



## St Hilda's By the Sea Anglican Church

Open Doors · Open Hearts · Open Minds

November 29, 2015 † 10:00 am Family Eucharist



### First Sunday in Advent

#### WHO IS WHO IN OUR WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

**Celebrant & Preacher:** The Rev. Clarence Li  
**Music:** Karen Weatherington & St. Hilda's Choir  
**Readers:** Elizabeth Brown, David Moul  
**Lay Assistant:** Barbara Carver  
**Sacristan:** Corrinne Newman

**Crucifer:** Kevin Rolston  
**Greeters/Usher:** Carol Eades, Kathy Archibald  
**Coffee:** Lois Gory, Nancy Moote  
**Altar Guild:** Janet Tufnall, Pam Blair

## 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'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 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.

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# ADVENT

## WORSHIP THIS ADVENT SEASON

Welcome to Advent: a season to be in touch with our deepest longings, the horizon of hope, an unexpected peace, and an overflowing joy. Advent is a season of preparation for the gift of Incarnation when God became flesh in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. We prepare ourselves to welcome Christ to come among us this season in the midst of our yearnings, anxiety, and anguish.

You will find a marked departure in the tone of our worship these coming four weeks. The liturgy is designed to create a unique space for us to pray with expectancy and longing. The candles around our Advent Wreath will mark the stages of our journey from anguish to love. Karen is introducing a new musical setting for the lighting of the Advent Wreath. The hymn of praise, *Gloria in Excelsis*, will be silenced until we hear it from the mouth of the company of angels again on Christmas Eve. We will be using a complementary mass setting from the 17th century French carol PICARDY with an Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) setting from Taizé for the Eucharist.

As you walk into the church, you will notice a change in our liturgical space close to the sanctuary area. This is an experiment to better integrate our choir into the worship. Karen and I would appreciate your feedback at the conclusion of the season of Advent.

I also would like to invite you to take advantage of the prayer and formation opportunities to find rest for your soul as you battle through the frenzies of the month of December. There will be a weekly Advent Bible Study on Tuesday at 3 pm in addition to our regular Wednesday and Thursday morning meditations. There will also be four films shown each Monday that reflect the themes of Advent.

As we approach the end of the financial year of the parish, we are inviting you to help St. Hilda's finish our year with a balanced budget. There will be a Stewardship Moment in the service each Sunday over Advent to share stories of how some of our parishioners respond to the love of God in their lives and in this community.

*Clarence*

*Holy One,*

*we come, we cry, we watch, we wait, we look,  
we long for you!*

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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.*

🎵 95 Processional Hymn ..... O Come, Divine Messiah

### 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 Hope

*Choir Sings:* Where the world is waiting for an unknown day,  
where a voice, forgotten, cries "Prepare the way!"  
Show us in a manger our redemption's sign;  
bring us to a morning where the promise shines.

*Congregation:*

Lead us on, lead us on to a morn - ing where the  
prom - ise shines. Lead us on, lead us on  
to a morn - ing where the prom - ise shines.

*Celebrant* Advent is a time for God's people to reawaken their longings.  
**PEOPLE We wait in hope for the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* We long for every hurt to be healed.  
**PEOPLE We wait in hope for the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* We long for every tear to be dried.  
**PEOPLE We wait in hope for the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* We long for every injustice to be made right.  
**PEOPLE We wait in hope for the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* We celebrate promised and long for those yet to unfold.  
**PEOPLE We wait in hope for the Lord.**





Remember your compassion, Lord, and your kindness of old.  
Remember this, and not my sins, in your goodness, O Lord. **Refrain**

Good and just is the Lord, the sinners know his way.  
He guides the meek to justice, he teaches the humble. **Refrain**

**The Second Reading** 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (p. 960)..... David Moul

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**ALL Thanks be to God.**

🎵 **529 Gradual Hymn**..... God My Hope on You is Founded (vs. 1-3)

**The Gospel** Luke 21:25-36 ..... p. 856

*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.**

🎵 **529 Gradual Hymn**..... God, My Hope on You is Founded (vs. 4-5)

**Sermon**..... The Rev. Clarence Li

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

**Affirmation of Faith**

*All rise as able*

Celebrant We are called to proclaim the truth and let us believe:

It is not true that this world and its people  
are doomed to die and to be lost.

**PEOPLE This is true:**

**I have come that they may have life in all its abundance.**

Celebrant It is not true that we must accept  
inhumanity and discrimination,  
hunger and poverty, death and destruction.

**PEOPLE This is true:**

**The deaf hear, the dead are raised to life,  
the poor are hearing the good news.**

Celebrant It is not true that violence and hatred  
should have the last word  
and that war and destruction have come to stay forever.

PEOPLE **This is true:**  
**I have come that they may have life in all its abundance.**

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

### **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 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)*

**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.**

### 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.*

🎵 **110 Offertory Hymn** ..... "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

### 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.*

### 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 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:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of power and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full, full of your glo -  
 ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, 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, ho - san - na, ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us. ...  
 ...Therefore we proclaim our hope:

Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ris - ing you re -  
 stored our life. Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

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

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



### The Lord's Prayer

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

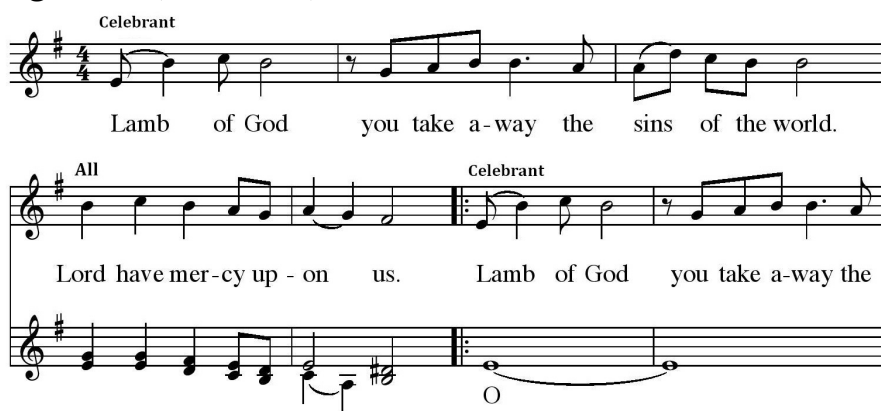
**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, 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)



1. All  
sins of the world. Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

2. All  
Grant us peace, Lord, 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.*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

### 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.

 **108 Recessional Hymn**..... *Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding*

### Dismissal

*Deacon* will dismiss the congregation.

**PEOPLE** Thanks be to God.

### Postlude



## Parish Events and Notices

**St. Nicholas Celebration:** Sunday December 6, 11:45am – 2:00pm. Thank you for the great response -- all 92 seats have been filled!

**Knapsacks for Ndandini:** Please remember to keep filling your knapsack with your loose pocket change. The knapsacks will be collected as an offering during St. Nicholas' visit next Sunday December 6th. Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile outreach ministry.

**Christmas Hampers:** Please consider giving a special donation directed to the Christmas Hampers. Also, if you know of a family who would appreciate a hamper from us this year, please let Clarence know.

**Four Films for Advent** Monday November 30 at **\*\*7:00\*\*** pm.

**Theme of Hope:** *Le Havre* A magical Finnish film about the miracles that a warm heart can work in a world of hatred and divisiveness. The director calls *Le Havre* an "unrealistic film." We are sad to say that he's probably right. It is unrealistic in this day and age to focus on the poor and the elderly, to lift up the basic goodness of people, to criticize the inhumane treatment of illegal immigrants, and to show how we are all connected with each other in ways we have never considered before. *Le Havre* has it all — humour, sadness, health and illness, friendship and community, and doing the right thing in a world that is going a little mad with hatred for the "other."

**4 Week Advent Bible Study:** Tuesday's (Dec 1, Dec 8, Dec 15, Dec 22) from 3:00 - 4:30 in the Gathering Room

**Memorial Service for Harry Paul:** It will be at St. Hilda's on Saturday December 12 at 4:00 pm.

### Wider Church Events

**A Christmas Carol:** the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Diocesan Arts Ministry original. Performances run from Thursday Dec 10th to Saturday Dec 12th at 7:00pm, and at 2:00pm on Saturday Dec 12th at St Timothy Anglican Church 4550 Kitchener St. in Burnaby. Tickets at available the door with a suggested donation of \$20. General seating. Wheelchair seating available but please reserve in advance by emailing [anglican.arts@gmail.com](mailto:anglican.arts@gmail.com). All proceeds from the show will benefit The Progressive Housing Society, ministry at St Timothy's, and future productions of the Diocesan Arts Ministry. *See poster in breezeway.*

### Community Announcements

#### **A Cappella Strait and Choralations Children's Choir concert**

*Mirabile Mysterium* - miraculous mystery. Beautiful choral music both traditional and contemporary, to start off your Christmas season. Four of our congregation members sing in this choir, come and see who!

Friday, December 4 at 7pm at the St. Hilda's Anglican Church, Sechelt

Saturday, December 5, at 7 pm at the Highland Centre, Gibsons

Ticket locations: Sechelt Visitor's Centre, Gaia's Fair Trade, and at the door.

**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.

**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. Here is the link for the coupon: <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](http://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](mailto:kettlecampaign@eastlink.ca).
- phone Inge, the Kettle Coordinator at 604-818-0048
- phone The Salvation Army office at 604-886-3665.

### Financial Report to the Parish

If your donations come up to what was given last Nov/Dec, we should finish the year financially strong.

OCTOBER 2015	Year to Date	Budget to Date	Year to Date 2014
<b>Total Income</b>	160,676	175,000	159,837
<b>Total Expense</b>	171,466	179,876	170,078
<b>Surplus/Loss in Period</b>	<b>- 10,791</b>	<b>- 4,876</b>	- 10,241

Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's			
<b>Sun 29</b>	8:30 am 10:00 am	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist & Sunday School	Sanctuary Sanctuary
<b>DEC Tues 01</b>	9:30-11:30 2:15 pm 3:00 pm	Library Hours Communion Service Advent Bible Study	Gathering Rm Shorncliffe Lodge Gathering Rm
<b>Wed 02</b>	8:00 am 10:00 am	Wisdom Meditation & Eucharist ACW Meeting	Sanctuary Gathering Rm
<b>Thurs 03</b>	10:00 am 1:30 pm 4:00 pm	Centering Prayer EfM Group Choir Rehearsal	Narthex Gathering Rm Sanctuary
<b>Fri 04</b>	9:30-11:30 7:00 pm	Library Hours Gospel of Thomas	Gathering Rm Sanctuary
<b>Sun 06</b>	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 7:00 pm	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist & Sunday School St. Nicholas Dinner Taizé Service	Sanctuary Sanctuary Hall Sanctuary

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### Readings for December 6, 2nd Sunday in Advent

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Malachi 3:1-4 ..... Reader: Eric Paetkau  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 1:3-11 ..... Reader: Janet McIntosh  
 Psalm Canticle 19 Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

### PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

<b>Anglican Communion</b>	Church of the Province of South East Asia West Malaysia Diocese: The Rt Revd Ng Moon Hing Assistant Bishop - The Rt Revd Charles Samuel Assistant Bishop - The Rt Revd Jason Selvaraj
<b>Diocese</b>	St. Andrew, Langley - The Rev Paula Porter Leggett St. Catherine of Alexandria, Port Coquitlam – The Rev Karen Urquhart, The Rev Margaret Sherwood St. Clement, N. Vancouver - The Ven Lynne McNaughton, The Rev Elizabeth Mathers
<b>Ecumenical Partners</b>	Advent Church, St. John's University, Taiwan: The Rev Dr Lennon Y.R. Chang, Rector (twinned with St. Andrew, Langley) BC Synod of the ELCIC, Bishop Gregory Mohr
<b>Local Agencies</b>	Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue
<b>Parish Ministry</b>	Cold Weather Shelter
<b>UN MDG Project</b>	the teachers and staff of Kyaithani Secondary and Ndandini Primary Schools
<b>Sick/In Need</b>	Kathy Archibald: healing during cancer treatment Paul Hergesheimer: healing for serious illness Bobbi Kelly safety & release of hostages in Philippines