



St Hilda's By the Sea Anglican Church

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March 17, 2019 † 10:00 am Family Eucharist



Second Sunday in Lent

WHO IS WHO IN OUR WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev Clarence Li
Musicians: Katherine Hume & St Hilda's Choir
Greeter/Usher: Carol Eades, Linda Kern
Reader: Morrie Sacks
Prayers: Kevin Rolston

Lay Administrator: Robert Watson
Sacristan: Janet McIntosh
Crucifer: Elena Alps Mocellin
Coffee: Win Wright, Sandra Sneddon
Altar Guild: Janet Tufnall, Corrinne Newman

Rector's Musings On Choral Evensong

Have you been to a Choral Evensong before? Choral Evensong is experiencing a resurgence in popularity and attendance in England and many other parts of the world where it is being offered. Listener data for BBC Radio 3's Choral Evensong is showing its highest audience levels in the programme's 92-year history and represents a 35% increase since 2007.

Thomas Cranmer who authored the Book of Common Prayer (1549) combined the Latin monastic offices of *Vespers and Compline* into Evening Prayer written in the vernacular of the English people. When this evening office is set into choral music, Choral Evensong was born!

Recently, Angela Tilby wrote about what she observes during Evensong in *Church Times*:

"The music is important, of course, but so is what the rhythm of speech and music does for them: that slowing of the heart rate and breathing, the quietening of the mind, the sense of space and mystery and presence... The praises and laments of the psalms reflect the seasons of the human spirit, and the canticles break in with the good news of the gospel. The scriptures are read in dignified English. And all this is contained within about 40 minutes... no matter how flustered, furious, or exhausted you were when you turned up, by the time you got to the grace at the end you were a different person."

Tonight, *Vespersong*, a choir directed by David Poon, will be singing Evensong for the Second Sunday in Lent at St. Hilda's at 5 pm. Invite yourself and a friend to come. We shall observe a moment of silence commemorating the victims of the attack at the two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand at the beginning of the service. *Clarence*

WHO WE ARE

St. Hilda, situated on the unceded ancestral lands of the shísháhl 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). A Quiet Room is available for parents with babies and toddlers by the Sanctuary entrance.

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.

✘ The Gathering of Community ✘

Prelude

Introduction & Welcome

All rise as able as the Sanctuary party processes in.

♪ **436 Processional Hymn**..... *I Bind unto Myself Today*
Verse 5 sung by Choir

Greeting

Celebrant In this holy time of Lent,
we acknowledge that we gather
on the ancestral lands of the shishálh First Nation
and raise our hands to elders past and present
as we seek reconciliation
amongst all people who call Canada home.

PEOPLE **May the living Christ lead us all
on pathways of reconciliation and peace.**

Celebrant Bless the Holy One who forgives all our sins.

PEOPLE **God's mercy endures forever.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us lay down our brokenness before God
in the presence of one another

ALL **We confess to you the truth of our broken lives.
We have not trusted your promises or walked in your ways.
We have hoarded and squandered the gifts of your creation.
We have failed to welcome the stranger and the outcast,
And to make room at the table
for the homeless and the hungry.
We have neither worked to release the oppressed
nor admitted our own captivities.
Forgive our sin, heal our lives, and set us free
that we might live with your whole creation
in the justice and joy of your promised future.**

Celebrant God, who is merciful and kind,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
hears the cries of all who plead for mercy
and, in these last days, has sent Christ Jesus
to announce the good news of forgiveness and release
to all who are bound by guilt or broken by shame,
that they might praise God and serve the world
with glad and generous hearts.
For freedom Christ has set you free.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

692 Kyrie *Sung with Greek Text. Choir sings A and Congregation sings B*

Choir: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Cong: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

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Collect of the Day


Celebrant Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God.
(a time of silence)

Brooding Spirit,

**ALL beneath your wings there is creation and life:
 accompany us on the difficult path
 with the disappeared, the broken and the fearful,
 so that we find the way to the city of our peace
 where we are all accepted as your beloved;
 through the cross of Jesus Christ, our only Lord. 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, Don’t Be Afraid:

 Don’t be afraid.
 My love is stronger, my love is stronger than your fear.
 Don’t be afraid. My love is stronger
 and I have promised, promised to be always near.

✠ The Proclamation of the Word of God ✠

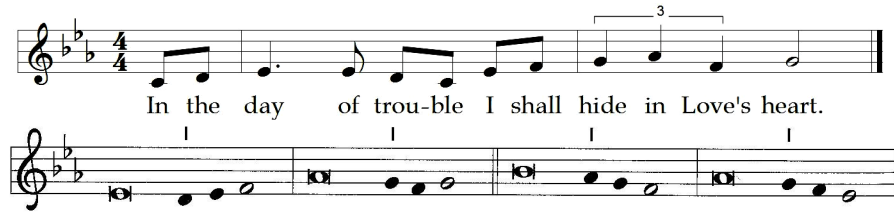
After each reading, there will be a short time of quiet meditation

The First Reading Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18.....Morrie Sacks

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

4 **ALL Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27



Love is my light and my salvation, whom ¹shall I fear?

Love is the strength of my life, of whom shall I ¹be afraid?

When fears assail me, rising up ¹to ac-cuse me,

each one in turn shall be seen ¹in Love's light.

Though a multitude of demons rise ¹up with-in me,
my heart ¹shall not fear.

Though doubts and ¹guilt do battle,

yet shall I ¹remain confident. *Refrain*

One thing have I asked of Love, that I shall ¹ever seek:

That I might dwell in the Heart of Love all the days ¹of my life,

To behold the Beauty of my Beloved, and to ¹know Love's Plan.

For I shall hide in Love's heart in the ¹day of trouble,

As in a tent ¹in the desert,

away from the noise ¹of my fears.

And I shall rise above my strug-¹gles, my pain,

shouting blessings of gratitude in Love's Heart

and singing melodies of praise to ¹my Be-loved. *Refrain*

Hear, O my Beloved, when I cry aloud, be gracious and ¹answer me!

You have said, ¹"Seek my face."

My heart responds, "Your face, my Beloved, ¹do I seek;

hide not your ¹face from me."

Do not turn from me, You who have ¹been my refuge.

Enfold me in your strong arms, O ¹Blessed One.

Though my father and mother may not ¹under-stand me,

You, my Beloved, know ¹me and love me. *Refrain*

Teach me to be love, as ¹You are Love;

Lead me ¹through each fear;

Hold my hand as I walk through valleys of illu-¹sion each day,

That I may ¹know your Peace.

I believe that I shall know the Realm of Heaven, of Love, ¹here on Earth!

Call upon the Beloved, be strong and trust in ¹the heart's courage.

Trust in the pow-¹er of Love;

the Beloved's unconditional and everlasting ¹love for you. *Refrain*

For Gradual hymn, all rise as able.

Gradual Hymn *God's Power to Guide Me (vs 1)*

Refrain

God's power to guide me, God's might to guard me, God's eyes to watch
o'er me, God's hand to hold me. hold me.

Verses

1. God's word to give me speech, God's ear to hear me,
2. God's shield to shel - ter me, God's grace to heal me,
God's way to lie be - fore me.
God's love to dwell with - in me.

All remain standing as able

The Gospel Luke 13:31-35

Celebrant May God be with you

PEOPLE **And also with you**


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

PEOPLE **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

After reading

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ

PEOPLE **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

 **Gradual Hymn** *God's Power to Guide Me (vs 2)*

All are seated.

Sermon The Rev Clarence Li

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God,
who trusts us with the whole creation,
who calls us to honour that trust
by living in fairness, justice
generosity and grace.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
who walked the way of the cross

to honour God's love for us,
 who shared all our struggles
 and lived our deepest fears.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit
 who is present in our inner longings,
 stirring us into new things,
 calling us to the risks of faith.

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.

✘ 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.

Offertory Hymn *The Rain's Falling Down* by Jon Eriksson

Harp: Karen Weatherington Tin Whistle: Jon Eriksson



The rain's fall-ing down on sea and shore, as storms— and
 We treas-ure the Light of Christ's own face, our lamps burn-ing
 For Christ is the rad - iant Light of life, which storms— shall
 So shine like a light-house by the sea, a bea - con of



winds rage on _____ But fire — in side — burns faith - ful and
 clean and trim, _____ And turn - ing a - way — from dark - ness and
 nev - er quench, _____ The fount-ain which flows with heal - ing and
 God's own Light, _____ To beck - on and shel-ter the storm - tossed



bright, and hearts glow with the dawn. _____
 shame, we're healed and whole in Him. _____
 joy, our love, our hope, our strength. _____
 ones, A lan - tern shin - ing bright. _____

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant God of wisdom,

**ALL may the light of the eternal Word,
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
guide us to your glory.
We ask this in his name. 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 God is here

PEOPLE The Spirit is with us.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts and minds.

PEOPLE We lift them to God.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

PEOPLE It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant Holy and eternal One, ...

...calling us to care for everything given and received.

PEOPLE Glory to you, source of all life!

Celebrant From the earliest days the peoples of this coast...

...they hallowed these sacred relationships with all life.

PEOPLE Glory to you, source of all life!

Celebrant In Jesus Christ, you came into our world...

...with the saints of every time and place
in songs of unending praise:

♪ 694 Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, most holy One....

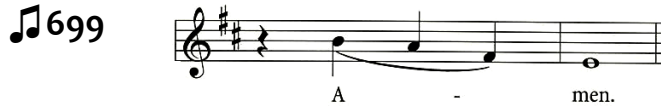
...This is my blood of the new covenant...
do this in remembrance of me."

PEOPLE "Behold, I am with you to the end of the age."

Celebrant Therefore, God of all creation,....
...and follow him in lives of selfless service
and courageous love.

PEOPLE Glory to you, source of all life!

Celebrant In the fullness of time reconcile all things in Christ....
...One God, now and forever.



744 The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread,

PEOPLE Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

**PEOPLE If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

701 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.

65 Communion HymnHere, Lord, We Take the Broken Bread

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant Creator of heaven and earth,

**ALL we thank you for these holy mysteries,
which bring us now a share in the life to come,
through Jesus Christ our 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 Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour all people;
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
And the blessing of God:
Life Giver, Pain Bearer, Love Maker
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Recessional Hymn *We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection*

1. We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.
2. We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.

Dismissal

During Lent, Alleluia is omitted.

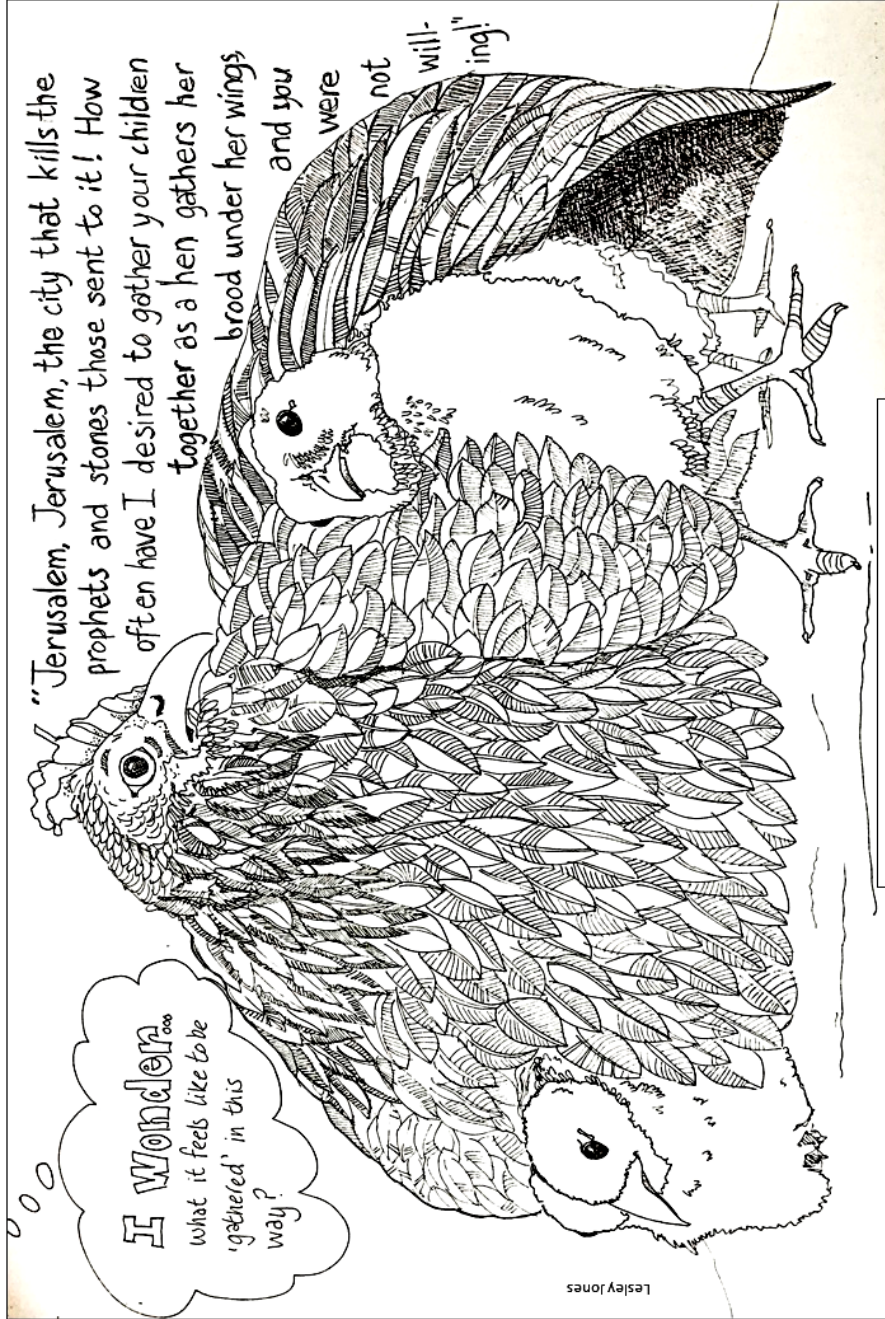
PEOPLE Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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Lesley Jones

Luke, chapter 13, verse 34.



CHRIST

be with me

CHRIST within me...

CHRIST behind me, CHRIST before me

CHRIST beside me, CHRIST to win me

CHRIST to comfort and restore me

CHRIST beneath me, CHRIST above me

CHRIST in quiet, CHRIST in danger

CHRIST in hearts

of all that love me

CHRIST in mouth

of friend and stranger

St. Patrick's Breastplate Prayer
calligraphy by Skaylynn Racers

Parish Events and Notices



Thank you to all the hard-working volunteers who helped create our Gala Concert and reception last Sunday, and to the musicians who filled our sanctuary with beautiful music. The event was greatly enjoyed. We sold 122 tickets, and received some generous donations. After expenses, we will have approximately \$4500 to add to our fundraising candle. Well done everyone!

Special Vestry Meeting on Sunday, March 31: At the Annual Vestry Meeting the 2019 budget was not approved as people expressed some valid concerns over how we are to finance what looks like to be a \$30,000 deficit. Church Committee and Trustees are reworking the 2019 budget and will present a revised one with recommendations at a Special Vestry Meeting to be held on March 31 at noon. Mark your calendar. More information to come.

Justice Umbrella Book Study: New Book Study, 'Quest for Respect: The Church and Indigenous Spirituality' in begins on **Tuesday April 2 and then Monday April 8** in the Gathering Room. Continues on Monday April 15 and then the 1st & 3rd Mondays of May & June. Please contact John Denham 604-885-7373 to reserve your book approx \$10

ACW Plant Sale: Saturday May 4. Spring is sprung! Time for potting up your garden plants. Any donations of plants would be gratefully received. Contact Janet McConnell 604-886-2213.

Whale of a Sale: On Saturday May 4 ACW is once again organizing a garage sale for St. Hilda's. As you start your spring cleaning, please set aside items that you can donate to our sale. We don't take clothes, electronics, sports equipment or large items we cannot lift. If you have any questions, please contact Corrinne at 604-741-0944.

Choral Evensong: Sunday March 17, 5:00 pm at St. Hilda's Vespersong is singing anthems by Palestrina and Tchaikovsky, and service music by English composers Thomas Tomkins and Herbert Howells for Choral Evensong according to the Book of Common Prayer. All are invited for a time of prayer and contemplation during this season of Lent.

Guess Who's Coming to Lunch Saturday, April 6. Please contact Maggie Scott if you would like to add your name to the guest list. Refunds are available if you already paid the \$20 and cannot attend on that date. Guest names drawn at random, and guests will be told the day before the lunch who will be their host. This is a great way to get to know different parishioners a bit better.

WIDER CHURCH EVENTS

MOTET: The Rosary Project: Joyful Mysteries

Saturday March 23, 3:00 pm, St Mary's Catholic Church, Gibsons

In anticipation of the Feast of the Annunciation, MOTET presents an afternoon of beautiful and reflective music which will guide listeners through the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Come to listen, to meditate, and to pray. Admission by donation.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

BachFest: The Coast Messiah Choir

Friday April 5 at 7 pm & Saturday

April 6 at 2 pm at St. John's United. Johann Sebastian Bach wrote several monumental musical settings of liturgical texts, but they are generally regarded as being too unwieldy for use in church services; his Magnificat, BWV 243, is a prime example. This setting of the Song of Mary ("My soul doth magnify the Lord...") enlists no fewer than three trumpets, two oboes, two flutes, timpani, and a full orchestra of strings, in addition to five sections of voices and soloists. The Coast Messiah Choir will be joined by instrumentalists from across the Coast and Lower Mainland to produce their first BachFest at St. John's United Church in Davis Bay on April 5 at 7 p.m. and April 6 at 2 p.m. Tickets available from choristers and www.brownpapertickets.

Readings for March 24 Third Sunday in Lent	
1 st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9	Reader: Janet McIntosh
Psalm 63:1-8	Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's			
Sun	17	8:30 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist & Sunday School Choral Evensong Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary
Wed	20	8:00 am 2:00 pm 5:00 pm	Wisdom Circle Prayer Shawl Ministry Church Committee Mtg Sanctuary Parish Home Gathering Rm
Thurs	21	7:00 pm	St. Hilda's Choir Sanctuary
Sun	24	8:30 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist & Sunday School Native Drumming Circle Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary

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♿️ ♻️ ♻️ ACCESSIBILITY

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PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK	
Anglican Communion	The Church of England The Most Rev and Rt Hon Justin Welby - Archbishop of Canterbury
Diocese & Partners	St. Cuthbert, Delta - The Rev Paul Woehrlé 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	Royal Canadian Legion SC branches
Parish Ministries	Contemplative Ministries: Wisdom Circle, Labyrinth
Justice Umbrella	Kenya: the Well Management Committee siyaya Reconciliation Movement
Prayer Requests	Christina: young mom of 8 battling Stage 3 Breast Cancer George: battling inoperable bowel cancer Heather Jeal: blessings while healing from cancer Claire Nelson: recovery from cancer treatment
Rest in Peace	Nori Majeau
Residential Care/ Home Bound	Oskar Friesen, Evelyn Harrison, Vi Labrosse, Marjorie Lanskail, Maria Mahar, Barbara Pearson, Beps Swanson, Eva Tweedie, Lillian Zahn

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