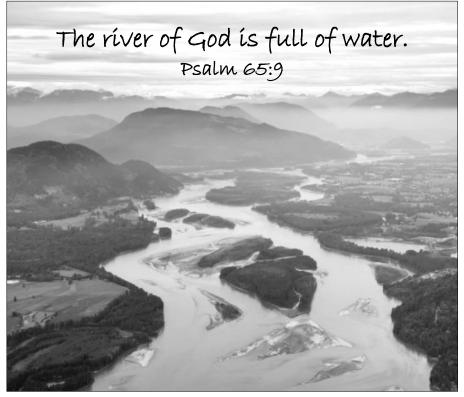


4th Sunday of Creation



River Sunday

WHO IS WHO IN OUR WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev Gary Hamblin Deacon: The Ven Bruce Morris Musicians: Katherine Hume & St. Hilda's Choir Lay Administrator: Linda Smith Sacristan: Barbara Carver Crucifer: Janet McIntosh Readers: Julie Stevens, Corrinne Newman Prayers: Bonnie Paetkau Greeter/Usher: Carol Eades, Liz Miller Coffee: Nancy Moote, Carol Eades Worship Set-up: Morrie Sacks, Corrinne & Don Newman Take-down: Morrie Sacks Altar Guild: Liz Miller, Pam Blair

Worship in a New Season

Welcome to Season of Creation! For four Sundays in September leading up to St Francis of Assisi Day on October 1, we are invited to join in celebrating with creation with Christians around the world focusing on our forest, land, wilderness, rivers (today), and animals (Oct 1).

The idea of celebrating a Season of Creation began in the Lutheran Church in Adelaide, Australia in 2000. Now it is celebrated by many different churches all over the world. During our worship, we shall:

- celebrate Earth as a sacred planet filled with God's vibrant presence;
- unite with all creation in praising the God of creation;
- confess our sins against creation and empathise with a groaning creation;
- embrace our kin in creation as our extended family;
- proclaim the good news that the risen Jesus is the cosmic Christ who fills and renews all creation; and
- go forth on a mission to be partners with Christ in the healing of creation.

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 are welcomed to gather for a Children's Commissioning at the beginning of the service and then can go to Sunday School. They return in time for Communion—the Lord's supper (grape juice is available for communing).

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 newcomers joining this meal for the first time are printed in the bulletin.

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 bulletins available in the entry.

Readings for October 1 Feast of St. Francis of Assisi			
1 st Reading:	Genesis 2:18-25 Revelation 5:11-14	Reader:	Eric Paetkau
2 nd Reading:	Revelation 5:11-14	Reader:	Janet McIntosh
Psalm 148	Gospel: Matthew 6:25-29		

✤ The Gathering of Community ✤

Prelude

Welcome

Introit

At the sound of the second bell, all rise as the Sanctuary Party processes in during the introit.

Greeting

Celebrant	In the name of the Creator, the fountain of life,
	the name of Christ, the pulse of life,
	and the name of the Spirit, the breath of life. Amen.
People	Holy! Holy! Holy!
	Earth is filled with God's presence.
Celebrant	Christ, we gather in your name
	to worship in this sanctuary called Earth,
People	A planet filled with your presence,
	quivering in the forests, vibrating in the land,
	pulsating in the wilderness, shimmering in the rivers.
Celebrant	God, reveal yourself to us in this place
	and show us your face in all creation.
People	Holy! Holy! Holy!
	Earth is filled with God's presence.

Video Meditation: Canadian Canoe Pilgrimage

 Sing praise to God on mountain tops and in earth's lowest places, from blue lagoon to polar waste, from ocean to oasis.
No random rock produced this world, but God's own will and wonder. Thus hills rejoice and valleys sing and clouds concur with thunder.

- 2. Sing praise to God where grasses grow and flowers display their beauty, where nature weaves her myriad web through love as much as duty. The seasons in their cycle speak of earth's complete provision. Let nothing mock inherent good, nor treat it with derision.
- 3.Sing praise to God where fishes swim and birds fly in formation, where animals of every kind diversify creation.All life that finds its home on earth is meant to be respected.Let nothing threaten, for base ends, what God through grace perfected.
- 4. Sing praise to God where humankind its majesty embraces, where different races, creeds, and tongues distinguish different faces. God's image in each child of earth shall never pale or perish. So treat with love each human soul, and thus God's goodness cherish.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God, our Creator,

ALL whose glory fills our planet, help us to discern your vibrant presence among us especially in the wonders of the rivers, the streams, and the waterways of Earth. Help us to be in solidarity with your wilderness creatures who are suffering. Lift our spirits to rejoice with the vibrant world of the rivers. In the name of Christ,

who reconciles and renews all things in creation. Amen.

All are seated

Children's Commissioning & Song

Children are invited to gather in front of the altar to receive a prayer of commissioning to Sunday School. As the children leave, 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 Butterfly Song:

If I were a butterfly

I'd thank you God for giving me wings If I were a robin in a tree I'd thank you God that I could sing If I were a fish in the sea I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee But I just thank you God for making me, me

Refrain

For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile You gave me Jesus and you made me your child And I just thank you God for making me, me

The Proclamation of the Word of God ■

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

The First Reading Genesis 8:20-22; 9:12-17 "God's promise to Earth" Julie Stevens

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. ALL Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:27-33"God's sustenance of Earth" Verses spoken by all

²⁷ All of them look to you to give them their food ¹ in due season.
²⁸ You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
²⁹ You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.
³¹ May your glory, O Lord, endure for ever; may you rejoice in all your works;
³² you look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.
³³ I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.
Second Reading: Revelation 22:1-5 "God's healing for Earth" Corrinne Newman
ReaderHear what the Spirit is saying to the church.ALLThanks be to God.
All rise as able. Gradual Hymn Like a Healing Stream (vs 1-2) Hymn found on next page. All remain standing as able
The GospelMatthew 28:1-10"God's celebration with Earth"CelebrantMay God be with youPEOPLEAnd also with youCelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to MatthewPEOPLEGlory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
After reading Celebrant The Gospel of Christ PEOPLE Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Gradual Hymn Like a Healing Stream (vs 3-4) All are seated.
Sermon



Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith together.

- Women We believe that God creates all things, renews all things and celebrates all things.
 - Men We believe Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God's presence, a home for us to share with our kin.
- Women We believe that God became flesh and blood, became a piece of Earth, a human being called Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered and died on a cross for all human beings and for all creation.
 - Men We believe that the risen Jesus is the Christ at the core of creation reconciling all things to God, renewing all creation and filling the cosmos.
- Women We believe the Holy Spirit renews life in creation groans in empathy with a suffering creation, and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.
- Together We believe that with Christ we will rise and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation. Amen.

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 in the bulletin. You are also welcome to name your loved one(s) aloud or silently in your heart.

LEADER: God of the rivers **Response: Hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Creator God, we confess that we do not always remember you.

ALL We forget that all we have and are comes from you.

We forget that the earth is our mother – we are made from the earth.

Whatever befalls the earth,

befalls the children of the earth.

We are a part of the earth, and the earth is part of us.

We forget that the rivers are our brothers.

We forget that the perfumed flowers are our sisters.

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	We forget that the air is precious,
	for all of us share the same breath.
	The wind gives our children the spirit of life.
	We forget that the earth does not belong to us;
	we belong to the earth.
	We forget that all things are connected,
	like the blood that unites one family.
	We forget that you are the same God
	whose compassion is equal for all.
	We forget that we did not weave the web of life;
	that we are merely a strand in it.
	Forgive us, O Creator, and help us to remember that whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.
	Forgive us, and accept our thanks for your gift of life.
ant	May your gracious Creator forgive you,

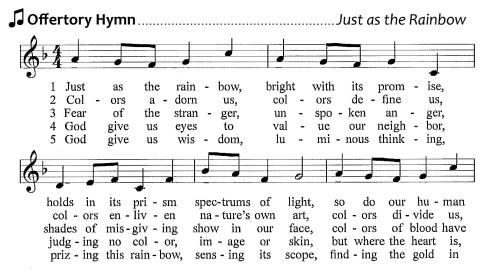
Celebrant May your gracious Creator forgive you, heal your brokenness and forgetfulness, give you time to mend your lives, with the grace and help of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

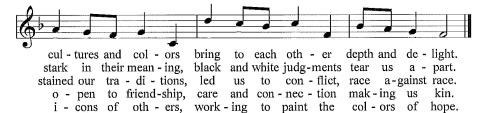
The Peace *Please rise as able as we share the peace of the Lord.* Celebrant The peace of the Lord be with you all. **PEOPLE** And also with you.

✤ 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.





Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God, our Creator,

ALL through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and as a sign of our concern for those in need, including our fellow creatures on planet Earth. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer

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 The Creator be with you and all creation.
- **PEOPLE** And also with you.

Celebrant Open your hearts.

PEOPLE We open them to our Creator.

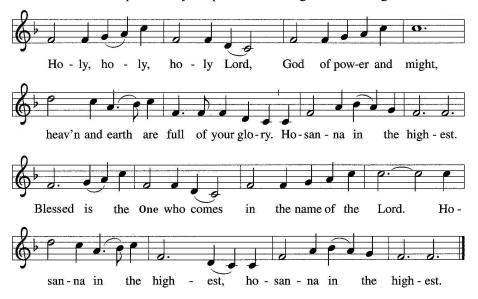
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Maker of heaven.

PEOPLE It is right to join creation in thanking God.

Celebrant It is right to give you thanks, loving Creator. ...

Therefore with angels and archangels, ...

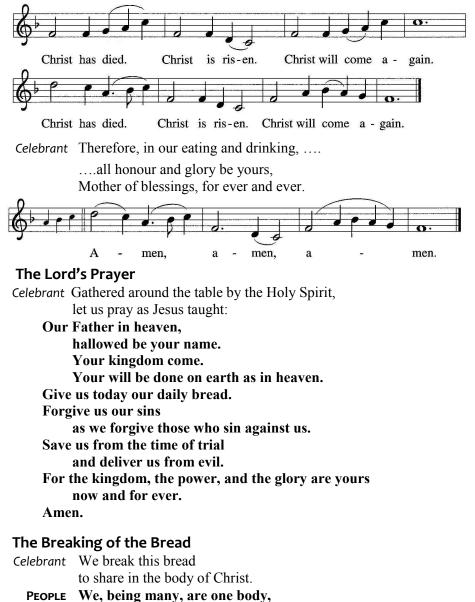
.....we proclaim your presence among us as we sing:



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

> As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

Great is the mystery of faith.



for we share in the one bread.



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.

Choir Anthem: *Deep River* Traditional Spiritual arr. Adriano Secco **Instrumental Music:** *Deep River* Traditional Spiritual arr. Brad Nix

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant Let us give thanks for this meal.

ALL We thank you, Christ, for the meal we have celebrated with you, and we pray that through your body and blood we may be healed and become agents of healing for Earth. Amen.

Family Thanksgiving & Announcements

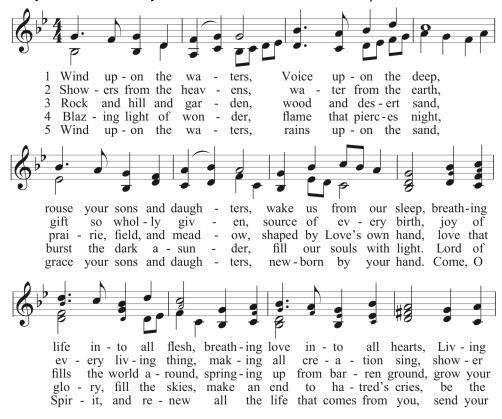
All are invited to share if they know of any birthdays, anniversaries or other celebrations. All stand as able

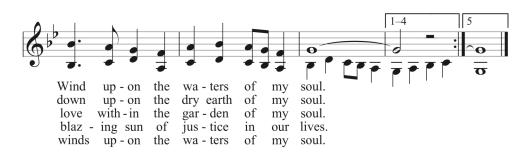
Glory to God,
Whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant	Return now to the River of Life knowing that		
	the love of Creator God is with us,		
	the compassion of Jesus inspires us,		
	the hope of the Holy Spirit comforts us.		
	May everyone we meet		
	know of our praise of God's name,		
	by the singing and dancing of our hands, heart, and feet!		
People	Amen.		

408 Recessional Hymn Wind Upon the Waters





Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth! **PEOPLE Thanks be to God!**



"The thing about healing, as opposed to curing, is that it is relational. It takes time. It is inefficient, like a meandering river. Rarely does healing follow a straight or well-lit path. Rarely does it conform to our expectations or resolve in a timely manner."

~Rachel Held Evans, Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church

	Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's			
Sun	24	8:30 am 10:00 am	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist & Sunday School	Parish Hall Parish Hall
Mon	25	3:00 pm	Monday Musings	Gathering Rm
Tues	26		Library Hours Communion Service	Gathering Rm Totem Lodge
Wed	27	8:00 am	Wisdom Circle	Parish Hall
Thurs	28		Education for Ministry St. Hilda's Choir	Gathering Rm Parish Hall
Fri	29	9:30-11:30	Library Hours	Gathering Rm
Sat	30	1:00 pm	Worship Set-up	Parish Hall
Sun	01	0.00 0 00000	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist & Sunday School Blessing of the Animals	Parish Hall Parish Hall

Parish Events and Notices

Welcome: We are pleased to welcome this morning The Rev. Gary Hamblin and his wife, Joy, to St. Hilda's. Rev. Hamblin is taking the service this morning as Clarence is in Vancouver on the Walk for Reconciliation.

<u>Walk For Reconciliation</u>: This year's 2-km Walk is on today in Vancouver. The Rector and 10 parishioners are attending this walk today bearing the St. Hilda's banner. Drumming Group will not be meeting this afternoon as they will be attending the walk as well.

<u>Special Vestry Meeting Sunday October 15</u>: Church Committee is calling this meeting to discuss and make decisions regarding the planning and financing of the Sanctuary repairs. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Volunteers Needed! Do you like coffee/tea/goodies after church? Amelia Foster is looking for more volunteers who can help out with this service. If you can give your time once every couple of months, please contact her at 604-782-1351 or let the office know.

Proposed Shelter Relocation: Tuesday October 3, 5:30-8:00 pm at SIB Hall 5532 Xenichen Ave. Public information meeting to discuss the proposed temporary relocation of shelter. See poster in breezeway for more info.

ACW Thanksgiving Pie Sale Saturday October 7: 9 am to 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Pie bakers, men and women, are needed to help us reach our goal of 175 pies. Bring your friends to Maggie's Cafe and enjoy a slice of pie a la mode with coffee for only \$5.00. Purchase a few homemade pies for your freezer. Your help is appreciated for this very popular sale in our community.

WIDER CHURCH EVENTS

St. James' Music Series presents Donald Hunt, Organ: Friday September 29 at 7:30 pm at St. James' Anglican Church, 303 E Cordova St, Vancouver. St. James' launches its new music series with an organ recital by Donald Hunt, the new director of music at Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria. He will perform works by J.S. Bach, Dupré, Messiaen, and more on the mighty Casavant Organ, first installed in 1938. See poster in breezeway for more info. Tickets \$20

Diocese of New Westminster Invites You to An Anglican Spiritual Formation

<u>Weekend Retreats</u>: October 13-15 or 27-29 at Camp Elphinstone in Gibsons. A uniquely Anglican spiritual retreat that welcomes the Holy Spirit to personally transform participants to actively engage in Christian life and mission. Subsidized cost is \$30 for materials, meals and accommodation for two nights. More detailed information is available in brochures in breezeway.

http://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/events/spiritual-formation-for-the-next-generation/2017-10-13 You can also go to St. Hilda's website and link to site to register for this retreat.

Dialogue Circle on 10 Principles with MP Pamela Goldsmith-Jones:

Saturday, October 14 from 11 am to 3 pm at the Living Faith Lutheran Church in Davis Bay. On July 14 of this year, Jody Wilson-Raybould, Minister of Justice, released a set of Principles Respecting the Government of Canada's Relationship with Indigenous Peoples. We will read the 10 Principles and discuss in Circle format. Space is very limited so if you are interested in attending please RSVP to John or Nancy Denham at 604-885-7373 or 604-740-6400 ASAP.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Alzheimer Society Workshops in Sechelt Saturday October 14th:

Getting to Know Dementia: 10 am to noon

Understanding Communication & Behaviours: 1-3:30 pm For more info and how to register see poster in hall Community bulletin board.

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	Parish Prayer for the Week	
Anglican Communnion	IV, The Episcopal Church Southeast Florida - The Rt Revd Leopold Frade Coadjutor Bishop - The Rt Revd Peter David Eaton	
Diocese & Partners		
	Holy Trinity Mission in Bantey (twinned with St. Hilda's) Companion Diocese: Bishop Brent Alawas, & the Clergy & People of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines BC Synod of the ELCIC, Bishop Gregory Mohr	
Local Agencies	Multiple Sclerosis Self Help Support Group	
Local Churches	s St. John's United	
UN MDG Project	Kenya: The Well Management Committee	
Prayer Requests	Nancy Denham: recovery from knee surgery Allison Chambers: breast cancer & upcoming surgery Margy Grant: recovery from surgery Wayne Emison: ongoing recovery from infection Jenny: ongoing healing from tumor Philip: for a path to health & home Ryan Maxfield: recovering from heart surgery Cassandra Pettman: upcoming birth of twins Robert (Annie Webb's brother): healing from cancer	
Parish Families	Corrinne & Don Newman, Ray & Bev Niebergall, Eric & Bonnie Paetkau, Taras Pakholchuk, Edward &Stevie Paskar	

Prayer requests are listed for 4 weeks - to extend, please contact the office.