

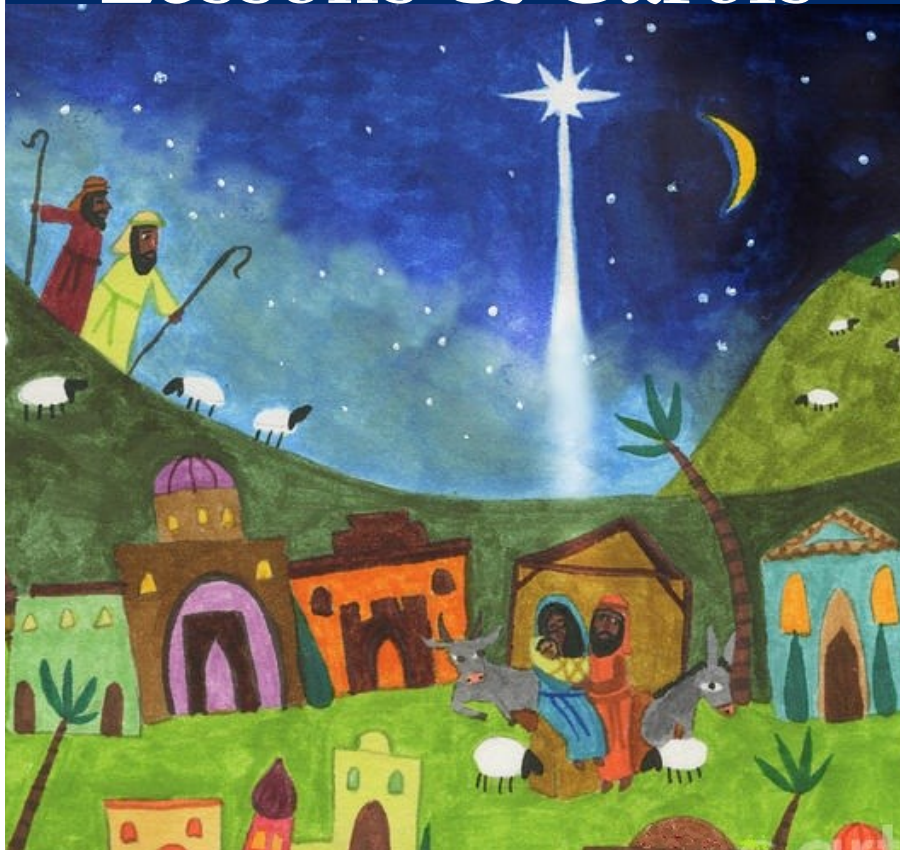


St Hilda's By-the-Sea Anglican Church

Open Doors · Open Hearts · Open Minds

December 24, 2017 † 10:00 am

Christmas Festival of Lessons & Carols



WHO IS WHO IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

President: The Rev Clarence Li

Musician: Katherine Hume

Readers: Joshua Eriksson, Jude Dusik,
Janet McIntosh, Corrinne Newman
The Ven Bruce Morris

Greeters/Ushers: Eric Paetkau, Maggie Edwards

Pageant Director: Bev Dall

Altar Guild: Muriel Prior, Win Wright

Worship Set-up: Altar Guild,

Altar Flowers: Flowers are given by Jacqueline Allan Gye to the glory of God and with thanks for our clergy at St. Hilda's as we are all moved to new possibilities.

Christmas Message from the Rector



*"I won't take no for an answer,"
God began to say
to me*

*when He opened His arms each night
wanting us to
dance.*

The story of the Nativity which Christians and many non-Christians alike gather to commemorate each year is where this dance began. Catherine of Siena, a 14th century mystic who regarded God's heart being "more gentle than the Virgin's first kiss upon the Christ," penned this poem to invite us to re-imagine God as a lover whispering, "Shall we dance?"

Have you ever danced with God? When was your last dance with the One who is the-love-embodied? Have you forgotten the steps and are a bit embarrassed to take God's hand? Perhaps you have never learned. Or are you too broken, too grief-stricken, too scared or too angry to even desire to take the first step?

We discovered earlier this year that our beautiful dance hall — St. Hilda's sanctuary — needs to be rebuilt due to structural issues. Yet our dance this Christmas continues because the dancer "won't take no for an answer." And here you are, joining us yet once again gazing into the starlit manger to savour the longing, intimacy, and excitement of Dancing with the Stars. Could I ask you to take a moment this Christmas to consider supporting St. Hilda's towards the cost of rebuilding our sanctuary where many first and future dances begin?

This Christmas let this peace-child, Jesus, be your Lord of the Dance so that you may dance to your wholeness, dance to a better world, and dance to a joyous hope where all are at home. Merry Christmas!

*Dance, then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

Clarence



Order of Service

Prelude

Welcome & Introduction to the Service

The community is invited to pray in silence.

🎵 Processional Hymn O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come all ye faithful joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the king of angels;
*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

O sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God in the highest: *Refrain*

Opening Bidding

Presider Light looked down and saw darkness.

PEOPLE “I will go there,” said Light.

Presider Peace looked down and saw war.

PEOPLE “I will go there,” said Peace.

Presider Love looked down and saw hatred.

PEOPLE “I will go there,” said Love.


Presider So
the Lord of Light,
the Prince of Peace,
the King of Love,
came down
and crept in beside us.

📖 **First Lesson:** Isaiah 11:1-4a Joshua Eriksson *Isaiah foretells the coming of the Prince of Peace*

🎵 **Carol:** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* CP117 vs 1-2

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Saviour,
when half spent was the night.


 **Second Lesson:** Isaiah 7:10-14 Jude Dusik
Isaiah foretells the sign of the coming of Immanuel, God-with-us.

 **Carol: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** CP89 vs 1,2,7

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.


O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our bitter conflict cease, and be for us our Prince of Peace.

 **Third Lesson:** Micah 5:2-5a Janet McIntosh
The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem.

 **Carol: Once in Royal David's City** CP123 vs 1-2

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor and mean and lowly lived on earth our Saviour holy.

 **Fourth Lesson:** Luke 1:26-38 Corrinne Newman
*The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary
that she will bear the Son of the Most High.*

 **Carol: The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy** CP128 vs 1-2

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy, the Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the Virgin Mary had a baby boy, and they say that his name was Jesus.

Refrain:

He come from the glory, he come from the glorious kingdom.

He come from the glory, he come from the glorious kingdom.


O yes, believer! O yes, believer!

He come from the glory, he come from the glorious kingdom.

The angels sang when the baby was born, the angels sang when the
baby was born, the angels sang when the baby was born,
and proclaim him the Saviour Jesus.

 **Fifth Lesson:** The Nativity of Jesus


Pageant presented by Sunday School and Friends

 **Carol: O Little Town of Bethlehem**..... CP120 vs 1

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

 **Carol: Angels We Have Heard on High**

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Glor---ria, in excelsis Deo;
glor ---ria, in excelsis Deo.

 **Carol: Away in a Manger** CP126 vs 1-2


Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus — look down from on high
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Away and in Danger Words by Shirley Erena Murray
To be introduced by Clarence.

Away and in danger, no hope of a bed,
the refugee children, no tears left to shed
look up at the night sky for someone to know
that refugee children have no place to go.

Come close, little children, we hold out our hand
in rescue and welcome to shores of our land -
in touching, in healing your fear and your pain,
with dreams for your future when peace comes again.

 **Sixth Lesson:** John 1:1-14..... The Ven. Bruce Morris
Jesus is the divine Word made flesh.

Blessing

🎵 Carol: Joy to the WorldCP154 vs 1-4

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
 let earth receive the King:
 let every heart prepare him room
 and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
 and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns:
 let us glad songs employ,
 while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
 repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let wrongs and sorrows grow,
 nor thorns infest the ground;
 he comes to make his blessings flow
 far as our sin is found, far as our sin is found,
 far as, far as our sin is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
 and makes the nations prove
 the glories of his righteousness
 and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
 and wonders, wonders of his love.

Postlude

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Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's			
Sun	24	10:00 am 10:00 pm	Festival of Lessons & Carols Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
			Parish Hall Parish Hall
Mon	25	10:00 am	Christmas Day Service
			Parish Hall
OFFICE CLOSED December 26 to 29			
Sat	30	11:30 am	Worship Set-up
			Parish Hall
Sun	31	8:30 am 10:00 am	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist
			Parish Hall Parish Hall

Parish Events and Notices

Rector's Epiphany Open House: Saturday January 6, 1:00-5:00 pm

Come and celebrate the joy of Christmas and the New Year at an Open House at the Rector's home (4972 Geer Road, Davis Bay) on the Feast of Epiphany. In honour of the Three Wise Magi, Clarence and Dave are inviting you to bring along a note describing in brief **one wise lesson** you have learnt to share. Food and drinks will be provided. No gifts, please. A donation to the Rector's Discretionary Fund for Benevolence would be appreciated. Parking instructions: Please carpool if possible and park along Geer Road and save the few parking spots up the driveway for people who have mobility challenges. Thanks.

Notice of Special Vestry Meeting: Church Committee is asking all parishioners to make time to attend a Special Vestry Meeting on January 14, 2018 at 11:30 am to decide on a course of remediating the church. The formal motion with additional information will be circulated in writing and posted on the parish website in due course.

Office Closed: The Church Office will be closed from Dec 26 to 29 for the holidays.

Sunday School: There will be no Sunday School on December 31.

Office Administrator on Holidays: Karen will be on holidays the week of Jan 2-5, but the office will still be open from 10am to noon, Tuesday to Friday.

St.Hilda's Choir: No choir rehearsals until Thursday January 11, 2018.

Ndandini Scholarship Campaign: Through our Rotary partnership, St. Hilda's helps students and families in Ndandini, Kenya with their high school fees. You may make a donation or give a 'gift of education' donation as a Christmas gift to your family and friends. Please mark your donation 'Ndandini'. For those donating as a Christmas gift, Ndandini Scholarship Christmas Gift Cards are available to let your recipient know about the gift you have given on their behalf.

ASSANTE SANA! Thank you everyone for your tremendous support of the Ndandini Knapsack campaign. Over \$1800 was raised this year – the equivalent of 3 full scholarships or 12 one year scholarships. St. Hilda's you are amazing!

The Twelve Days of Christmas: Monday January 1, 7:00 pm at St. Bart's. Come experience the fullness of Christmas with a concert of beautiful choral and organ music. From the sounds of Thomas Tomkins to favorites by Sir David Willcocks, 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.

Vocal Intent Songs for a New Day Concert: Saturday January 6 at 4:30 pm at Sunshine Coast Arts Centre. The group has chosen selections that are an inspiration for a new day and a new year. Admission by donation. Jon Eriksson and Tom Kellough are two of the singers and Katherine Hume will be joining them on the piano.

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PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK	
Anglican Communion	Yola - (Jos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Markus Ibrahim
Diocese & Partners	St. Stephen the Martyr, Burnaby - The Rev April Stanley St. Stephen, West Van - The Rev Jonathan Lloyd, The Rev Ayoob Adwar St. John the Apostle, Port Moody - The Rev Stephanie Shepard, The Rev Anne Anchor, The Rev Trudi Shaw St. John the Evangelist, North Vancouver - The Rev Patrick Blaney St. John the Divine, Maple Ridge - The Rev Georgina Harris, St. John the Divine, Squamish - The Rev Nicholas Parker St. John, Shaughnessy - The Ven John Stephens, The Rev Liz Hamel, The Rev Pitman Potter <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 5px auto;"/> 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	Alcoholics Anonymous
Local Churches	Christ the Redeemer
UN MDG Project	Kenya: the Community Greenhouses
Prayer Requests	Kira Crawford & family Sharon Doan: peace & comfort while in palliative care Wayne Greggain: for comfort and healing Jenny: ongoing healing from tumor Norman Robert (Annie Webb's brother): healing from cancer Ty: wisdom to go for cancer check-up
Rest in Peace	Canon Douglas William
Parish Families	Robert Watson, Karen Weatherington & Jon Eriksson & Joshua, John & Annie Webb, Win & John Wright