and all who enter here that my house is truly a house of the Lord.

O God, make the door of my house the gateway to thine Eternal Kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

## Parish Events and Notices

**A Sunshine Coast Anglican/Lutheran Epiphany Gathering:** Members of St. Hilda's have been invited to a special Epiphany Celebration on Sunday January 10 at Faith Lutheran Church in Powell River. For the past years, Anglican and Lutheran parishes on Sunshine Coast and in Powell River has been exploring becoming one sub deanery (or sub conference in Lutheran's equivalent) to strengthen mutual support in our ministries. There will be a joint worship, lunch, and special presentation on "Welcoming the Stranger", a very relevant topic as both communities are exploring welcoming refugees to resettle in our midst. Parishioners of Faith Lutheran Church are offering to pick up foot-passengers at Saltery Bay Terminal to help us reduce cost. The Rector is hoping that St. Hilda's could send a dozen of parishioners to this event to experience our joint fellowship and mission together. Please sign up for car pool in the Narthex if you are interested.

### **Update on Refugee Sponsorship**

Two new ways to support the work of refugee resettlement through your parish:

1. Make a donation to **"The Bishop's Fund for Refugee Resettlement"**. Bishop Melissa announced earlier this week the creation of the Bishop's Fund in response to the outpouring of interest in our diocese in assisting refugees (there are 14 projects currently underway) and from her own conviction that becoming more involved in this important effort in Canada is a powerful expression of who we are as Anglican Christians. The purpose of this fund is to cover a range of expenses above and beyond the monies raised by parishes or other groups to satisfy the requirements of their sponsorship applications. To donate towards this new fund, visit the diocesan webpage [vancouver.anglican.ca](http://vancouver.anglican.ca) and look for the "GIVE" button on top of the page. Gifts received by December 31, 2015 are eligible for a matching donation from the Government of Canada to its Syria Emergency Relief Fund.
2. Over the course of last 2 months, a local grassroots Sunshine Coast Refugee Action Group (SCRAG) was formed. The group has been working with interested individuals, local churches and organizations actively exploring options to bring Syrian refugee families to resettle on the Sunshine Coast. Maggie Edwards is our parish representative of this group. While SCRAG is not up and running at this time, St. Hilda's will receive and receipt any donations towards a local refugee resettlement response. Any donations that we receive specifically for a local group will be receipted by St Hilda's and held in a flow through account until the local group are organized and have a group bank account. Please write on your envelope "Local Refugee Response".

### **Community Announcements**

**Call the Boys!** Doug is extending the same special offer to St. Hilda's this year. He will donate 25% of every job he does for a St. Hilda's member between December 1, 2015 - February 28, 2016 when you, the member, present a special coupon. Call 604-740-0004. The link for the coupon is: <http://www.calltheboys.ca/coprint.html>. You can also pick one up from the table in the Narthex.

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### Readings for January 10, The Baptism of the Lord

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7 ..... Reader: TBD

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 8:14-17 ..... Reader: TBD

Psalm 29 Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK	
<b>Anglican Communion</b>	The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia: The Most Revd William Brown Turei
<b>Ecumenical Partners</b>	BC Synod of the ELCIC, Bishop Gregory Mohr
<b>Local Agencies</b>	Al Anon Family Groups
<b>Parish Ministries</b>	Cemetery Board
<b>UN MDG Project</b>	(Ndandini, Kenya) Students of Kyaithani Secondary School
<b>Acute</b>	Gary Stevens: healing from addiction safety & release of hostages in Philippines <b>R.I.P.</b> Eileen Rolston
Thanksgiving	Brenden Galli (grandson of Irene Jones): for speedy recovery
<b>Ongoing Need</b>	Zachara Beemer, Gail Coleman, Gerald & Magda Cupido, Annabelle Dick, Bob & Jane Hammersma, Hank & Gail Jerzy, Juliet McClatchy, Bill Mitrovitz, Vernon Paul, Howard Peet & Maureen Shobe, R.J. Poland, Fran & Ken Redmond, Frank Schmitt, Carran Taylor, Angie Towner, Family of Frank Walsh, Kate Webb