



1st Sunday of Advent 29^{NOV} 2020



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

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.

Presider & Preacher: The Ven Bruce Morris
Musician: Katherine Hume
Reader: Annie Webb

Prayers: Maggie Scott
Altar Guild: Muriel Prior, Liz Miller

Sunday Services for November/December

Date	Preacher	Service	Where
Nov 29	Ven Bruce Morris	Morning Prayer	Online only
Dec 06	Rev Hergesheimer	Communion	Online only
Dec 13	Rev Hergesheimer	Communion	Online/ In-Person TBD
Dec 20	Ven Bruce Morris	Morning Prayer	Online/ In-Person TBD
Dec 24	Rev Hergesheimer	8:00 pm Communion	Online/ In-Person TBD
Dec 25	NO SERVICE		
Dec 27	Rev Hergesheimer	Communion	Online/ In-Person TBD

Readings for December 6, Second Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Reader: Janet McIntosh

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Prayers: Stephane Moul

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

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✘ The Gathering of Community ✘

Introduction & Welcome

Opening Hymn.....*Come and Find the Quiet Centre*

1. **Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.**
2. **Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.**
3. **In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!**

Greeting

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

PEOPLE And also with you.

Presider In this time and place,
we gather on the ancestral territory of the shísháhl Nation.

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

Presider In this time and place,
we await the coming of Emmanuel, God with us.

PEOPLE Maranatha, come Christ come.

Presider 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

Presider Advent is a time to hope for peace between people,
and to walk in the light God gives us.
The Advent wreath is round to remind us
of God's never-ending love.
The branches are green to remind us of new life.
The candles reminds us of the light
which came into the world with Jesus:
light to brighten all of earth's dark places;
light that grows stronger
when we join in his work of building and rebuilding lives.

Today we light a candle for hope.

PEOPLE God, our hope and our desire
we wait for your coming
as a woman longs for the birth,
the exile for her home,
the lover for the touch of her beloved
and the humble poor for justice.

Advent Hymn.....*Christ Be Our Light*



1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.
Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,
light for the world to see.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

The Collect of the Day

Presider O God of unveiled truth,

ALL in times of darkened sun and waning moon,
lift up our hearts and waken our love
to announce the coming dawn of unexpected peace;
through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. Amen.

✠ The Proclamation of the Word ✠

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9 Annie Webb

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 *read all together*

- ¹ **Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**
- ² **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- ³ **Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.**

- 4 **O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?**
- 5 **You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**
- 6 **You have made us the derision of our neighbours,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
- 7 **Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.**
- 17 **Let your hand be upon the one at your side in honour,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**
- 18 **And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.**
- 19 **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.**

**Glory to God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Annie Webb

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God.

Gradual HymnSleepers, Wake! vs. 1-2 CP 110

1. **“Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us;
the shout of rampart-guards surrounds us:
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”
Midnight’s peace their cry has broken,
their urgent summons clearly spoken:
“The time has come, O maidens wise!
Rise up, and give us light;
the bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia!**

**Your lamps prepare and hasten there,
that you the wedding feast may share.”**

2. **Zion hears the watchmen singing.
Her heart with joyful hope is springing;
she wakes and hurries through the night.
Forth he comes, her bridegroom glorious
in strength of grace, in truth victorious:
her star is risen , her light grows bright.
Now come, most worthy Lord,
God’s Son, incarnate Word, alleluia!
We follow all and heed your call
to come into the banquet hall.**

The Gospel Mark 13:24-37

Presider May God be with you

PEOPLE And also with you

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

PEOPLE Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.

After the reading

Presider The Gospel of Christ

PEOPLE Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn.....*Sleepers, Wake!* vs. 3 CP 110

3. **Lamb of God, the heavens adore you;
let saints and angels sing before you,
as harps and cymbals swell the sound.
Twelve great pearls, the city’s portals:
through them we stream to join the immortals
as we with joy your throne surround.
No eye has known the sight;
no ear heard such delight: alleluia!
Therefore we sing to greet our King;
forever let our praises ring.**

Sermon..... The Ven. Bruce Morris

Music for Reflection *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Music: Geistliche Kirchengesäng Harmony: Michael Praetorius
Arranged for piano by Mark Hayes

Affirmation of Faith

Presider We are called to proclaim the truth and let us believe:
It is not true that this world and its people
are doomed to die and to be lost.

**PEOPLE This is true:
I have come that they may have life in all its abundance.**

Presider It is not true that we must accept
inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty,
death and destruction.

**PEOPLE This is true: The deaf hear, the dead are raised to life,
the poor are hearing the good news.**

Presider It is not true that violence and hatred
should have the last word
and that war and destruction have come to stay forever.

**PEOPLE This is true: Death shall be no more, neither shall there be
mourning nor crying nor pain any more.**

Presider It is not true that we are simply victims
of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world.

**PEOPLE This is true: The Lord whom we seek will suddenly come to
the temple; and the Lord is like a refining fire.**

Presider It is not true that our dreams of liberation, of human dignity,
are not meant for this earth and for this history.

**PEOPLE This is true: It is already time for us to wake from sleep.
For the night is far gone; the day is at hand.**

The Prayers of the PeopleMaggie Scott

God in each one of us. Hear our prayer

In our parish here at St. Hilda's, we pray together
for those on our prayer list:

**Rev. Steve Black & family, Edith Glass & family
Janet McConnell, Leif Montgomery, Daun Newman
Lorelei Reier, Robert
Sher & Morrie Sacks, Lorraine Way**

and any others we may name.

Confession and Absolution

Presider We come seeking forgiveness
for all we have failed to be and do
as members of Christ's body.

Silence is kept for reflection.

In God there is forgiveness.

**ALL Loving and all-seeing God,
forgive us where we have failed to support one another
and to be what we claim to be.
Forgive us where we have failed to serve you;
and where our thoughts and actions
have been contrary to yours,
we ask your pardon.**

Presider God forgives you; be at peace.
Rejoice and be glad for Christ is resurrection,
reconciliation for all the human race.

**ALL We shall be one in Christ, one in our life together.
Praise to God who has created us,
praise to God who has accepted us,
praise to God who sends us into the world!**

Presider The peace of the Lord be with you all.

PEOPLE And also with you.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of love and power,

**PEOPLE your word stirs within us
the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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 forever. Amen.**

Family Thanksgiving & Announcements

Doxology

Presider Glory to God,

ALL 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.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn *Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus* CP 88

- 1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set your people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.**
- 2. Israel's strength and consolation,
hope to all the earth thou art;
dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.**
- 3. Born thy people to deliver;
born a child, and yet a King:
born to reign in us forever:
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**
- 4. By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to your glorious throne.**

Dismissal

Organ Postlude



Parish Events and Notices

Online Services only: Last week's communique from Archbishop Skelton in response to the new BC Health Orders states that all in-person worship services are suspended until Monday December 7, with the possibility of modifying or extending them beyond that date. For full communique click [HERE](#).

If you missed last Sunday's service with St. Agnes: Here is the link to see the Zoom recording <https://vimeo.com/482362389>

Accommodation required: Our new Rector is looking for an inexpensive small suite for himself starting January 1st for approximately 3 months. If you have or know of a possible place please contact one of the Wardens and they will pass it on to Rev. Steve Black.

2021 Offering Envelopes: For those who use Donation Envelopes, these will have to be delivered as the church is closed. I am hoping for some volunteers to help with this. Please call me if you are willing and able at 604-885-3312. Many thanks, Maggie Scott.

Canada Helps and Giving Tuesday December 1: On Giving Tuesday, if you go to www.sthilda.ca and under *Giving* select *Donate Online* and donate \$20 or more to St. Hilda's through Canada Helps, St. Hilda's will get an additional \$2 from Canada Helps.

Parish Outreach Fundraising Season! Please mark your offering envelope specifically for either 'Ndandini' or 'Christmas Hampers'. Thanks for your generosity!

- 1. Christmas hampers are a GO this Christmas season:** We ask each of you to consider those in your community who might be assisted by a St. Hilda's hamper which will be comprised of gift cards in this time of COVID. Please consider doing a special Christmas offering to this important ministry. Also our committee needs new volunteers so if you have time to contribute to this timely project, call Meg Stevens 604-741-4036 or Margy Grant 604-885-7157.
- 1. Ndandini School Update:** October saw the schools in Kenya restart after closure in March due to the COVID pandemic. This put even more stress on an already stretched system for families. Please consider this: as you think of activities that we have not been able to do over the COVID months (concerts, plays, Writers Festival, lunch or coffee out, etc.), please consider the savings from these activities as an alternative fundraiser this year and donate some of the savings to the Ndandini Scholarship fund, which we have supported for almost 10 years—every little bit helps! Donations can be placed in your envelope marked Ndandini or added to your e-transfer with an indication for Ndandini. For an update on the Ndandini schools, please see letter attached to E-Bulletin from our Rotarian connection, Terry Umbach.
■ For those donating as a Christmas gift, Ndandini Scholarship Christmas Gift Cards are available for you to let your recipient know about the gift you have given on their behalf. You can pick one up from the office (just phone ahead) or if you need help to get one, contact Jill Halliwell at 604-885-1994.

WIDER CHURCH NEWS

Diocese Advent Devotions: Tell Out My Soul Advent Calendar

Sign-up for a daily email in Advent with stories from people throughout the diocese. Please follow this link to [REGISTER](#) *Emails begin November 29.*

National on-air and online Gospel Jamboree: Saturday November 28 from 7-10 PM Central (Winnipeg) Time. Within the Anglican Church of Canada, Gospel Jamborees have accompanied the Native Convocations/Sacred Circles as well as being used by communities and ministry areas to bring folks together for fellowship, encouragement, worship, community-building, support and fun. The last three General Synods have also featured Gospel Jamborees as ongoing acts of reconciliation and bridge-building. Click here to check out past Jamborees or join the November 28 live Gospel Jamboree: <https://www.anglican.ca/im/gospeljam/>

Offering Options

- 1) **PAD (pre-authorized giving):** Download PAD form, from website <http://www.sthilda.ca/pages/giving> or have Karen email you the form. Fill in and mail directly to the Diocesan office.
- 2) **By cheque:** place cheque in your numbered donation envelope, and either mail it to St Hilda's at Box 302, Sechelt, BC, V0N 3A0, **OR**, drop it through the mail slot outside the church office door. **NO CASH!**
- 3) **Online through Canada Helps:** go to Giving (<http://www.sthilda.ca/pages/giving>) and click on the "Donate Online" button. Follow the steps.
- 4) **E-Transfer:** Go online and sign into your banking site. Select E-Transfer and the email to send to is: sthildadonations@gmail.com. You will set up your security question as "God loves a cheerful?" and the answer: "Giver" Please use 'message' area to include your envelope no. (if you have one) and how you wish your donation allocated, otherwise it will be directed to General Operating Fund.
- 5) **If none of the above** (or you need a cash option) contact Envelope Secretary (Maggie Scott) 604-885-3312, to arrange for your envelope to be picked up once a month.

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

Sun	29	10:00am	Morning Prayer Worship	Online Only
Fri	04	9:30 am	Wisdom Circle Meditation contact Paula pspr2eastlink.ca	Online
		10:00 am	Women's Coffee Time	Online
Sun	06	10:00 am	Communion Worship	Online Only

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PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Anglican Communion	The Lusitanian Church (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury) The Rt Rev Jorge Pina Cabral - Bishop
Diocese & Partners	<p>St. Andrew, Langley - The Rev Andrew Halladay, The Rev Helen Lingham Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, The Most Rev Linda Nichols, The Ven Alan Perry, General Secretary and The General Synod Staff</p> <hr/> <p>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</p>
Local Agencies	Food Banks on Sunshine Coast
Local Churches	Calvary Chapel
Justice Umbrella	Ndandini/Kenya - the Community Greenhouses SC syiyaya Reconciliation Movement
Prayer Requests	<p>Rev Steve Black & family: in time of transition Edith Glass & Family: in palliative care Janet McConnell Leif Montgomery: healing for broken arm Daun Newman: preparing to be bone marrow donor Lorelei Reier: strength while undergoing chemo Robert: brother of Anne Webb Sher & Morrie Sacks: comfort & peace Lorraine Way: recovering from brain surgery</p>

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