



## St Hilda's By the Sea Anglican Church

Open Doors · Open Hearts · Open Minds

December 27, 2015 † 10:00 am Family Eucharist



## FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

### WHO IS WHO IN OUR WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Richard Hergesheimer  
**Preacher:** The Ven. Bruce Morris  
**Music:** Karen Weatherington  
**Readers:** Eric Paetkau, David Moul  
**Prayers:** Maggie Scott

**Lay Assistant:** Sher Sacks  
**Sacristan:** Corrinne Newman  
**Crucifer:** Margaret Dickie  
**Greeters/Usher:** Morrie Sacks, Kathy Archibald  
**Altar Guild:** Liz Miller, Janet McConnell

## 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.

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

- Cover art, *Jesus in the Temple*, by James B. Janknegt, [www.bcArtFarm.com](http://www.bcArtFarm.com).
- Affirmation of Faith by Frances Sommerville
- Greeting, Confession & Absolution from *Daily Prayers for All Seasons*, p. 68, authorized by General Convention of ECUSA for trial use.
- Eucharistic Prayer from *the Church of St. John's* • Confession & Absolution, Collect, The Breaking of the Bread, Prayer over the Gifts and Prayer after Communion from *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), p. 212.

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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.*

🎵 **143 Processional Hymn**.....Angels From the Realms of Glory

### Greeting

Celebrant Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel

PEOPLE **May all the earth be filled with his glory.**

Celebrant Light has sprung up for the righteous,

PEOPLE **And joyful gladness for those who are true-hearted**

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

PEOPLE **And peace to God's people on earth.**

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.

### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant May God be with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

ALL **you have shed upon us the new light  
of your incarnate Word.**

**May this light, enkindled in our hearts,**

*cont'd over→*

shine forth in our lives;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 who lives and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of 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** 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 (p. 214)..... Eric Paetkau

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

**ALL** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 148




1. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord ' from the heavens;\*  
     praise God ' in the heights.
2. Praise the Lord, ' all you angels;\*  
     sing praise, all you ' hosts of heaven.
3. Praise the Lord, ' sun and moon;\*  
     sing praise, all you ' shining stars.
4. Praise the Lord, heav- 'en of heavens,\*  
     and you waters a- 'bove the heavens.
5. Let them praise the name ' of the Lord,\*  
     who commanded, and they ' were created,
6. who made them stand fast for ev- 'er and ever,\*  
     giving them a law that shall not ' pass away.
7. Praise the Lord ' from the earth,\*  
     you sea monsters ' and all deeps;
8. fire and hail, ' snow and fog,\*  
     tempestuous wind, do- 'ing God's will;
9. mountains ' and all hills,\*  
     fruit trees ' and all cedars;
10. wild beasts ' and all cattle,\*  
     creeping things and ' flying birds;
11. sovereigns of the earth ' and all peoples,\*  
     princes and all rulers ' of the world;

12. young ' men and maidens,\*  
old and ' young together.
13. Let them praise the name ' of the Lord,\*  
whose name only is exalted,  
whose splendour is over ' earth and heaven.
14. The Lord has raised up strength for the people  
and praise for all ' faithful servants,\*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord.  
' Hallelujah!

**The Second Reading** Colossians 3:12-17 (p. 958)..... David Moul

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

**ALL Thanks be to God.**

 **125 Gradual Hymn**..... *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (vs.1)*

**The Gospel** Luke 2:41-52 ..... p. 833

*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.**

 **125 Gradual Hymn**..... *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (vs.2)*

**Sermon**..... The Ven. Bruce Morris

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

**Affirmation of Faith** *All rise as able*

**Celebrant** Let us affirm our faith together saying

**ALL 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.**

## 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.**

## Confession and Absolution

**Celebrant** Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence*

**Celebrant** Most merciful God,  
**ALL** **we confess that we have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done,**  
**and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**  
**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**  
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**  
**have mercy on us and forgive us,**  
**that we may delight in your will,**  
**and walk in your ways,**  
**to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**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** 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.*

🎵 **145 Offertory Hymn** ..... Good King Wenceslas

### Prayer over the Gifts

**Celebrant** God of light,

**ALL** in the birth of your Son we see your glory.

May we who share in this mystery  
grow daily in your love.

This we ask 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,  
because in the mystery of the Word and Love made flesh  
you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts,  
to give knowledge of your saving love  
in the face Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Now with angels and archangels  
and the whole company of heaven, we lift our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

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!

...Fire us with your love,  
And confront us with your justice.

## 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.**

*Celebrant* God of promise,  
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.



**PEOPLE**    **Happy are those who are called  
to the supper of the Lamb.**

### **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**    **Source of truth and joy,  
may we who have received the gift of divine life  
always follow the way of your Son.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. 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 we who have been touched by the Word made flesh  
be his body for the world, his hands to bring blessing,  
his senses to glory, in the promise of creation restored;  
and the blessing of God,  
Life Giver, Pain Bearer, Love Maker  
be among you and remain with you always**

**PEOPLE**    **Amen.**

 **128 Recessional Hymn** ..... *The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy*

## Parish Events and Notices

**Welcome** Please welcome Rev. Richard Hergesheimer as our Celebrant for this morning's services.

**Office Closed:** The Church Office will be closed from Monday December 27 until Monday January 4, 2016. Both Clarence and Karen will be on holidays in that week. Clarence will be available for any pastoral emergencies. Please call him on his cell at 604-993-0399.

**Sunday School:** There will be no Sunday School December 27. It will resume on January 3, 2016.

**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.

### Upcoming Event at St. Hilda's

Saturday, January 2

### "Twelve Days of Christmas" Concert

2:30 pm Sanctuary

An hour-long **choral and pipe organ concert** highlighting the twelve days of Christmas, including the Feasts of: St. John the Evangelist, St. Thomas Becket, the Holy Innocents, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and more! Led by organist David Poon from the Coast, the concert will feature works by Sir David Willcocks, Bob Chilcott (present day), Thomas Tomkins (Renaissance), and Herbert Howells (19th century). **Admission by donation.**

Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's			
<b>Sun 27</b>	8:30 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist & Sunday School Drumming Circle	Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary
<b>Office CLOSED Tuesday Dec 29 through to Monday January 4.</b>			
<b>Tues 29</b>	9:30-11:30	Library Hours	Gathering Rm
<b>Wed 30</b>	8:00 am	Wisdom Meditation & Eucharist	Sanctuary
<b>Sat 02</b>	2:30 pm	<b>12 Days of Christmas Concert</b>	Sanctuary
<b>Sun 03</b>	8:30 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist Drumming Circle	Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary

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### Readings for January 3, Epiphany of the Lord

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6.....Reader: TBD

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12.....Reader: TBD

Psalm 72:1-7. 10-14 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK	
<b>Anglican Communion</b>	Zaki-Biam Diocese- Abuja Province, The Church of Nigeria The Rt Revd Benjamin Vager
<b>Ecumenical Partners</b>	BC Synod of the ELCIC, Bishop Gregory Mohr
<b>Local Agencies</b>	Sechelt Visitor Centre
<b>Local Churches</b>	Holy Family Catholic
<b>UN MDG Project</b>	(Ndandini, Kenya) The Community Greenhouses
<b>Acute</b>	Dennis Grove: healing/recovery from lung surgery for cancer Gloria Keene: healing & recovery from heart attack Ron Pepper: healing from bypass surgery Cam Reid: healing & recovery from stroke Eileen Rolston: healing & grace in transitioning into care Gary Stevens: healing from addiction safety & release of hostages in Philippines Brendan (grandson of Irene Jones): healing from car accident
<b>Parish Families</b>	Morrie & Sher Sacks, Maggie Scott, Paddy Silverthorne, Linda Smith, Sandra Sneddon, Keith & Julie Stevens