

Oct 28.18 Prayers

It has been a long journey through this process of restoring our sanctuary and we give thanks that we will soon be returning to the spaciousness of it. We have heard about all the repairs and necessary work to restore it to safe sanctuary but next week when we are there we will now see it and be present in it together. We give thanks for this hall that has seen us through this difficult time. We are so deeply grateful for all the hands that have set up this space, taken it down, cleared and cleaned it and made it work. For all those groups that have been using this space we ask blessing for them too. Spacious and roomy God, there is no place too small or too large that Holy Love will not fill it and create beauty within it. May we be part of this love. May this love of the Beloved give us courage to extend it beyond the walls of our church, beyond our neighbourhood, and beyond the borders of our Country.

Call: Spirit of Life

Response: Open our ears and our eyes

We are thankful for the peaceful municipal elections that were held in BC. May those elected come with eyes and hearts to see ways to hold economy, social justice and protecting our environment in balance. We think of the refugees who are continuing their long walk away from oppression, in search of safety, enough food to eat, employment and housing. May there be proper housing, clean running water, and adequate education funds for all of our First Nation, Inuit and Metes communities here in Canada. We ask for mercy for the people of Yemen who are starving to death in the oppression and war that have destroyed their lives. We think of those rebuilding their lives after hurricanes, cyclones, tornadoes and earthquakes. May adequate assistance be available for them. May the leadership of our communities and our Country be strong in the messages of equality and justice so that every community, every family, every person thrives in life. May all refugees who have found more peaceful places to live also find employment that fits their gifts and skills, and community that embraces them.

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We give thanks for the leadership here at St Hilda's and ask for energy and clarity of vision for Clarence, Bruce, our Wardens, our church committee, and all those who are part of this faith community. May our faith be our eyes that see the world, and our belief in the Way of Jesus be how our heart and our ears hear the way of the ancient prophet to do justice, love kindness and mercy, and walk humbly with our God. Thank you for the lives of those who show us how to live and we give thanks for the life of Father Thomas Keating who taught so many, the beauty of the contemplative life.

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Let us name together those on our prayer list on the back of our bulletin and any others

we wish to hold in this spaciousness of love: Vona Clayton & family: comfort as she approaches death, Mark G & family

This week in our parish family we specifically hold up Margaret Acton, Ruth Ahlborn, Jacqueline Allen-Gye, Marisa Alps & Michele Mocellin and children Matteo, Chiara, Elena

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May this blessing from song writer Kristopher Lindquist be our wisdom in the new week:

“Open my eyes that I may see

Open my ears that I may hear

Open my mind that I may know

Open my heart that I may life.”