



St Hilda's By the Sea Anglican Church

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March 31, 2019 † 10:00 am Family Eucharist



Fourth 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: Liz Miller, Morrie Sacks
Reader: Annie Webb
Prayers: Maggie Scott

Lay Administrator: David Moul
Sacristan: Janet McIntosh
Crucifer: Kevin Rolston
Coffee: Carol & Bob Maxfield
Altar Guild: Barbara Carver, Pam Blair

Deacon's Musings:

Many of you have asked about my recent vacation, from which we returned a week ago. Marg and I went to Ecuador and Peru for 4 weeks, to visit friends and to tour around. We have a long connection with a family in Cuenca, Ecuador, having hosted all three children on exchanges over the past 12 years. It was a fabulous vacation, full of new experiences and great family time.

The experiences ranged from the ridiculous to the sublime. The ridiculous involved me going into a store, using what I thought was my reasonably good Spanish to ask for a cellphone charger we could use in the car and being offered a single tea bag by the store clerk, who was sure tea was what I had asked for. It was chamomile – perhaps she sensed my tension.

The sublime happened at Mass in Cuenca cathedral. The cathedral is massive and the service was full with well over a thousand people present. I was very conscious of the barriers separating us from the other worshippers – language, culture, nationality, denomination. Height was another barrier – the couple next to us were Quechua, the indigenous people of the Andes, wearing their traditional clothing. They are typically very short and the woman next to me barely cleared my elbow.

We sat and listened through the mass, vaguely aware of where we were in the liturgy. Very aware of the barriers. Somewhat unexpectedly, we came to the Peace, and just as we do here, everyone turned to their neighbours to shake hands. We were greeted warmly by everyone, especially by the Quechua couple, whose nut-brown faces split open with huge smiles. Suddenly barriers were bridged and made irrelevant as we shared the Peace of Christ with one another. It was a moment of sheer grace.

Bridging barriers is so central to our ministries, as we seek to help people be reconciled, healed, restored, brought into new relationships. May we be faithful to our vocations to serve Jesus Christ in all people and be instruments of God's grace in our world.

Bruce

WHO WE ARE

St. Hilda, situated on the unceded ancestral lands 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.

✠ The Gathering of Community ✠

Prelude

Introduction & Welcome

All rise as able as the Sanctuary party processes in.

🎵 **434 Processional Hymn** *The Love of Jesus Calls Us*

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 - Ojibway Prayer

ALL **Holy One, look at our brokenness.
We know that in all of creation only the human family
has strayed away from the sacred way.
We know that we are the ones
who must come back together to walk the sacred way
Holy one, sacred one
teach us love, compassion and honour
that we may heal the earth and each other.**

Celebrant God, forgives us, be at peace.

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

Collect of the Day

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

Eternal Lover of the Wayward,
ALL **you open your arms to accept us
even before we turn to meet your welcome;
you invite us to forgiveness
even before our hearts are softened to repentance.
Hold before us the image of our humanity made new,
so that we may live in Jesus Christ, your new creation.
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 Joshua 5:9-12..... Annie Webb

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

ALL Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32 *All sing Refrain; Psalm read responsively: left side **bold** verses, right side says alternate verses .*



**Blessed are you whose wrongdoings have been forgiven,
whose shame has been for-gotten.**

Blessed are you in whom Love Divine finds a home,
and whose spirit radiates truth.

**When I acknowledge not my shortcomings,
I became ill through all my defenses.**

And day and night, guilt weighed heavy constricting my heart;
My spirit became dry as desert bones.....*Refrain*

**I admitted my faults to the Most High,
and I made known my regret;**


I cried out, "Forgive me, O Comforter,
for those times I have sinned in my thoughts, my words, and my deeds;"
And the Beloved created within me a clean and open heart.

**Therefore, let everyone who is sincere give thanks to the Beloved;
For whenever we feel paralyzed by fear
we shall be embraced by Love.**

Dwelling in the Heart of the Beloved, we are free from distress,
free to live more creatively.....*Refrain*

**O my Beloved, You are my guide, You teach me to walk in the Light.
Be watchful of me, counsel me as I listen to You in the Silence.**
I pray for the gifts of inner peace and wisdom,
For the grace to reverence all of Creation.....*Refrain*

For Gradual hymn, all rise as able.

 **171 Gradual Hymn** *What Does the Lord Require* (vs 1-2)
All remain standing as able

The Gospel Luke 13:1-9

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.

171 Gradual Hymn *What Does the Lord Require* (vs 3-4)
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**.....A Place at the Table

1. For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

Refrain: And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy.

2. For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair. *Refrain*
3. For gay and for straight, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and colour,
for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace. *Refrain*
4. For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live. *Refrain*
5. For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free. *Refrain*

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant Eternal God,

ALL **your only Son suffered death upon the cross
to bring the world salvation.**

**Accept the praise and thanksgiving we offer you this day,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. 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.



Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

 **744 The Lord's Prayer**

**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,

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)**


**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us (repeat once)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
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. 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.

 **Communion Hymn Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth**

1. Mothering God, you gave me birth
in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

2. Mothering Christ, you took my form,
offering me your food of light,
grain of my life, and grape of love,
your very body for my peace.
3. Mothering Spirit, nurturing one,
in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow
until I flower, until I know.

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant Merciful God,

**ALL you have called us to your table
and fed us with the bread of life.
Draw us and all people to your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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 *from The Church of the Province of Kenya (CPK)*

*The people accompany the first three responses
with a sweep of the arm towards the cross behind the Holy Table,
and their final response with a sweep towards heaven.*

Celebrant All our problems

PEOPLE We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant All our difficulties

PEOPLE We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant All the devil's works

PEOPLE We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant All our hopes

PEOPLE We set on the risen Christ.

Celebrant Christ the Sun of Righteousness

shine upon you

and scatter the darkness from before your path:

and the blessing of God Almighty,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.



Recessional HymnLove One Another (Tune: Abide with Me)

1. Love one another as I love you all;
In others' needs hear my insistent call.
I bid you wear with me love's seamless dress,
Welcome the outcast from the wilderness.
2. I deem you worthy of my love for you,
Love then yourself, no less your neighbour too;
Yet, self denying, know yourself set free,
Patient to bear the cross and follow me.
3. Love knows no bound, condition nor regret;
In loving action I am ever met.
Not least, wish well for those who do you wrong;
Choose to forgive, discover love is strong
4. Faith, hope with love the greatest of the three:
These are the marks of all who dwell in me.
Accept my love, live in it and convey,
Finding in me the life, the truth, the way.

Dismissal

During Lent, Alleluia is omitted.

PEOPLE Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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Readings for April 7 Fifth Sunday in Lent

1st Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21.....Reader: Heather Rankin
 Psalm 126 Gospel: John 12:1-8

Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's

Sun	31	8:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 noon	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist & Sunday School Special Vestry Meeting	Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary
Tues	02	2:15 pm 2:00 pm	Communion Service Justice Umbrella Book Study	Shorncliffe Gathering Rm
Wed	03	8:00 am 2:00 pm	Wisdom Circle Prayer Shawl Ministry	Sanctuary Parish Home
Thurs	04	7:00 pm	St. Hilda's Choir	Sanctuary
Sat	06	11:30 am 12:00 pm	Weaving Reconciliation Project Guess Who's Coming to Lunch	Narthex Parish Homes
Sun	07	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist & Sunday School Weaving Reconciliation Project	Sanctuary Sanctuary Narthex

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PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK	
Anglican Communion	The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean The Most Rev James Richard Wong Yin Song - Archbishop, Province of Indian Ocean & Bishop of the Seychelles
Diocese & Partners	care+share Outreach Programs in the Diocese of New Westminster - The West Point Grey Neighbourhood Ministry Mobile Unit - Salal+Cedar Watershed Discipleship Ministry – The Rev Laurel Dykstra 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	SC Service Clubs: Lions, Rotary, Kinsmen, Knights of Columbus
Local Churches	Sunshine Coast Gospel
Justice Umbrella	Kenya: Teachers & Staff of Kyaithani/Lower Yatta Schools siyiyaya 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 BC/Kenya Teacher Exchange: travels and experiences

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