

4th Sunday of Advent



St. Hilda's By the Sea Anglican Church Open Doors · Open Hearts · Open Minds

Celebrant: The Rev Ayoob Adwar **Preacher:** The Ven Bruce Morris

Musicians: Katherine Hume & St. Hilda's Choir

Karen Foster, Violin

Reader: Mike Starr
Prayers: Kevin Rolston
Lay Administrator: David Moul

Sacristan: Carol Eades

Crucifer: Joshua Eriksson

Greeters/Ushers:

Doug & Veronica Shillitto, Morrie Sacks

Coffee: David & Stephanie Moul

Altar Guild: Liz Miller, Janet McConnell

Altar Flowers: Given by Jacqueline Allan to the glory of God in thanks for the parish of St. Hilda's

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 territory of the *shishálh* 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.

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▼ The Gathering of Community ▼

Prelude

Introduction & Welcome

All rise as able as the Sanctuary party processes in.

110 Processional Hymn.....Sleepers Wake

Greeting

Celebrant In this time and place,

we gather on the ancestral territory of the shishalh Nation.

PEOPLE From many places and peoples

we come to this house of prayer.

Celebrant In this time and place,

we await the coming of Emmanuel, God with us.

PEOPLE Maranatha, come Christ come.

Celebrant In this time and place, together, one people of God.

PEOPLE In the name of God,

Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle......Joshua Eriksson

Leader The first Advent candle represents our call to hope.

The second Advent candle represents our call to peace.

The third candle represents our call to joy Today we light the fourth Advent candle.

which represents our call to love

This candle is a symbol of God's love,

revealed in the baby Jesus.

It is a symbol of God's love, which is alive in each of us today.

PEOPLE O God of Love,

your love is present everywhere,

and your purpose is revealed in love.

We are called to be your people of love.

Help us to love one another.

Help us to show love to all the world.

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:

(Tune: Away in a Manger)

A candle is burning, a candle of love,

a candle to point us to heaven above.

A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth, for Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Heavenly Father,

ALL you chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

All are seated

▼ The Proclamation of the Word of God ▼

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 High voices on Bold; Low voices on light

- ¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph ¹like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned up-¹on the <u>cherubim</u>.
- ² In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, ¹and Ma-<u>nasseh</u>, * stir up your strength and ¹come to <u>help us</u>.
- ³ Restore us, O ¹God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we ¹shall be saved.
- ⁴ O Lord ¹God of hosts, *
 how long will you be angered despite the prayers ¹of your people?
- ⁵ You have fed them with the ¹bread of tears; * you have given them bowls of ¹tears to drink.
- You have made us the derision 'of our <u>neighbours</u>, * and our enemies laugh 'us to scorn.
- ⁷ Restore us, O ¹God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we 1shall be saved.

- ¹⁷ Let your hand be upon the one at your ¹side in honour, * the one you have made so strong ¹for yourself.
- ALL ¹⁸ And so will we never turn a-¹way from you; * give us life, that we may call up-¹on your name.
 - ¹⁹ Restore us, O Lord ¹God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we ¹shall be saved.

Glory to God, Source ¹ of all <u>being</u>,*
Eternal Word and ¹ Holy <u>Spirit</u>;
As it was in the begin- ¹ ning is now*
and shall be for e- ¹ ver. Amen.

Trad Finnish folk melody arr. by Joseph Martin

All rise as able.

The Gospel Matthew 1:18-25

Deacon May God be with you

PEOPLE And also with you

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

PEOPLE Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After reading

Deacon The Gospel of Christ

PEOPLE Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon The Ven Bruce Morris

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all His works, and whose will is ever directed to our good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, fully God and fully human, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the Divine Presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.

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 inside back page. You are also welcome to name your loved one(s) aloud or silently in your heart.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;

God welcomes sinners

and invites them to the table.

Let us confess our sins

confident in God's forgiveness.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

PEOPLE we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done.

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us,

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

confirm and strengthen you in all goodness

and keep you in eternal life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PEOPLE Amen.

The Peace Please rise as able as we share the peace of the Lord.

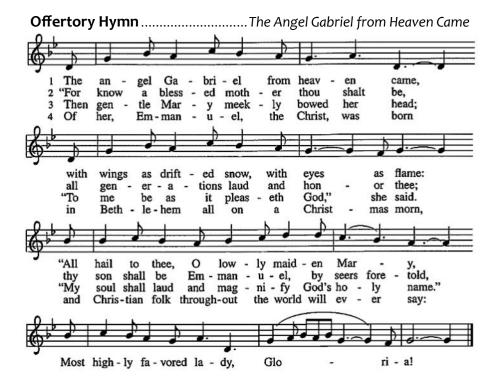
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be with you all.

PEOPLE And also with you.

★ The Holy Communion ★

The Offertory

During the hymn, the bread and wine are presented alongside with the offering of money, given on the plate or through the Pre-Authorized Donation Program, to symbolize the offering of ourselves and of the whole creation to God in thanksgiving for the many blessings we experience. You are invited to place your hand on the Offertory plate as it comes past as a sign of gratitude for God's blessings.



Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Gracious God,

PEOPLE by the power of the Spirit

who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

If you wish, you may follow the complete prayer in the Book of Alternative Services, p.198 "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.

PEOPLE It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God...

...who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:





Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God...

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

PEOPLE we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

...all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

PEOPLE



1744 The Lord's Prayer

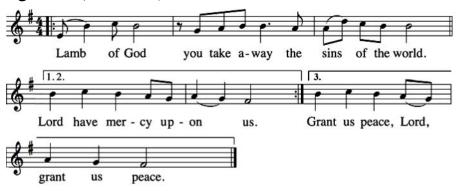
The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant God of promise,

you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

ALL Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

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 during Communion:

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant Faithful God,

ALL in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation.

May we, like the Virgin Mary,

be obedient to your will.

We ask this 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. We have a parish tradition of saying the following prayer by sharing eye-contact with those around us.

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.

The Blessing

\$\mathcal{J}\$ 95 Recessional Hymn......O Come, Divine Messiah

Dismissal

PEOPLE Thanks be to God.

Postlude

You may leave during postlude, but please do so quietly.





Parish Events and Notices

Advent Films Love: Letters to Father Jacob: Monday December 23 at 7:00 pm With few options, newly pardoned convict Leila agrees to work as an assistant to a blind pastor. Father Jacob spends his days answering the letters of the needy, which Leila finds pointless. But when the letters stop, the pastor is devastated and Leila finds herself cast in a new role.

Co-writer and director Klaus Härö has made a lean and intensely focused drama about loneliness, faith, the dark night of the soul, and the redemptive power of love. (2009, in Finnish with subtitles) The surprising finale to Letters to Father Jacob is an inspiring tribute to love and forgiveness as the linchpins of ministry and the essence of the Christian faith. This frail and vulnerable minister doesn't just quote St. Paul's paean to love in I Corinthians 13, he actually incarnates it.

St. Hilda's Choir: Rehearsals will resume Thursday January 9 at 1:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

2020 Offering Envelopes: Please pick up your envelopes from the table in the Narthex. If you don't see your name there, please contact Maggie Scott.

<u>Thanks</u>: To all those who helped with the St. Nicholas Dinner, our many thanks and appreciation for all the volunteers who helped with set up, serving dinner and clean up. A special thank you to Corrinne for her work in organizing the dinner!

<u>Ndandini Scholarship Annual Fundraising Campaign</u>: You may make personal donations via your offering envelope, or give a 'gift of education' as a Christmas gift to your family and friends. For those donating as a Christmas gift, Ndandini Scholarship Christmas Gift Cards are available in the narthex to let your recipient know about the gift you have given on their behalf. Please mark your offering donation 'Ndandini'.

<u>Office Closed</u>: Karen is away from Dec 26 until January 3. Any new announcements that were not submitted this past week, will be put in the January 12 bulletin. Please note there will be no E-bulletin for January 3.

Sunday December 29: Please note that this will be a combined service at 10 am.

Save This Date: Sunday January 19 there will be a Parish Conversation following the 10 am service.

St. Hilda's Justice Umbrella Indigenous Reconciliation Event: PWRDF Mapping Exercise Saturday January 18 10:30 am - 2:30 pm led by Nancy & John Denham. Tea and coffee provided. Potluck finger food lunch. All parishioners are encouraged to join us. Space limited so please register with Nancy, call/text 604-740-6400.

Mapping the Ground We Stand On is an Interactive Workshop Exploring Indigenous and Settler Relationships. Developed by the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, the Mapping Exercise complements the KAIROS Blanket Exercise, and focuses in part on our personal/individual and Anglican histories. It lays out historical and contextual realities that Indigenous peoples in Canada face

daily. It offers suggestions for taking action, for participants to journey further on paths of reconciliation, and for the creation of a better and more just country for all of us. As the Anglican Church of Canada continues to develop its response to the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's final report and PWRDF seeks to deepen its relationships with aboriginal peoples, the Mapping Exercise can be a useful tool for learning and reflection together, and as one step on the journey towards meaningful reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

WIDER COMMUNITY EVENTS

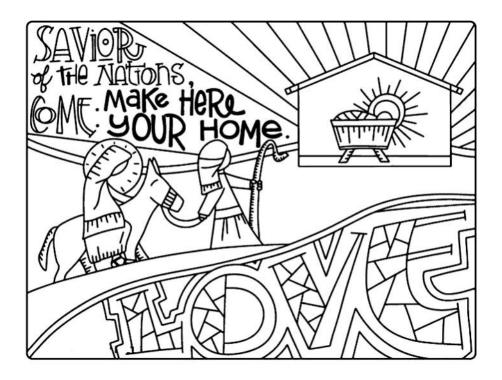
<u>Motet Concert</u>: Saturday January 4, 1:00 pm at St. Hilda's Come experience the fullness of Christmas with a concert of beautiful choral and organ music. From the sounds of Tomkins and Bairstow to favourites by Sir David Willcocks in honour of the centenary of his birth, join MOTET Chamber Choir as we celebrate this most wonderful time of year and take you on a musical journey to Epiphany. Admission by donation. All ages warmly welcomed.

<u>Vocal Intent Concert: Good News!</u> Sunday January 5, 3:00 pm at St Bart's. Admission by donation. Katherine Hume, piano.

Readings for December 29, First Sunday after Christmas

Psalm 148 Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's					
Advei Sun	nt 4 22	10:00 am	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist & Sunday School Native Drumming Circle	Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary	
Mon	23	7:00 pm	Advent Film LOVE	Sanctuary	
Tues	24	4:00 pm 10:00 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE Services Family Drop-in Pageant Candlelight Eucharist	Sanctuary Sanctuary	
Wed	25	10:00 am	CHRISTMAS DAY Eucharist	Sanctuary	
Thurs	26		OFFICE CLOSED		
Fri	27		OFFICE CLOSED		
Sun	29	10:00 am	Festival of Lessons & Carols	Sanctuary	



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.

Parish Prayer for the Week				
Anglican Communion	Pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement			
Diocese & Partners	St. Stephen, West Vancouver - The Rev Canon Jonathan LLoyd St. John the Apostle, Port Moody - The Rev Vivian Lam, The Rev Anne Anchor St. John the Evangelist, North Vancouver - The Rev Patrick Blaney, The Rev Juanita Clark St. John the Divine, Maple Ridge - The Rev Laurel Dahill St. John the Divine, Squamish - The Rev Cameron Gutjahr St. John, Shaughnessy - The Rev John Stephens, The Rev Liz Ruder-Celiz, The Rev Pitman Potter			
	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	Sechelt Visitor Center			
Local Churches	St. John's United			
Justice Umbrella	Kenya: the Community Greenhouses syiyaya Reconciliation Movement			
Prayer Requests	Becky Decksheimer: comfort and healing Jill & Rik Diespecker Henry: peace and comfort Leslie: battling cancer Nancy Moote & family: strength while undergoing chemo Daun Newman: healing from stomach infection Lorelei Reier: recovery from leukemia & lung infection Sher & Morrie Sacks: healing			
Parish Families	Martin & Anna Linsley, Chris & Joyce Lugar, Alison & Cort Lynch			

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

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Advent & Christmas Season at St. Hilda's

SUNDAY December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Drum Circle 4 pm

Monday December 23 Advent Film Love at 7 pm

Christmas Eve Tuesday December 24

4 pm Family Drop-in Pageant & Holy Communion

No rehearsal & costumes provided — come at 3:30 pm.

10 pm Contemplative Candlelight Eucharist

Christmas Day Wednesday December 25

10 am Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY December 29 First Sunday after Christmas

10 am Festival of Lessons & Carols with Eucharist

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord SUNDAY January 5

8:30 am Traditional Eucharist from Book of Common Prayer

10 am Family Eucharist