

St Hilda's By the Sea Anglican Church Open Doors · Open Hearts · Open Minds December 13, 2015 † 10:00 am Family Eucharist

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT** 



WHO IS WHO IN OUR WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Celebrant: The Rev. Clarence Li	Crucifer: Kevin Rolston	
Preacher: The Rev. Bruce Morris	Greeters/Usher: Eric Paetkau, Maggie Edwards	
Music: Karen Weatherington & St. Hilda's Choir	Coffee: Joan & Margaret Brock	
Readers: Stan Barker, Julie Stevens	Altar Guild: Liz Miller, Corrinne Newman	
Prayers: Stephanie Moul	Altar Flowers: Given by Roslyn Munday & family	
Lay Assistant: David Moul	to the glory of God in loving memory of Janet &	
Sacristan: Taras Pakholchuk	Jim Peebles.	

#### 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 shishálh 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.

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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.

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Prelude

#### Welcome & Introduction to the Service

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

Processional Hymn ...... All Earth is Hopeful 5 0 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last! 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, heard the proph-et tell: you 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;

✤ The Gathering of Community ✤



ev-er sets us free.

#### Greeting

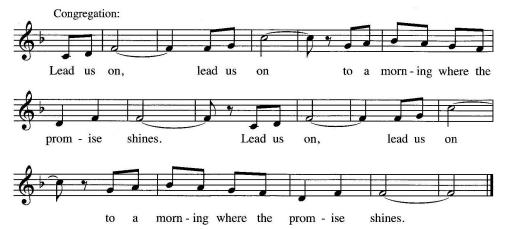
Celebrant	Arise, shine, our light is coming;	
PEOPLE	the glory of the Lord is rising upon us.	
Celebrant	Though night still covers the earth	
PEOPLE	and darkness covers the nations,	
Celebrant	over us will the Lord arise,	
PEOPLE	over us will the glory of God appear.	

#### Lighting of Advent Candle: The Promise of Joy

Choir Sings: Where the world is waiting for an unknown day, where a voice, forgotten, cries "Prepare the way!"

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Show us in a manger our redemption's sign; bring us to a morning where the promise shines:



Celebrant <b>PEOPLE</b>	Advent is a time for God's people to reawaken their longings. Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.
Celebrant	In the darkness, we long to see the light.
PEOPLE	Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.
Celebrant	In the silence, we long for a comforting word.
PEOPLE	Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.
Celebrant	In hardship, we long for an act of love.
PEOPLE	Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.
Celebrant	In Christ, we celebrate and rejoice in the promise of joy.
PEOPLE	Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

Candle Lighting

Today we light three candles. The first candle radiates the hope given through Jesus Christ. The second candle calls us to embrace and extend Christ's peace to an unsettled world. The third candle, extends the promise of joy to restless souls. Though darkness is present and earthly trials weigh heavy, the promise of Advent offers true joy that sustains a weary people

**Refrain sung once more.** 

#### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant	May God be with you.
PEOPLE	And also with you.
Celebrant	God of power and mercy,
ALL	you call us once again
	to celebrate the coming of your Son.
	Remove those things which hinder love of you,
	that when he comes,
	he may find us waiting in awe and wonder

## for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

All are seated

#### **Children's Time & Blessing**

Children are invited to come forward. After the children's story, all rise as able. Those 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 **The King of Glory Comes**:

Refrain: The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices. Open the gates before him, lift up your voices. Verse Who is the King of glory: What shall we call h

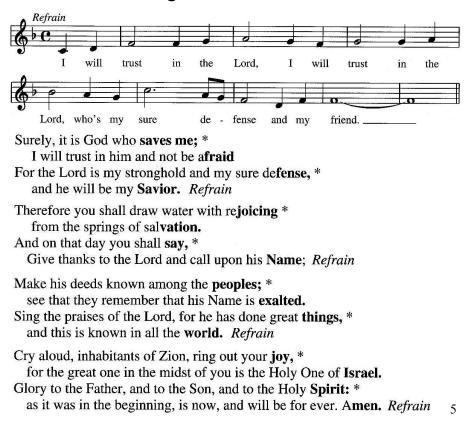
*Who is the King of glory: What shall we call him?* He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages. *Refrain* 

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

The First ReadingZephaniah 3:14-20 (p. 767)Stan BarkerReaderHear what the Spirit is saying to the churchALLThanks be to God.

#### Canticle: The First Song of Isaiah



	Reader	<b>ond Reading</b> Philippians 4:4-7 ( <i>p. 955</i> )Julie Stevens Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>
5	104 Gra	dual Hymn Joy Shall Come
	The Gos All remain	<b>pel</b> Luke 3:7-18 <i>p. 834</i> <i>n standing as able</i>
	<b>PEOPLE</b> Deacon	May God be with you And also with you The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
		<i>ding</i> The Gospel of Christ <b>Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.</b>
5	104 Gra	dual Hymn Joy Shall Come
		The Rev. Bruce Morris sermon, remain seated for a short quiet meditation.
<b>Affirmation of F</b> All rise as able		
		We are called to proclaim the truth and let us believe:
	People	It is not true that this world and its people are doomed to die and to be lost. <b>This is true:</b> I have come that they may have life in all its abundance.
	Celebrant	inhumanity and discrimination,
	People	<ul> <li>hunger and poverty, death and destruction.</li> <li>This is true:</li> <li>The deaf hear, the dead are raised to life,</li> <li>the poor are hearing the good news.</li> </ul>
	Celebrant	It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word
	People	<ul><li>and that war and destruction have come to stay forever.</li><li>This is true:</li><li>I have come that they may have life in all its abundance.</li></ul>
	Celebrant	It is not true that this world and its people are doomed to die and to be lost.

PEOPLE	This is true: Death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more.
Celebrant	It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world.
PEOPLE	This is true:
	The Lord whom we seek will suddenly come to the temple; and the Lord is like a refining fire.
Celebrant	It is not true that our dreams of liberation, of human dignity, are not meant for this earth and for this history.
PEOPLE	This is true:
	It is already time for us to wake from sleep.

#### 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.

For the night is far gone, the day is at hand.

Leader: We open our hearts to joy. Response: Fill us with your joy.

#### **Confession and Absolution**

Celebrant	We are human:,
PEOPLE	We strive to love, but we often fail.
	Jesus, we confess that we do not always answer
	when you call us to bear your light in the world.
	Although we long for love,
	too often we fail to accept it or to offer it.
	Help us let go of our failings.
	Renew our hearts.
	Fill us anew with your love. Amen.
Celebrant	God says to you, — I love you for your own sake.

Know that you are loved and forgiven. Jesus invites you to pick up your lives anew And walk in love.

#### PEOPLE Amen.

# The Peace(Please stand as we share the peace of the Lord)CelebrantIn the tender mercy of our God,<br/>the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,<br/>to give light to those who dwell in darkness<br/>and in the shadow of death,<br/>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.

### Stewardship Moment

#### ✤ 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.

100 Offertory Hymn ...... Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

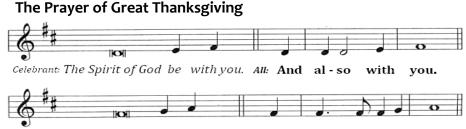
#### Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of abundance,

All: we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Saviour and 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.



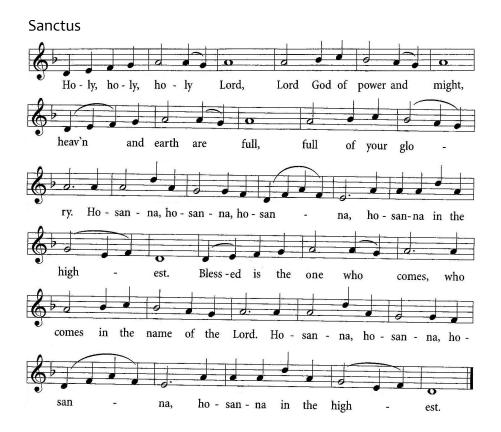
Celebrant: Lift your hearts to heaven All: where Christ in glo-ry reigns.



Let us give thanks to God All: It is right to of-fer thanks & praise Celebrant Mystery of winter skies,

we thank you in the darkening hour...

Now we take up the song of hope,... .....and the world be touched by the greatness and profoundness of his glory:



Celebrant We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us. ...

... Therefore we proclaim our hope:



Celebrant Therefore, we come in memory and hope, ...

... and all the worlds are drawn into the ceaseless love of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



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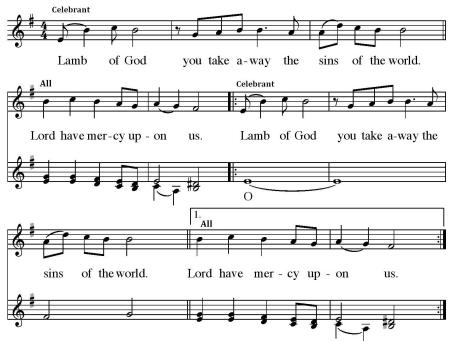
#### The Lord's Prayer

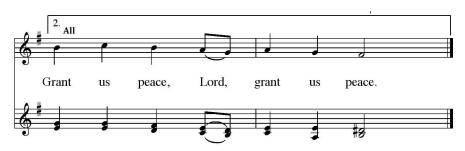
Celebrant Joining our prayers into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us saying:
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time 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 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.

#### Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)





#### 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.

#### Choir Offering: Come, My Light

#### **Prayer After Communion**

ALL God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and 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	Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'
PEOPLE	Amen. Come Lord Jesus.
Celebrant	May the Lord, when he comes,
	find us watching and waiting.
PEOPLE	Amen.
Celebrant	And the blessing of God:
	Life Giver, Pain Bearer, Love Maker
	be among you and remain with you always.
PEOPLE	Amen.



#### Dismissal

Deacon will dismiss the congregation. **PEOPLE** Thanks be to God.

Postlude



#### **Parish Events and Notices**

Holly SaleToday: Holly will be available to purchase by donation.

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

Films for Advent Monday December 14 at 7:00 pm.

**Theme of Joy:** *City Lights* Charlie Chaplin's *City Lights* was released in 1931, two years into the Great Depression. The film is mostly about characters who are destitute. It was made for people who were destitute. *City Lights*, like its protagonist, brings joy to people in sore need of it. We hope that as you watch it, you will laugh. Whatever stresses you are facing this holiday season, we hope *City Lights* lightens the load for an hour and a half or so. The Little Tramp's love for the blind girl is one of the most steadfast loves ever filmed. He loves her unconditionally. It's good that his love for her is unconditional, because she's no saint. She is self-ish, arrogant, and greedy. In *City Lights*, poverty doesn't create moral virtue. The poorest of the poor is just as spiritually needy as the richest of the rich. The Little Tramp loves the blind girl regardless of her faults, and in the end, she is transformed by his unconditional love. The final act of *City Lights* is among the most genuinely touching and joy-inspiring ever filmed.

Advent Weekly Bible Study: Tuesday's (Dec 15, Dec 22) from 3:00 - 4:30 in the Gathering Room

Ndandini Scholarship Fundraising: Welcome to our 6th annual scholarship campaign! Through our local Rotary partnership, St. Hilda's has formed a significant ongoing relationship with students and families in Ndandini, Kenya, by providing support towards high school fees. You may contribute by: making a personal donation via your offering envelope, and/or giving a 'gift of education' donation as a Christmas gift to family and friends. In both cases please mark your envelope donation 'Ndandini'.

For those donating as a Christmas gift, Ndandini Scholarship Christmas Gift Cards are available in the narthex to let your recipient know about the gift you have given on their behalf. May you be blessed in your support of our Ndandini friends.

<u>Christmas Hampers Update</u>: Thank you for names of recipients. We now have four families which includes 8 children and also several individuals. Together we have raised \$1,000 so far, but require at least another \$300. Please, can you help us meet this goal? Write "Hampers" on your envelope or cheque.

**Twelve Days of Christmas Concert:** Saturday, January 2 at 2:30 pm. Three churches. Eight voices. Twelve days. Come experience the fullness of Christmas with a concert of beautiful choral and organ music. From Tomkins to Howells, Willan to Willcocks, join MOTET Chamber Choir as we celebrate this most wonderful time of the year and take you on a musical journey to Epiphany. Admission by donation. All ages warmly welcomed. <u>A Sunshine Coast Anglican/Lutheran Epiphany Gathering</u>: 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. Parishioner 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 your are interested.

**Shelter Help Update:** Are you interested in providing meals at the Cold Weather Shelter? We are looking for people to cook and deliver a cooked meal for 5-8 people on an occasional basis. Meals are to be delivered to the shelter to be served at 7 pm. If you are interested please contact our new Meals Coordinator, Pastor Al at bethelbcal@telus.net

#### **Community Announcements**

**Handel's MESSIAH:** Sunday December 13 and Wednesday December 16 at 7:00 pm at St. John's United Church. See poster in breezeway for more info.

Salal & Cedar's Sacred Earth Camp: Announcing a fund raising campaign for Sacred Earth Camp, a two week environmental justice leadership program for youth lead by Salal & Cedar Watershed Discipleship Community and hosted at Brooksdale Farm, A Rocha, in Surrey.

Sacred Earth Camp will ground indigenous, settler and immigrant youth and young adults in the eco-justice issues of our bio-region, equip them will practical skills for effective change, and nurture spiritual practices for the long haul. All with generous helpings of community, music, laughter, and fun.

The goal is to raise \$10,000 for scholarships, program and staff. To donate, go to the Indiegogo website, and find Salal and Cedar in the Environment category. Watch our amazing video.

https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/salal-cedar-growing-climate-leaders/ x/12916491#/

<u>Call the Boys!</u> 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 604-740-0004The link for the coupon is: http://www.calltheboys.ca/ coprint.html. You can also pick one up from the table in the Narthex.

#### The Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign:

Every year, The Salvation Army on the Coast conducts a Christmas Kettle Campaign to raise funds to support the many programs and services that The Salvation Army provides to people on the Coast. In order to have a successful campaign, The Salvation Army needs volunteers to take 2-hour shifts for the Kettles. There are kettle locations in Gibsons and Sechelt.

You can contact The Salvation Army to volunteer for one or more shifts by:

- website: www.tsaonthecoast.com, click on the Kettles 2015 link (red button top right), and check out the kettles website
- e-mail to kettlecampaign@eastlink.ca.
- phone Inge, the Kettle Coordinator at 604-818-0048
- phone The Salvation Army office at 604-886-3665.

	Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's			
Sun	13	8:30 am 10:00 am	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist & Sunday School	Sanctuary Sanctuary
Mon	14	9:00 am 7:00 pm		Gathering Rm Sanctuary
Tues	15	9:30-11:30 3:00 pm	Library Hours Advent Bible Study	Gathering Rm Gathering Rm
Wed	16	8:00 am 3:00 pm		Sanctuary Gathering Rm
Thurs	17	10:00 am 1:30 pm 4:00 pm	EfM Group	Narthex Gathering Rm Sanctuary
Fri	18	9:30-11:30	Library Hours	Gathering Rm
Sun	20	8:30 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Family Eucharist & Sunday School Communion Service	Sanctuary Sanctuary Christensen Village Sanctuary

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Readings fo	or December 20, 4th	Sunday in Advent	
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading:	Micah 5:2-5a Hebrews 10:5-10	Reader:	Beth Lamb
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading:	Hebrews 10:5-10	Reader:	Elizabeth Brown
Canticle 18	Gospel: Luke 1:39-45		

PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK	
Anglican Communion	Windward Islands Diocese, The Church in the Province of West Indies: The Rt Revd Calvert Friday
Ecumenical Partners	BC Synod of the ELCIC, Bishop Gregory Mohr
Local Agencies	Police-Based Victim Services
Local Churches	Gibsons United
UN MDG Project	Ndandini/Kenya - Students of Ndandini Primary School
Sick/In Need	Kathy Archibald: healing during cancer treatment 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 safety & release of hostages in Philippines <b>R.I.P.</b> Len Tweedie
Parish Families	Patrick Reid & Paula Selmayr, Michelle Reynolds, Kevin Rolston, Valerie Ruhe, David & Jeanmarie Rushton