

St Hilda's By the Sea Anglican Church Open Doors · Open Hearts · Open Minds September 3, 2017 † 10:00 am Family Eucharist

Season of Creation



All the trees of the forest sing for joy! Psalm 96:12

WHO IS WHO IN OUR WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev Clarence Li

Musician: Katherine Hume Lay Administrator: David Moul Sacristan: Corrinne Newman

Crucifer: TBD

Readers: Eric Paetkau, David Moul

Prayers: Maggie Scott

Greeter/Usher: Maggie Edwards, Eric Paetkau

Coffee: Win Wright, Liz Miller

Worship Set-up: Bob Maxfield, Carol Eades, Corrinne & Don Newman, Julie Stevens

Take-down: Bob Maxfield

Altar Guild: Muriel Prior, Janet McConnell Altar Flowers: Given by Stephanie & David Moul in honour of Pat & Jack Moul and Amy & Kaitlyn

Brien

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 (today), land (Sep 10), wilderness (Sep 17), rivers (Sep 24), 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 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

We welcome them to come for Communion—the Lord's supper (grape juice is available for communing) or for a blessing. 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 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 hymnals available in the entry.

■ 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 come into your presence today

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.

Cedar & Video Meditation

☐ Opening Hymn...... O For A Thousand Trees (Tune: Richmond CP306)

- O for a thousand trees to sing And join with us this day, With ferns and frogs and butterflies: A forest hymn of praise.
- Come celebrate with all the land, Let species rare begin, With geese and owls and eagles grand A choir of country kin.
- 3. How can we hear creation groan, The wilderness cry in pain? With howling wolves we rejoice When Earth is born again.
- 4. Let ev'ry stream and river flow In song toward the sea; With whale and seal and salmon We thank God we are free.

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 mysteries of the forest.

Help us empathise with your forest creatures who are suffering.

Lift our spirits to rejoice with the forest

and all the creatures of the forest.

In the name of Christ.

who reconciles and renews all things in creation. Amen.

All are seated

■ The Proclamation of the Word of God ■

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

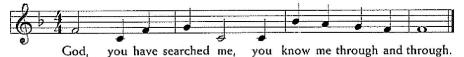
The First Reading Genesis 2:4b-22 "Born of Earth and the Spirit"

Eric Paetkau

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

ALL Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:13-16 Verses read by all....." "Born from the womb of Earth"
Refrain



- For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹⁴ I will thank you because I am mar-¹vellously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

Refrain

Adapted from The Audubon Society Nature Guides, "Western Forests" by Stephen Whitney, 1985 and from the website on Old Forests, www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfd/pubs/docs/mr/mr112/page14.htm

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God. ALL

All rise as able.



All remain standing as able

Celebrant May God be with you

PEOPLE And also with you

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

PEOPLE Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After reading

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ

PEOPLE Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

417 Gradual Hymn Let's Sing Unto the Lord (vs 2)

All are seated.

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

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 within each one of us

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.

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.

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.*

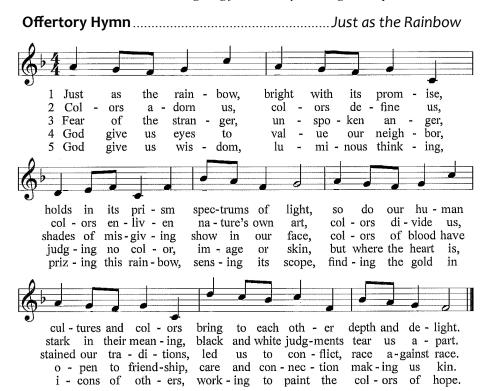
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be with you all.

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 signs 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.

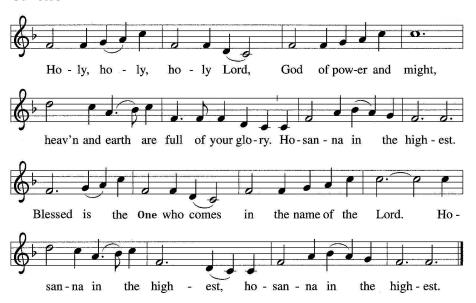
PEOPLE It is right to join creation in thanking God.

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

Therefore with angels and archangels, ...

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

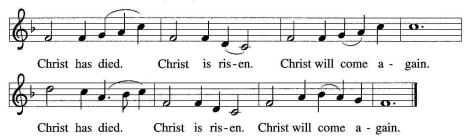
Sanctus



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.



Celebrant Therefore, in our eating and drinking,

....all honour and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever.



The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant Gathered around the table by the Holy Spirit,

let us pray as Jesus taught:

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

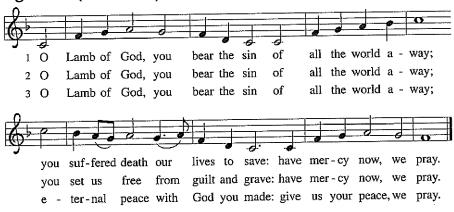
Celebrant We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

PEOPLE We, being many, are one body,

for we share in the one bread.

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.

Instrumental Music: Annie's Song by John Denver

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

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.

Blessing

Celebrant May the Spirit of God,

who is above all and in all and through all,

fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in Earth

and the impulse of Christ within you.

And the blessing of God.

Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, and Love-Maker, be among you and remain with you always.

PEOPLE Amen.



Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth!

PEOPLE Thanks be to God!

Postlude



When we recognize ourselves as a part of the earth community, as the scriptures and mystics have encouraged us to do for centuries, then we begin to see the profound mystery at work in the depths of our own souls as the same sacred mystery at work in the natural world.

--- Christine Valters Paintner, PhD

Parish Events and Notices

Worship Service & Parish Picnic at Porpoise Bay Provincial Park
Sunday, September 10: 10:00 Service followed by Picnic will be at the Group
Day Use area in the Park. (Please note there is no 8:30 service.)
Bring your own picnic lunch with extra for sharing potluck style as well as any hot beverage you wish to have. There will be a cold beverage available so bring a drinking cup to reduce our waste. Bring a chair and/or blanket for sitting and a shade umbrella may come in handy if it's hot and sunny. We'll have some bocce ball sets so get your game on! This would be a good day to welcome everyone back and an opportunity to invite new friends to share our fellowship.

Volunteers needed for Friends of Sunday School Ministry: The new Sunday School year is almost upon us, and we are needing more volunteers for our Friends of Sunday School group. Each Sunday, a volunteer joins the Sunday School class over at the annex, as a way of honouring the diocesan Screening in Faith guidelines, which are in place to help keep church a safe place for all. The purpose is to ensure that vulnerable members of the congregation are not alone with only one adult present. Volunteers are not required to do any teaching or preparatory work, but their participation is very welcome! If you feel you could offer one Sunday every 2 months or so for this important effort, please contact Roslyn at 604-885-0418, or rosmundy@gmail.com

Invite to join Walk For Reconciliation: In 2013, the Walk for Reconciliation, brought 70,000 people together for the first event of its kind. This year's 2-km Walk will be on Sunday, September 24 in Vancouver and Reconciliation Canada, the organizer is hoping this year to reach similar numbers and once again walk in the spirit of 'Namwayut- we are all one'. St. Hilda's new Justice Umbrella Group and our Sunshine Coast Spirit Drumming Group will be sending delegations to participate in the Walk and we are inviting others who are interested to join us to walk under the parish banner with other churches, organizations, and individuals. Please contact the Rector or David Moul before September 5 if you are interested. More information on sthilda.ca or reconciliationcanada.ca

St. Hilda's ACW Meeting: Wednesday September 6 in Gathering Rm. We meet the first Wednesday of the month. All women are welcome.

St. Hilda's Choir: Choir starts up this Thursday September 7 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Newcomers are welcome!

Gospel of Thomas: resumes this Friday September 8.

<u>Monday Musings</u>: Next meeting September 11 at 3:00 pm in the Gathering Rm. All are welcome.

NOTE New Date for Education for Ministry: Starts up **September 14**. If you are interested in knowing more about this program, contact Meg Stevens at 604-741-4036. You can also check it out at www.efmcanada.ca.

Inner Journey - CRMC: resumes on Sunday September 17.

Ongoing HELP NEEDED for Worship set-up in Hall While Sanctuary is undergoing repairs, we need 5 volunteers every Saturday at 1 pm to help with set-up. Tasks include moving the Altar from the Narthex, setting up chairs & the sound system. Please see sign-up sheets on bulletin board in hall.

<u>Pie Rocks:</u> Your eyes will light up at the ACW Thanksgiving pie sale Saturday October 7th, 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

<u>Weekend Retreat</u>: October 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. You can also go to St. Hilda's website and link to site to register for this retreat.

In the country, it is as if every tree said to me, "Holy, Holy." Who can ever express the ecstasy of the woods? Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's					
Sun	03	8:30 am 10:00 am	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist	Parish Hall Parish Hall	
Tues	05		Library Hours Communion Service	Gathering Rm Shorncliffe Lodge	
Wed	06	0.00	Wisdom Circle ACW Meeting	Parish Hall Gathering Rm	
Thurs	07	7:00 pm	St. Hilda's Choir	Parish Hall	
Fri	08	9:30-11:30 7:00 pm	Library Hours Gospel of Thomas	Gathering Rm Parish Hall	
Sun	10	10:00 am	Family Eucharist & Parish Picnic	Porpoise Bay Park	

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

- · O For a Thousand Trees to Sing Words: Norman Habel © 2004, adapted by David Moul
- · Prayer of Confession and Thanksgiving based on words by Chief Seattle, 1855, Prayer of Absolution adapted from Anglican Church of Melanesia.
- · Gathering Greeting, Collect, Affirmation of Faith, Prayer over the Gifts, Sursum Coda, Eucharistic Preface, Prayer after Communion and Blessing from © Season of Creation developed by Norm Habel and the Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, 2004, seasonofcreation.com, used with permission.
- · Breaking of the Bread from Book of Alternative Services.
- Eucharistic Prayer I from *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* by Steven Shakespeare © 2009 by Steven Shakespeare. All rights reserved.

Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-721903, All Rights Reserved:

- · Psalm 139 by Hal H. Hopson © 1989, Hope Publishing Company.
- · Let's Sing Unto the Lord (Cantemos al Senor) by Carlos Rosas, (Eng Tr. Roberto Escamilla, Elise Eslinger and George Lockwood © 1989, The United Methodist Publishing House) © 1976, OCP
- · Just as the Rainbow Text: Shirley Erena Murray Music: Daniel Charles Damon © 2012/2013 Hope Publishing Company
- · The Trees of the Field by Stuart Dauermann © 1975 Lillenas Publishing Company
- · Sanctus, Memorial Acclmation I, Amen, Text: Richard T. Proulx Music: Land of Rest, American trad.; adapt. Marcia Pruner Adapt. © 1980 GIA Publications, Inc.
- · O Lamb of God Music and Text © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc.

St. Hilda's Mission Principles

At St. Hilda's our aim is to create a sacred space where we can be nourished and nourish others through our practices of Worship, Hospitality, and Justice.

Hospitality: The Lord's Table is the foundation of our understanding of hospitality - a safe place where all are welcome just as they are, broken yet blessed, all seeking food that satisfies. We aim to be an inclusive, sacred space in our community. We support a variety of expression of Spirit where people are committed to listen to each other, honour each other's beliefs and perspectives, and to create a safe environment for healthy, vibrant dialogue with friends and strangers alike.

Worship: As a Christ-centred community, our parish recognizes worship as a means of inspiring connection to the Divine through prayer, contemplation, music, and liturgy, with lay and ordained participation. We offer a variety of worship services to honour the diverse worshiping style of our community. We value community more than an ascribed set of beliefs.

Justice: Our faith informs us that the foundation of our practice of justice is right relationship with all of creation. Jesus calls us to seek out, serve, and learn from those who are marginalized. We seek justice through compassionate listening, extending hospitality to all, advocacy, prayer, and caring for the earth.

St. Hilda's By the Sea Anglican Church

5838 Barnacle Street PO Box 302 Sechelt, BC VON 3A0 Phone: 604.885.5019 Fax: 604.885.0759 Email: admin@sthilda.ca Website: www.sthilda.ca

Rector	The Rev Clarence Li	rector@sthilda.ca993-0399
Deacon	The Ven Bruce Morris.	885-4797
Music Director	Katherine Hume	khpiano@telus.net885-2069
People's Warden	Meg Stevens	. megstevens@outlook.com741-4036
Rector's Warden	Linda Smith	885-3344
Treasurer	Bob Maxfield	
Envelope Secretary	Maggie Scott	885-3312
Office Administrator	Karen Weatherington.	885-5019



PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK		
Anglican Communnion	VIII, The Episcopal Church San Diego - The Rt Rev James Mathes San Joaquin - The Rt Rev Chester Talton San Joaquin - The Rt Rev David Rice	
Diocese & Partners	Mission to Seafarers – The Rev Peter Smyth Vancouver General Hospital – The Rev Liz Hamel St. Jude's Anglican Home - The Rev Melanie Calabrigo St. Michael's Centre, Burnaby – The Rev Randolph Bruce College and University Campus Ministries – The Rev Alain- Michel Rocheleau Chaplains to the Retired Clergy – Dorothy Mash & the Rev John Mash 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	Girl Guides and Scouts Canada	
Parish Ministries	Contemplative Ministries	
UN MDG Project	Kenya: the Students of Kyaithani Secondary School	
Healing	Wayne Emison: ongoing recovery from infection Jenny: ongoing healing from tumor Ryan Maxfield: upcoming heart surgery Robert (Annie Webb's brother): healing from cancer	
Ongoing Need	Gerald & Magda Cupido, Geoffrey Dunbrack, Bill Mitravitz, Rev Ian Nestegaard Paul, Fran & Ken Redmond, the Walsh family	