



St Hilda's By the Sea Anglican Church

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February 7, 2016 † 10:00 am Family Eucharist



The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

WHO IS WHO IN OUR WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev Clarence Li

Music: Karen Weatherington
& St. Hilda's Choir

Readers: Linda Smith, Eric Paetkau

Prayers: Kevin Rolston

Lay Assistant: Sher Sacks

Sacristan: Taras Pakholchuk

Crucifer: Elena Alps Mocellin

Greeters/Usher: Joan & Margaret Brock

Coffee: Linda Kern, Muriel Prior

Altar Guild: Barbara Carver, Win Wright

Altar Flowers: Remembering Alex & Olive Lockhart,
always loved and always remembered. Given by
Diane & Stan Anderson and Family.

Worship This Morning

This morning, we shall gather to celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple, traditionally also known as *Candlemas*.

The feast day commemorates the event in the Gospel of Luke when the 40-day old Jesus was presented at the Temple and being recognized by Simeon and Anna, figures representing the Jewish patriarch and matriarch as the light to all nations. This is a beautiful feast filled with images of light in the midst of darkness. It is customary to have church candles blessed on this day, accompanied by a procession carrying lights. This year because of an unusual early Easter, Candlemas lies exactly half way between the birth of Christ Jesus and his passion shown to us on the cross of Golgotha. Liturgically and spiritually, this day invites us to connect our joy of welcoming the light (Christmas) and the necessary pain of the path of descent to the cross that brings us new life and wholeness (Good Friday and Easter).

We begin our worship this morning by gathering in the Parish Hall for the blessing of candles. If you use candles at home for your devotions, please bring them along for a blessing. Tapers will be given out, lit, and then we shall all carry the light of Christ processing into the Sanctuary.

Being the last Sunday before Lent, you were asked to **return any palm crosses** you received from last year. During coffee hour, there will be a simple ceremony to burn these emblems of glory into ashes which will be imposed on our forehead on Ash Wednesday February 10.

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.

This Sunday's liturgy has been compiled from various sources, including:

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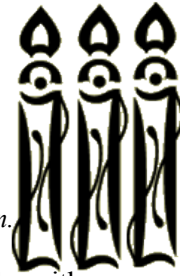
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✠ The Gathering of Community ✠

Prelude

Blessing of Candles on the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple

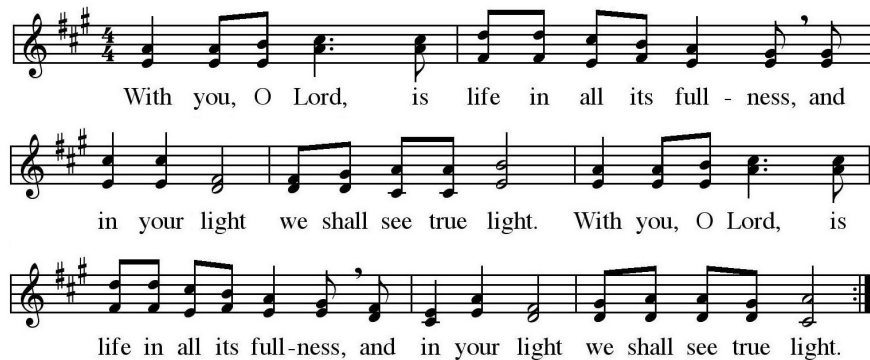
*The congregation gathers in the Parish Hall for the Candlemas
Procession. A taper is given out to each parishioner with the bulletin.*



Celebrant May the light and peace of Jesus Christ our Lord be with you.

PEOPLE May God bless you.

♪ **With You O Lord (Taizé chant)** is sung twice at the lighting of the candles



Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE It is right to give thanks and praise.

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.
You make our darkness to be light.
For with you is the well of life
and in your light shall we see light.

ALL Blessed be God for ever.

The Celebrant blesses the candles, saying:

Celebrant Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light,
pour into the hearts of your faithful people
the brilliance of your eternal splendour,
that we, who by these kindling flames
light up this temple to your glory,
may have the darkness of our souls dispelled,
and so be counted worthy to stand before you
in that eternal city where you live and reign,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

PEOPLE Amen.

Celebrant We wait for your loving-kindness, O Lord,
PEOPLE in the midst of your temple.
 Celebrant Open to us the gates of righteousness,
PEOPLE that we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
 Celebrant God is the Lord who has shown us light.
PEOPLE Let us offer our lives in his dwelling with great gladness.

The congregation will follow the crucifer to process towards the sanctuary while singing again : **With You O Lord (Taizé chant)**

**With you, O Lord, is life in all its fullness,
 and in your light we shall see true light. [repeat]**

Children will depart for Sunday School.

Tapers may be extinguished when congregation settles into the pews.

Opening Hymn Christ Be Our Light



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant May God be with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

Celebrant God of Anna and Simeon,

ALL **whose law makes known the gift of life,
whose love exposes our hardness of heart:
by your Spirit, may we receive
your faithful word to Gentile and Jew
and know your reconciling presence
offered for all the world;
through Jesus Christ, the Light and Glory of God. 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 Malachi 3:1-4 (p. 778) Linda Smith

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

ALL **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24:7-10

*Refrain sung by all and verses
spoken as indicated.*



The King of glo-ry comes, the na-tion re-joic-es.



O-pen the gates be-fore him, lift up your voic-es.

*Men italicized words and
Women on bolded words.*

⁷ *Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors;*
and the King of glory shall come in.

⁸ *“Who is this King of glory?”*

“The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. Refrain

⁹ *Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors;**
and the King of glory shall come in.

¹⁰ *“Who is he, this King of glory?”*


“The Lord of host, he is the King of glory.” Refrain

ALL: **Glory to God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Second Reading Gospel of Thomas Logion 50..... Eric Paetkau

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

ALL **Thanks be to God.**

 **14 Gradual Hymn**.....O Gracious Light (vs.1)

The Gospel Luke 2:22-40 p. 787

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 Luke.

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

After reading

Deacon The Gospel of Christ

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

 **14 Gradual Hymn**..... O Gracious Light (vs.3)

Sermon..... The Rev Clarence Li

After the sermon, remain seated for a short quiet meditation.

A Liturgical Affirmation

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

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 light* **Response:** **Hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

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

Silence

We have wounded your love.

PEOPLE **O God, heal us.**

Celebrant We stumble in the darkness.

PEOPLE **Light of the world transfigure us.**

Celebrant We forget that we are your home.

PEOPLE **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.
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 *Please rise as able 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.

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.

🎵 **460 Offertory Hymn** Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining ⁷

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Creator of light,

ALL accept the joyful offering of your Church,
and grant that your Word may shine in us
as the light that lightens every nation.
We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus
the Light of the World. 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 musical notation for the Eucharistic Preface consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Presider and the All, with the lyrics "The Spirit of God be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Presider and the All, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Presider, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the All, with the lyrics "It is right to give our thanks and praise."

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

Presider *All*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is indeed right and good ev'rywhere and always to...

...And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

The musical notation for the Sanctus consists of two staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the All, with the lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,". The second staff is for the All, with the lyrics "God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are".

All
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the One who comes, who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant Holy God,
 you alone are holy, you alone are God.
 The universe declares your praise:
 beyond the stars, beneath the sea,
 within each cell, with every breath.

PEOPLE

All

We praise you, O God.

Celebrant Generations bless your faithfulness:
 through the waters, across the wilderness,
 by night and day,
 out of exile, into the future.

PEOPLE

All

We bless you, O God.

Celebrant We give you thanks for your Son:
 at the heart of human life, near to those who suffer,
 beside the sinner, among the poor, with us now.

PEOPLE

All

We thank you, O God.

Celebrant On the night he was betrayed...

...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

PEOPLE

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

All
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

1., 2.
world; have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

3.
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.


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.

 **Communion Hymn** Nunc Dimittis
*All are invited to sing this chant throughout communion.
See page 12 for music.*

Let your ser - vant now— go in peace, O Lord, now—

Lord, O Lord,

go in peace ac - cord - ing to your word, Let your

(to your word.)

Prayer After Communion

ALL Christ Jesus, inner light,
 you send your Peace upon us; it is kindness;
 it leads to a change in our lives.
 And then an inner voice arises in us,
 and that voice is already our prayer.
 If our lips keep silent,
 our heart speaks to you and listens to you.
 In this way, the will of your love is accomplished in us.
 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 Let God's hope be a clearing sky before you,
 a compass in your heart
 guiding you to where you belong;
 And the blessing of God:
 Life Giver, Pain Bearer, Love Maker
 be among you and remain with you always.

PEOPLE Amen.

🎵 **34 SGP Recessional Hymn***Alleluia!*

Dismissal

PEOPLE Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's			
Sun 07	8:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist & Sunday School Taizé Service	Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary
Mon 08	3:00 pm	Faith & Environment Study Group	Gathering Rm
Tues 09	9:30-11:30 5:00 pm	Library Hours Pancake Supper & Ashes Service	Gathering Rm St. Bart's Gibson
Wed 10	8:00 am 12:10 pm	Wisdom Meditation & Eucharist Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary Sanctuary
Thurs 11	10:00 am 1:30 pm 4:30 pm	Centering Prayer EfM Group Choir	Narthex Gathering Rm Sanctuary
Fri 12	9:30-11:30 7:00 pm	Library Hours Gospel of Thomas Group	Gathering Rm Sanctuary
Sun 14	8:30 am 10:00 am	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist & Sunday School	Sanctuary Sanctuary

Parish Events and Notices

Annual Vestry Meeting: is Sunday February 21.

The Vestry Report Book is available to pick up in the Narthex. Please sign the sheet indicating you have taken your copy (one per household please).

Shrove Tuesday Ecumenical Pancake Supper: Members of St. Bart's Anglican, St. Hilda's Anglican, St. John's United. and Living Faith Lutheran are invited to an ecumenical Pancake Supper held at St. Bart's Anglican Church (655 North Road, Gibsons) from 5 - 6:30 pm on February 9. A short Ash Wednesday Eve liturgy will follow.

Ash Wednesday Service at St. Hilda's: 12:10 pm on February 10.

All are welcome to experience the power of this ancient sign of our mortality, repentance and growth. As an experimental public witness, the Rector is planning to offer an "Ashes to Go" station in downtown Sechelt outside the Sechelt Library entrance following the church service, if weather permits. Clarence is looking for volunteers who are interested in bringing the church and its sacraments to the street.



Memorial Service for Len Tweedie: Our beloved parishioner Len died peacefully at Totem Lodge on December 4, 2015. A Memorial Service will be held Thursday March 3 at noon at St. Hilda's. Please kindly remember Eva in your prayers. May Len rest in peace and rise in glory.

Donation Tax Receipts: Help us save postage and pick up your receipt in the Narthex. Any left over will be mailed out.

St. Hilda's Church Directory: If you need to have a printed copy, please phone or drop by the office and we will be glad to print one for you. If there are corrections, please let the office know. We will send out a new list the end of February.

Diocesan Anti-racism Training: The next training seminar will be held from 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday, February 13, 2014 at St Agnes Church, North Vancouver. Regional Dean, the Revd Stephen Muir (sdmuir100@gmail.com) will act as registrar. This whole day training is strongly recommended for those in leadership roles in parishes (lay and ordained). If you plan to attend please ensure Stephen has your name, parish and mobile phone contact number. Tea and coffee will be provided. You are asked to bring your own bagged lunch and something to share with others.

Refugee Sponsorship: You can make a donation to: **The Bishop's Fund for Refugee Resettlement.** 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 to this fund, visit the diocesan webpage vancouver.anglican.ca and look for the "GIVE" button on top of the page.

WIDER CHURCH COMMUNITY

Vancouver School of Theology presents the 2016 G. Peter Kave Lecture and Workshop. Join us as Dr. Wes Howard-Brook discusses 'The 'Religion of Empire' vs. the 'Religion of Creation' in the Bible and Beyond' on Friday, February 12 at 7 pm in the Chapel of the Epiphany, 6030 Chancellor Boulevard (free public lecture), or register for the workshop on the following day (Saturday, March 13th) presented by Dr. Wes Howard-Brook and Sue Ferguson Johnson, entitled 'Moses vs. Solomon; Jesus vs. Satan: Engaging the Inner Biblical Conflict'. For more information and to register for the workshop, visit the News and Events page at www.vst.edu.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recognizing shíshálh Nation for environmental stewardship:

Sunshine Coast Conservation Association (SCCA) is inviting its members (St. Hilda's has been a member since 2008) to support its up-coming Award Ceremony and Feast to honour shíshálh Nation for their environmental actions with the John-Hind Smith Award. First presented in 2004, the award recognizes Sunshine Coast residents and groups who had demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment to the environment and preserving wildlife. SSCA is inviting its members and the wider community to assist them in putting up a Salmon Feast Potluck. They are looking for volunteers cook and bring food, as well as donations towards this event. Please contact John and Nancy Denham at 885-7373 or denham4951@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

A Night at the Longhouse: Tuesday February 16 from 5:00-7:30 pm

We invite our Sunshine Coast friends and visitors to join us. This is a well awaited cultural celebration and performance with an evening of traditional Coast Salish-shíshálh drumming, singing and dancing. Included will be traditional storytelling. Also unique is our potluck dinner. We invite each guest family/group to bring a dish to share.

To book on line: www.aboriginalecotours.com .

Direct Link: <https://www.aboriginalecotours.com/tours/community/a-night-at-the-longhouse-cultural-performance-drumming-singing-and-dancing>

You can also RSVP at info@talaysay.com or call 1-800-605-4643

Don't Miss Out on this Offer! 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 until February 28. (You are credited with the donation.) Call 604-885-0661. The link for the coupon is: <http://www.calltheboys.ca/coupon.html>.

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Readings for February 14, 1st Sunday in Lent

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Reader: Stan Barker

2nd Reading: Romans 10:8b-13 Reader: Elizabeth Brown

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Anglican Communion	The Anglican Church of Canada The Most Revd Frederick Hiltz, Primate
Diocese	The Deanery of Golden Ears The Mission and Ministry Development Committee – David Swan (Chair), The Rev Ruth Monette (Staff)
Ecumenical Partners	BC Synod of the ELCIC, Bishop Gregory Mohr
Local Agencies	Bellies and Babies Program
Parish Ministries	Interim Music Director and Choir
UN MDG Project	Students of Kyaithani Secondary School
Acute	Kathy Archibald: recovery from upcoming surgery Nancy Denham: healing for knees Linda Fromm: healing from hospitalization Rev. John Marsh: healing from stroke Pertti: recovery from heart attack Betty Watson: healing for illness Mark Weatherington: healing for thyroid complications safety & release of hostages in Philippines
Ongoing Need	Gerald & Magda Cupido, Annabelle Dick, Bob & Jane Hammersma, Hank & Gail Jerzy, Juliet McClatchy, Bill Mitravitz, Vernon Paul, Howard Peet & Maureen Shobe, R.J. Poland, Fran & Ken Redmond, Frank Schmitt, Angie Towner, Family of Frank Walsh, Kate Webb