

St Hilda's By the Sea Anglican Church Open Doors · Open Hearts · Open Minds February 3, 2019 † 10:00 am Family Eucharist

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

is patient and kind it does not envy it does not boast it is not proud it does not dishonor others it is not self-seeking it does not easily anger, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things believes all things hopes all things endures all things Love never ends

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

Celebrant: The Rev Clarence Li Preacher: The Ven Bruce Morris Musicians: Katherine Hume & St Hilda's Choir Greeter/Usher: Meg Stevens, Jill Halliwell Reader: Heather Rankin Prayers: Maggie Scott Lay Administrator: David Moul Sacristan: Corrinne Newman Crucifer: Pam Blair Coffee: Mike & Jennie Starr Altar Guild: Liz Miller, Pam Blair

### **Rector's Musings**

What price tag would you put on communicating what you really mean to someone?

A week ago our office computer network was down and Karen was not able to access files on the main server. We tried troubleshooting ourselves, but to no avail. Finally, we decided to call the computer technician, the one who first put the system together. What we thought was a simple glitch ended up requiring hours of our technician's time to get the computers "talking to each other again." Bottom line: we ended up with a hefty invoice.

While your wardens and I are working on how to better manage the cost of technical support in the future, I was struck by the notion that **our inability to communicate effectively could rack up a hefty price too**. That thought inspires me to start this **multi-part series on "Communicating Welcome."** 

One common theme I identified from my recent conversations with some of you is the disconnect between our understanding of St. Hilda's being a welcoming parish and our actual practice in welcoming new people. While everyone agrees that we offer a warm welcome to people visiting us, many have observed or personally experienced how our welcome abruptly ends when new people try to explore a deeper sense of belonging here at St. Hilda's. Some people left feeling wounded, others had to fight their way to find their own place here.

Archbishop Melissa at the School of Parish Development talks about the Welcoming Ministry comprising four elements:

#### INVITE > GREET > ORIENT > INCORPORATE

To be a truly welcoming church, seekers and visitors need to FEEL welcome at each and every stage as they are gathered into the community of the beloved of Christ. How well do you think St. Hilda's fairs (poor, okay, or good) in each of these categories? Tell me what you think either in person, by email, or on the Rector's Musing post on St. Hilda's facebook page. As a teaser, here are some of the upcoming themes in this series:

- Church of YES or NO
- A DIVERSITY rooted in RESPECT
- Praying Welcome

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

#### WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

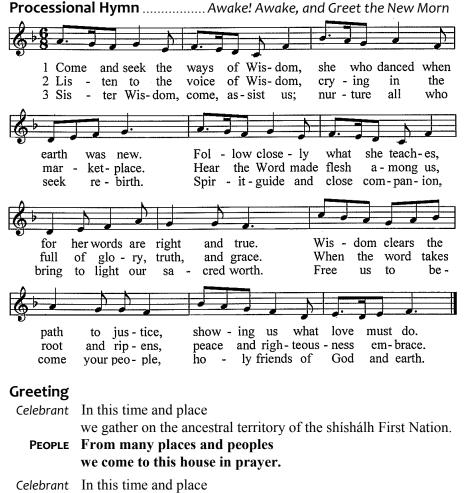
Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith, you will find a place at our table at St. Hilda's Anglican Church. Come as you are. There are many ways and there is no one particular way to be a part of this vibrant community. Join us today with an open mind, and be prepared to discover a home for your spirit that is inclusive, incarnational, and joyful.

# ✤ The Gathering of Community ✤

#### Prelude

#### Introduction & Welcome

All rise as able as the Sanctuary party processes in.



we gather in the name of the living God.

**PEOPLE** We meet in the presence of Jesus Christ, risen and alive.

Celebrant	In this time and place we gather with the community of faith	
People	around the globe and across the ages. In this time and place heaven and earth are one.	
Celebrant	In this time and place we are not alone, but one in Christ.	
PEOPLE	Knit together in the unity of the Spirit.	
Celebrant	In this time and place hallowed, expectant, one people in God.	
People	In the name of the Holy and Blessed One,	
	Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. Amen.	

#### Collect of the Day

Celebrant	Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God. <i>(a time of silence)</i>
	Prophetic God,
All	strengthen and encourage us
	to hear those who speak your uncomfortable truths and who challenge our dearest prejudices, so that we may now and heed prophets of our age; through Jesus, the son of Joseph. Amen.

#### 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 the children to walk through as they head out for Sunday School as we sing, Magic Penny Song:

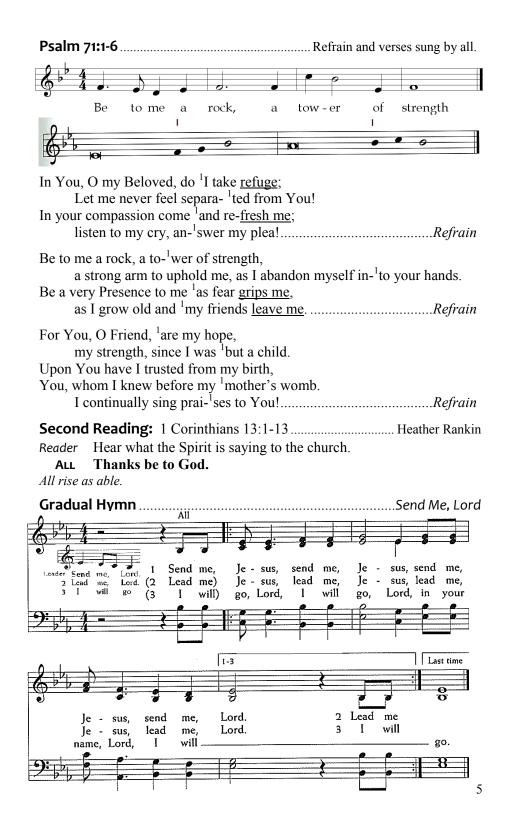
Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away. Oh love is something if you give it away, you end up having more. It's just like a magic penny, hold it tight and you won't have any. Lend it, spend it, and you'll have so many They'll roll all over the floor.

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

**The First Reading** Jeremiah 1:4-10...... Heather Rankin Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

ALL Thanks be to God.



All remain standing as able

The Gospel Luke 4:21-30 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. All are seated. **Renewal of Marriage Vows: Marilyn & Terry Moore** Celebrant Terry and Marilyn, 18 years ago you exchanged sacred vows: to have and to hold each other. for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish for the rest of your lives, according to God's holy law. Marilyn (Terry), do you here, in the presence of God and your friends, renew the commitment you made when you bound yourself to Terry (Marilyn) in holy marriage? Answer: I do. *Couple says together:* Gracious God, we remember with thanksgiving our vows of love and commitment to you and to each other in marriage. We pray for your continued blessing. May we learn from our joys and sorrows, and discover new riches in our life together in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 on the back page. You are also welcome to name your loved one(s) aloud or silently in your heart.

**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.

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#### **The Offertory**

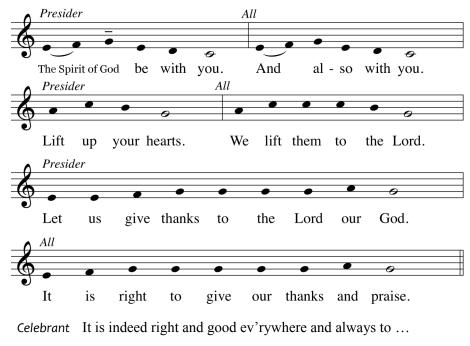
During the hymn, the bread and wine for the Lord's Supper are presented alongside with the offering of money to symbolize the offering of ourselves and of the whole creation to God in thanksgiving for the many blessings we experienced.

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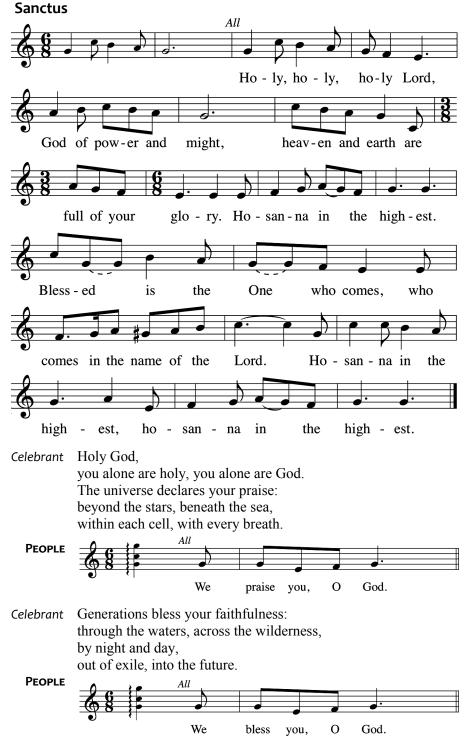
Praise God the Source of life and birth. Praise God the Word, who came to earth. Praise God the Spirit, holy flame. All glory, honour to God's name.

#### **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.



...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Celebrant We give you thanks for your Son:

at the heart of human life, near to those who suffer, beside the sinner, among the poor, with us now.



Celebrant On the night he was betrayed...

... we proclaim the mystery of faith:





Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

Celebrant We pray for the gift of your Spirit...

...through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your Church, without end.





#### The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

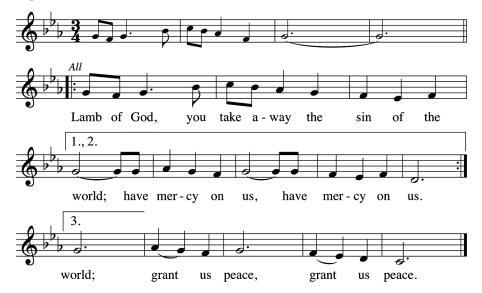
now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**PEOPLE** God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

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. Both wine and unfermented grape juice are served. If you 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 prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, you are welcome to come forward and place your hands across your chest.

#### **Prayer After Communion**

Celebrant Source of all goodness,

ALL in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated wit new wine. May these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world, 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. 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.

#### **Closing Blessing**

- Celebrant May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships so that we may live deep within our hearts.
  - ALL May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people so that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace.
- Celebrant May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain to joy.
  - ALL And may God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world so that we can do what others claim cannot be done. Amen.
- **433 Recessional Hymn** ..... Lord, You Give the Great Commission

#### Dismissal

Deacon Let us go into the world and be the light of Christ! **PEOPLE Thanks be to God. Alleluia!** 

#### Postlude

#### **Offertory Hymn: The Gift of Love**



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Children's Corner and young at heart...



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

**Renewing of Marriage Vows:** Terry and Marilyn Moore are renewing their vows at the 10:00 service this morning. Former members of the parish before they moved east, Marilyn and Terry were married at St. Hilda's 18 years ago. In witnessing the renewal of their vows, we are all invited to contemplate God's amazing grace in sustaining, repairing, and renewing significant relationships in our own lives.

**Pre-Vestry Financial Meeting:** All parishioners are invited to an information meeting this morning **from 11:30 am - 12:15 pm.** Our Treasurer will update us on the finances of St. Hilda's and walk us through the draft 2019 budget. We are grateful that giving in the month of December was exceptional and we are ending 2018 with a small operating surplus. Thank you to all who gave above and beyond. With the new commitments to repay the long term financing for the restoration starting this year, Church Committee is hosting this information meeting to present the draft 2019 budget and invite your inputs. This will help the Committee to finalize the budget so that it may be adopted at the Annual Vestry Meeting scheduled to be held on February 24 (please mark the date).

#### Guess Who's Coming to Lunch: Saturday, February 16

The Guess Who Dinner was a great success, but with the dark evenings, we thought lunch might be easier for those who don't like to drive in the dark. This is a small fun raiser, and a great way to get to know each other better. Guests make a donation that goes towards the Restoration Fund.

- We need some **HOSTS** please specify how many guests you would like, and if you have pets or stairs.
- We need GUESTS please feel free to add a friend to the list, and please specify any allergies or physical challenges.

The day before the lunch, the two Maggies will draw guest names out of a hat, and will contact you as to where you are going. We will also let the hosts know how many to expect. Contact Maggie Scott, 885-3312 or maggiescott76@gmail.com.

**St. Hilda's Justice Umbrella Book Study:** 'Yours, Mine, Ours: Unravelling the Doctrine of Discovery', a Mennonite book series on Truth and Reconciliation meets 1st and 3rd Mondays 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the Gathering room. New participants welcome. Please register with John Denham 604-885-7373

#### WIDER CHURCH EVENTS

**Book Launch and Reading:** Wednesday February 6 at 7:30 pm - Vancouver Canadian Memorial Centre for Peace in the Great Hall, 1825 West 16th Ave Susan McCaslin is launching her book, *Superabundantly A live: Thomas Merton's Dance with the Feminine*. This lively volume of creative-nonfiction includes dialogue, imaginary letters, graphic design poems, memoir, and reflective essays. Susan McCaslin is an established Canadian poet and a Thomas Merton scholar whose work explores the integral relation of contemplation and action as well as the figure of Sophia or Holy Wisdom in Merton's life and art. This event is cosponsored by the Thomas Merton Society of Canada and Canadian Memorial United Church & Centre for Peace. Everyone is welcome. For more info see https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/events/book-launch-and-reading/2019-02-06

Readings for February 10, 5th Sunday after Epiphany				
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading:	Isaiah 6:1-3 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Gospel: Luke 5:1-11			

#### WHO WE ARE

St. Hilda, situated on the unceded ancestral lands 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.

Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's						
Sun	03	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Family Eucharist & Sunday School	Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary		
Mon	04	2:00 pm	Truth & Reconciliation Study	Gathering Rm		
Tue	05	2:15 pm	Communion Service	Shorncliffe		
Wed	06	8:00 am 2:00 pm	Wisdom Circle Prayer Shawl Ministry	Sanctuary Parish Home		
Thurs	07	7:00 pm	St. Hilda's Choir	Sanctuary		
Sun	10	8:30 am 10:00 am	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist & Sunday School	Sanctuary Sanctuary		

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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. There are also large print bulletins available in the entry.

	Parish Prayer for the Week	
Anglican Communnion	The Anglican Church of Burundi: The Most Revd Martin Blaise Nyaboho - Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba	
Diocese & Partners	The Mission and Ministry Development Committee	
	<ul> <li>Holy Trinity Mission in Bantey (twinned with St. Hilda's)</li> <li>Companion Diocese: Bishop Brent Alawas, &amp; the Clergy &amp; People of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines</li> <li>BC Synod of the ELCIC, Bishop Gregory Mohr</li> </ul>	
Local Agencies	Multiple Sclerosis Self Help Support Group	
Parish Ministries	Library and Librarians	
Justice Umbrella	Kenya: Students of Kyaithani/Lower Yatta Secondary Schools	
Prayer Requests	Christina: young mom of 8 children with stage 3 breast cancer George: battling inoperable bowel cancer Joel: release from unjust imprisonment Greg Mellis: for healing Claire Nelson: strength while undergoing radiation treatment Nicaragua: justice for the people under repressive government	
Ongoing Need	Connie, Rev. Gordon Dominey, Wayne Greggain, Bob & Jane Hammersma, Max Haugen, Robert, Jeannette Shouls, Chris Sooley	

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