



Flora & Fauna Sunday

Season of Creation



St. Hilda's By the Sea Anglican Church
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Season of Creation

In this season of the church in which we celebrate the beauty and life of Creation: Ocean, Storm, Cosmos, Flora/Fauna, we ponder how we see the divine in Creation and our responsibility for it all in the light of divine love and compassion.

We worship this Sunday with all the creatures we love. We join the Psalmists and rejoice with all living things. We sing with the all the birds and animals that make our lives richer because of their presence. We lament the times we and others have taken this world for granted and not allowed all creatures a free and clean space in which to live.

Today we also give thanks for St. Francis of Assisi. He says: “God requires that we assist the animals, when they need our help. Each being (human or creature) has the same right of protection.”

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.

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.

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 young children 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.

♿ ACCESSIBILITY

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.

✘ The Gathering of Community ✘

Prelude

Introduction & Welcome

All rise as able as the Sanctuary party processes in.

♪ 2 SGP Processional Hymn *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Greeting

Celebrant In this time and place,
we gather on the *swiya* [ancestral lands] of the *shishálh* people

PEOPLE **From many places and peoples,
we come to this house of prayer.**

Celebrant In the name of God our Creator

PEOPLE **who breathes life
into countless bacteria, fungi, plants and animals.**

Celebrant In the name of the Word of God

PEOPLE **who holds dear the smallest and largest,
the majestic and the humble,
the simplest and most complex of creatures.**

Celebrant In the name of the Wisdom of God

PEOPLE **who rejoices in the intricacies of ecosystems,
systems of life woven together into a vibrant whole.**

Celebrant In the name of the Word of God

PEOPLE **who holds dear the smallest and largest,
the majestic and the humble,
the simplest and most complex of creatures.**

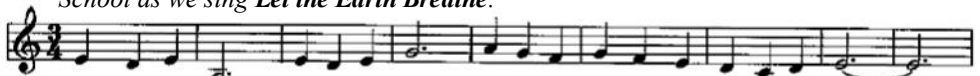
Celebrant In this time and place

may we continue to care for all life on this Earth.

PEOPLE **In the name of the Holy and Blessed One,
Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. 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 **Let the Earth Breathe**:*



Let the earth breathe, Let its heart beat, puls-ing and fir-ing the fruit of its seed.



Let four winds tease, air bright and clean, con-verg-ing and swirl-ing through life's myst-er-y

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God, our Creator,

**ALL help us see your presence
in the stories of our kinfolks in creation,
the great flora and fauna families.
Teach us to hear the good news of God’s loving care
ringing through the creatures of the wild.
Rejoice with us as we behold
the mysteries of your Wisdom implanted in all life.
In the name of Christ who fills heaven and Earth. Amen.**

All are seated

⌘ The Proclamation of the Word of God ⌘

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

First Reading: Job 39:1-12, 26-30 Heather Rankin

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

ALL Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:14-23, 31



**ALL 14 You make grass grow for 1flocks and herds *
and plants to serve human beings
that they may bring forth food 1from the earth, ***

**LEFT 15 wine to gladden our hearts, oil to make a 1cheerful countenance, *
and bread to strength- 1en the heart.**

**RIGHT 16 The trees of the Lord are 1full of sap, *
the cedars of Lebanon 1which you planted,**

**ALL 17 in which the birds 1build their nests, *
and in whose tops the stork 1makes its dwelling.**

**LEFT 18 The high hills are a refuge for the 1mountain goats, *
and the stony cliffs for 1the rock badgers.**

**RIGHT 19 You appointed the moon to 1mark the seasons, *
and the sun knows the time 1of its setting.**

**ALL 20 You make darkness that it 1may be night, *
in which all the beasts of the 1forest prowl.**

**LEFT 21 The lions roar af- 1ter their prey *
and seek their 1food from God.**

RIGHT ²² The sun rises, and they ¹slip away *
and lay themselves down ¹in their dens.

ALL ²³ **Mortals go forth ¹to their work *
and to their labour un-¹til the evening.**

ALL ^{2nd 31} **May your glory, O Lord, en-¹dure for ever; *
may you rejoice in ¹all your works;**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-23 Heather Rankin

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

ALL **Thanks be to God.**

♪ Gradual HymnCome, O God of All the Earth (tune CP589)

**Come, O God of forests tall,
buds of every shape and hue,
mosses moist and lichens small,
precious all like me and you.
Sing out, earth and skies!
Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries!
Dance to the life around you.**

All remain standing as able

The Gospel Luke 12:22-31

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.**

♪ Gradual HymnCome, O God of All the Earth (tune CP589)

**Come, Creator of the bear,
in the forest, by the creek;
Gopher Snake and Short-ear Owl,
species that we disregard.
Sing out, earth and skies!
Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries!
Dance to the life around you.**

Sermon Fr. Ayoob Adwar

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 Spirit renews life in creation
Groans in empathy with a suffering creation,
and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.

**ALL We believe that with Christ we will rise
and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.**

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.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Lord, for all the animals in the whole wide world,

ALL We thank you, God!

Celebrant Lord, for all the fun and friendship we have with animals,

ALL We thank you, God!

Celebrant Lord, for all the times we have hurt or neglected animals,

ALL We are sorry.

Celebrant Lord, for all the times we have used poisons
that have killed animals,

ALL We are sorry.

Celebrant Lord, for all the times we have destroyed
the homes of animals in the forests, oceans or fields,

ALL We are sorry.

Celebrant I speak for Christ.
For all your sins against the creatures of Earth,
I forgive you and I call upon you
to honour and protect all animals.
May the animals of Earth be your companions in life
and lead you to celebrate your place in the circle of life.

PEOPLE Amen! Amen! Shalom! Shalom!

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 are presented alongside with the offering of money, given on the plate or through the Pre-Authorized Donation Progra (PAD), to symbolize the offering of ourselves and of the whole creation to God in thanksgiving for the many blessings we experience.

♪ **414 Offertory Hymn**..... God of the Sparrow

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God, our Creator,

**PEOPLE through your love you have given us these gifts to share.
Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks
and our concern for all in need, 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 Lord be with you.

PEOPLE And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE We lift them to God.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God of all of Creation.

PEOPLE It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant You spoke the Word
and all that is in heaven and on the earth...

...And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise
of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth,
we praise you now and for ever singing:

735 Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
 might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow'r and might. Heav - en and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Blessed is the one who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant In the night that Jesus was betrayed...

So we proclaim the mystery of faith.

PEOPLE Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant Therefore God, we who seek your reconciliation...

... we stand before you and worship you, God of all,
 in songs of everlasting praise.

PEOPLE Blessing and honour and glory and power
 be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

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 God of all,
you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered
and made into this one bread.

PEOPLE So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

747 Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Re-deem - er, Re - deem - er of the world,
give us your peace, give us your peace.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first two staves are for the first two lines of the Agnus Dei, and the last two staves are for the final line. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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 *These Hills Where the Hawk Flies Lonely* by Colin Gibson

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant We thank you Christ,

**ALL 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 our kin on Earth. Amen.**

Family Thanksgiving & Announcements

All are invited to share if they know of any birthdays, anniversaries or other celebrations. As sharing concludes, all say "Amen."

Video Meditation: Haida Gwaii and Khutzeymateen Fauna

The slide show for Fauna Sunday is primarily composed of photos David and Stephanie Moul took on their recent travels to Haida Gwaii and the Khutzeymateen Grizzly Bear Sanctuary.

The Blessing

All stand as able

Celebrant May the Spirit of God,
who is above all and in all and through all,
fill you with the knowledge of God's Wisdom
sustaining this planet and the pulsing of Christ deep within you.
And the blessing of God,
Creator, Reconciler, and Sustainer,
be among you and remain with you always.

ALL Amen.

🎵 **Recessional Hymn** *Our Delight is in the Living* (tune CP381)

1. Our delight is in the broadness
of the world dawn brings to sight;
Harbour, beach & islands' structure,
plain and hilltop, mountains' might;
Thanks be giv'n for nature's beauty,
celebrate each new day's light.
2. Our delight is in the living
of each moment every day
working, playing, walking, sleeping,
being family, straight and gay;
Grace be giv'n for every minute,
wisdom for each interlude.
3. Our delight is in the creatures
sharing with us this our place,
moths & birds with stunning markings,
dolphins moving with sweet grace;
Thanks be giv'n for all creation,
celebrate each life, each space.
4. Our delight is in the loving
of each other as we may;
Searching, finding, liking, loving,
talking, list'ning on the way;
Thanks be giv'n for our affections,
celebrate them night and day

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Dismissal

PEOPLE Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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Parish Events and Notices

Rest in Peace: Anne Stuart passed away Sept 23. Anne's church was Holy Family Catholic Church, but she had a longtime connection with St. Hilda's, and led the Centering Prayer Meditation Group here for many years. Her funeral is Thursday Oct 3rd at 11 am at Holy Family Catholic Church on Nicholson Rd, West Sechelt.

Bible Study: A new Bible study will start in October on Wednesday afternoons looking at Peter, Paul and Jesus. The first meeting will be Wednesday, Oct 9 at 1:00 pm in the Gathering Room. Everybody is welcome!

Pie Sale will be Saturday October 12 from 9am-1pm. Please sign-up for making pies on the sheets in the Narthex or call Amelia. When you drop off your pies, please include for each pie a list of ingredients for crust and filling. People need to know whether it is gluten-free, vegan, etc. so the list will help us out when we are selling!

Save the NEW Date! Parish Conversation moved to October 27



St. Hilda's Capital Campaign and Sprinting for the Finish Line

The Capital Campaign Committee needs a few more weeks to gather the financial information for our Conversation. Please join us at 11:30 am in the Sanctuary for a review of our capital campaign to date, current financial picture, and a discussion of options as we go forward. We need and value your input!! We are particularly interested in exploring how we can combine further fundraising with outreach ministry, and what activities the parish would most like to participate in.

Feasibility Report Follow-up: During the next few weeks, you will find the Feasibility Report plans in the Hall during coffee time. Please take a look again and put any comments you have in the box provided. This will help the Parish Council as they decide how to move forward. Please remember that these plans are by no means the only options but guides to help us continue the conversations.

Parishioners' Pics: The first film for the Fall: *Seasons*, is Monday September 30 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. *Seasons* is an immersive experience of what life was like for animals and early humans during the Golden Age of the forest. At the end of the Ice Age, 80,000 years ago, wild animals lived in the Golden Age of the forest. It was a time when everything moved in sync with the changing of the seasons. Jacques Perrin and Jacques Cluzaud are the directors of this eco-drama conveying the early story of Europe as it unfolds within one distinctive place that many animals experience as home. Four years in the making, this French nature documentary was shot in France, Norway, the Netherlands, Romania, and Scotland. Stay after the film to see a short special feature as to how the incredible scenes were filmed.

Dismantling Racism presentation at St. Bart's: Meg Stevens and Deacon Steve Bailey from St. Bart's will be presenting this Diocesan workshop "Dismantling Racism" on Saturday, October 19 at St. Bart's. The session will be from 9:00 to 3:00 with welcome and check-in at 8:45. Participants are asked to bring a lunch. Refreshments and coffee will be available.

Those in parish leadership and others interested who have not attended this

workshop as well as return participants are welcome to attend. Registration is through the Diocesan Website by clicking on the appropriate link, or by phoning the Synod Office and leaving a message for Bill Siksay (604 6846306 -ext.228).

Thank s to Bonnie Garden -- the ultimate pot addict... God works in mysterious ways!

Church Library: Please check your shelves and return any borrowed books to our library so others may borrow them. Our volunteer librarians don't have the time to call and remind you to return the material you have borrowed.

Offering Envelopes: If you would like offering envelopes, please let the office know. There is also the Pre-Authorized Donation Program (PAD) where you can set up your donation by automatic withdrawal from your bank or by credit card. Pamphlets for this are in the Narthex and breezeway. Please note that St. Hilda's will issue 2019 tax receipts in late January 2020.

WIDER CHURCH EVENTS

Giving Thanks Concert: Valerie-Anne Rutter on Saturday October 5 at 2:30 pm at St. Bart's. Tickets \$25 includes Afternoon Tea. See poster in breezeway for more info.

Readings for October 6, 17th after Pentecost
 1st Reading: Lamentations 3:19-26 Canticle
 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14.....Reader: Annie Webb
 Psalm 37:1-10 Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's				
Sun	29	8:30 am 10:00 am	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist & Sunday School	Sanctuary Sanctuary
Mon	30	7:00 pm	Parishioners' Pics	Sanctuary
Wed	01	8:00 am 2:00 pm	Wisdom Circle Prayer Shawl Ministry	Sanctuary Offsite
Thurs	02	1:00 pm	St. Hilda's Choir	Sanctuary
Sun	06	8:30 am 10:00 am	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist and Sunday School	Sanctuary Sanctuary

St. Francis of Assisi



Born in Italy circa 1181, Saint Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying in his youth. After fighting in a battle between Assisi and Perugia, Francis was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison — awaiting his father's payment — and, according to legend, began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, Francis heard the voice of Christ, who told him to repair the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. Consequently, he abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the faith, his reputation spreading all over the Christian world.

He established the Franciscan Order of friars and the women's Order of the Poor Ladies. Towards the end of his life, Francis became ill and spent his last few years mostly blind. He died in 1226 while singing Psalm 141. He was canonized as a saint on July 16, 1228.

Love for Nature

During his life he also developed a deep love of nature and animals and is known as the patron saint of the environment and animals; his life and words have had a lasting resonance with millions of followers across the globe. Each October, many animals the world over are blessed on his feast day.

It was also said that Francis could tame wild animals. One story tells of a vicious wolf in the town of Gubbio that was killing people and sheep. The people of the town were frightened and didn't know what to do. Francis went to the town to confront the wolf. At first the wolf growled at Francis and prepared to attack him. However, Francis made the sign of the cross and told the wolf not to hurt anyone else. The wolf then became tame and the town was safe.

Interesting Facts about Saint Francis of Assisi

- October 4th is observed as Saint Francis feast day.
- Later in life, Francis reportedly received a vision that left him with the stigmata of Christ — marks resembling the wounds Jesus Christ suffered when he was crucified — making Francis the first person to receive such holy wounds.
- Francis traveled to the Holy Lands during the Crusades hoping to conquer the Muslims with love rather than war.
- Francis set up the first known Nativity scene to celebrate Christmas in 1220.
- He believed that actions were the best example, telling his followers to "Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words."

St Francis is often held up as an inspiring example of someone who most closely imitated the life of Christ in words, deeds and spirit. St Francis had a deep love for Christ and willingly embraced poverty, chastity and a simple life of humility.

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PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK	
Anglican Communion	The Episcopal Church The Most Rev Michael Curry - Presiding Bishop of TEC
Diocese & Partners	St. Michael, Surrey - The Ven Luisito Engnan St. Michael, Vancouver - The Rev Wilmer Toyoken, The Rev Eric Stroo St. Francis-in-the-Wood, West Vancouver - The Rev Angus Stuart, The Rev Janice Lowell 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	Habitat for Humanity
Parish Ministries	Contemplative Ministry: Wisdom Circle
Justice Umbrella	Kenya: the Staff & Faculty at Kyaithani/Ndandini Schools syyiyaya Reconciliation Movement
Prayer Requests	Jill & Rik Diespecker: Jill in Vancouver General hospital Mary Gordon: healing for broken pelvis Annette Greenwood: recovering from stroke Phil Hopkins: for strength in healing Leslie: battling cancer
Rest in Peace	Anne Stuart

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