



St Hilda's By the Sea Anglican Church

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December 25, 2016 † 10:00 am Family Eucharist



# Christmas Day

**Celebrant & Preacher:** The Rev. Clarence Li

**Music:** Katherine Hume

**Readers:** Valerie Ruhe, Janet McConnell

**Prayers:** Maggie Scott

**Lay Admin:** David Moul

**Sacristan:** Taras Pakholchuk

**Crucifer:** Valerie Ruhe

**Greeters/Usher:** Eric Paetkau, Maggie Edwards

**Altar Guild:** Sandra Sneddon, Corrinne Newman

**Altar Flowers:** Given by Jacqueline Allan-Gye to the  
glory of God & with thanks for St. Hilda's clergy



## Christmas Message from the Rector

*Lead kindly light, amid the encircling gloom,*

These words from Cardinal J. H. Newman's familiar hymn speak to me ever so profoundly this Christmas. The natural fading light of the season seems to be matched by a rapid dimming of our collective soul marked by an erosion of trust and a growth in fear and paranoia in many parts of our world. There is little coincidence that our beloved Canadian poet, the late Leonard Cohen, sang his swan song crying

*You want it darker. We killed the flame.*

Amid this encircling gloom, we find ourselves gathering again, or for some the first time, to hear the timeless story of the birth of Jesus born in a manger. This is a story of middle-eastern refugees who found themselves homeless in a town other than their own. Mary, the mother, gave birth to her firstborn in a barn in absolute obscurity. Nonetheless, this was the child who would grow up to shine light amid our gloom. His life, death, and resurrection unlock the pathway to living lives of compassion and service and show us the light that is already within each one of us.

*Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see  
the distant scene; one step enough for me.*

May you who come seeking, find enough light on the face of Jesus the Love Child for your next step on your journey. Let us eagerly await the light and the new life of Christ to be born anew in us and in our world this season.

*Merry Christmas!*

Clarence



### WHO WE ARE

St. Hilda, situated on the unceded traditional territory of the shíshálh 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.

### ♿ ♻️ ♿ ACCESSIBILITY

Parking for people with disabilities is available next to the Meditation Labyrinth. You are welcome to bring your walker or wheelchair into the sanctuary. If you have hearing difficulties, please ask one of the greeters for a sound enhancing headset. There are also large print hymnals available in the entry.

## ✠ The Gathering of Community ✠

Prelude

### Welcome & Introduction to the Service

*All stand as able at the sound of the singing bowl.*

### 🎵 135 Processional Hymn ..... *Shepherds in the Field Abiding*

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,  
**ALL to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleans the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### 🎵 702 Glory to God

*Refrain:* Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks we praise you for your glory.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### Collect for Christmas Day

*Celebrant* May God be with you.

**PEOPLE And also with you.**



**The Second Reading** Hebrews 1:1-12 (p. 970) ..... Janet McConnell

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**ALL Thanks be to God.**

🎵 **148 Gradual Hymn** ..... See *Amid the Winter's Snow* (vs 1-3)  
*All remain standing as able*

*Celebrant:* May God be with you

**All: And also with you**

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Gospel Reading** John 1:1-14..... (p. 862)

*After reading*

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of Christ

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

🎵 **148 Gradual Hymn** ..... See *Amid the Winter's Snow* (vs. 4-5)

**Sermon** ..... *The Rev. Clarence Li*

*After the sermon, remain seated for a short quiet meditation.*

### **Affirmation of Faith**

*Celebrant:* Let us affirm our faith together saying

**All: I believe in God, Creator of the universe,  
dwelling forever beyond time and space.  
I believe in Jesus Christ who came to live  
among us and let us see what God is like.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit sent from God  
through Jesus, to be our guide and comforter.  
Therefore I believe in love,  
in hope, compassion, joy and faith,  
and forgiveness beyond eternal life.**

### **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.*

**Leader:** *Glory to God in the highest,* **Response:** **Hear our prayer.**

**The Peace** ..... *All stand as able as we share the peace*

*Celebrant* Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace,

**PEOPLE who breaks down the walls that divide.**

*Celebrant* The peace of God be always with you.

**PEOPLE And also with you**

## ✘ The Holy Communion ✘

### The Offertory

*During the hymn, the bread and wine for the Lord's Supper are presented alongside with the offering of money to symbolize the offering of ourselves and of the whole creation to God in thanksgiving for the many blessings we experienced.*

### Offertory Hymn ..... I Saw Three Ships

I saw three ships come sail - ing in, on Christ - mas day, on Christ - mas day.

I saw three ships come sail - ing in. On Christ - mas day in the morn - ing.

1. I saw three ships come sailing in,  
on Christmas day, on Christmas day.  
I saw three ships come sailing in,  
on Christmas day in the morning.
2. And what was in those ships all three...
3. The Virgin Mary and Christ were there...
4. Then let us all rejoice again...

### Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* God of peace,

**ALL** your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you.

**May all we offer you today**

**renew us as members of your household.**

**We ask this in his name. Amen.**

### Eucharistic Preface

*"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.*

### The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you

**PEOPLE** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**PEOPLE We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**PEOPLE It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, Gracious God,...

...in him we have seen a new and radiant vision.

 **683 Sanctus & Benedictus**

**ALL Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.  
Blessed is the one who cometh in the name of the Lord:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*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 Amen.**

*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**ALL 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* We break the bread of life  
and that life is the light of the world.

**PEOPLE God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and live.**

 **685 Agnus Dei**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:  
grant us thy peace.**

**The Invitation**

**Sharing the Gifts**

*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.*

**Receiving Communion**

*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.*

 **Communion Hymns**

**153** Good Christians All, Rejoice

**126** Away in a Manger

**Prayer After Communion**

*Celebrant* Father and Mother of all,

**PEOPLE the child born for us is the Saviour of the world.  
May he who made us your children  
welcome us into your kingdom,  
where he is alive and reigns with you now and for ever.**

**Closing Blessing**

*Celebrant* May we who have been touched by the Word made flesh  
Be his body for the world,  
his hands to bring blessing,  
His sense to glory,  
in the promise of creation restored;  
And the blessing of God:  
Life Giver, Pain Bearer, Love Maker  
be among you and remain with you always.

**ALL Amen.**

🎵 154 Recessional Hymn ..... Joy to the World

Dismissal

PEOPLE Thanks be to God.

Postlude



**Readings for January 1, Feast of the Naming of Christ**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Numbers 6:22-27 ..... Reader: Gayle MacDonald/Eric Paetkau  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 ..... Reader: Margy Grant / David Moul  
 Psalm 8 Gospel: Luke 2:15-21

<b>Two Weeks At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's</b>			
<b>Sun 25</b>	10:00 am	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> Eucharist	Sanctuary
<b>Mon 19 to Fri 30</b>	<b>Office CLOSED</b>		
<b>January Sun 01</b>	8:30 am 10:00 am	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist	Sanctuary Sanctuary
<b>Tues 03</b>	8:00 am 9:30-11:30 2:15 pm	Morning Prayer Library Hours Communion Service	Sanctuary Gathering Rm Shorncliffe
<b>Wed 04</b>	8:00 am 10:00 am	Wisdom Meditation & Eucharist ACW Meeting	Sanctuary Gathering Rm
<b>Thurs 05</b>	8:00 am	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
<b>Fri 06</b>	9:30-11:30	Library Hours	Gathering Rm
<b>Sun 08</b>	8:30 am 10:00 am	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist & Sunday School	Sanctuary Sanctuary

## Parish Events and Notices

**Office Closed:** The Office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's. Office hours will resume Tuesday January 3.

**Twelve Days of Christmas Concert:** Monday January 2 at 2:00 pm MOTET in partnership with St. Hilda's Eight voices. Twelve days. Come experience the fullness of Christmas with a concert of beautiful choral and organ music. From the sounds of Orlando Gibbons to favourites by Sir David Willcocks to a new carol by Thomas Hewitt Jones, 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.

**Invitation from St. Bart's, Gibsons:** Our siblings in Christ from St. Bart's are inviting us to their upcoming celebration, **The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.** Come celebrate the Visitation of the Magi on Friday, January 6, 2017. Eucharist at 6 pm followed by a potluck. Clarence will be the guest celebrant and the new vicar, The Rev Brian Heinrich, will preach.

**Mark the for 2017 Bishop's Visit.** Bishop Melissa Skelton is visiting St. Hilda's on Sunday, January 15, 2017. We shall have a combined service at 10 am with opportunities to have lunch and visit with the Bishop following the service. We count on you to make our Bishop feel welcome in her parish. Details to follow.

**Music Arising!** Saturday, January 28, 2017, 3:00 pm Pianist Markus Masaites, winner of the 2016 BCRMTA piano competition, from Coquitlam will perform the next recital in our series. This event is co-hosted with the Sunshine Coast Branch, British Columbia Registered Music Teachers' Association. Admission by donation. Hope to see you there!

**Parish Wisdom School Retreat in 2017:** "Opening to the Eye of the Heart" 4-day residential retreat with the Rev. Matthew Wright at the beautiful retreat house Rivendell on top of Cate's Hill in Bowen Island. March 26 - 30. Cost: Shared room \$685, Single \$850 includes accommodation and meals. Contact Parish Office for early registration. Space is limited. Details please refer to the poster in the Narthex or on the parish website.

**Offering Envelopes:** Your 2017 Offering Envelopes are now available to be picked up in the Narthex. Using your envelopes allows the church to keep track of your donation and issue you a tax-deductible receipt at the end year. Alternatively, you could arrange monthly pre-authorized donations (PAD) from your bank or credit-card. Please contact Maggie Scott, Envelope Secretary, if you want new envelopes or want to set up PAD.

**Wolf Carving:** Thanks to all, we received all the necessary funds to pay for the new carving!

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Peace Group:** Ed White from the chair actor's group is organizing a Peace group at the Senior's centre starting in January on the second and fourth Sundays from 2 to 4 pm. His phone number is 604 885 3916.

## Christmas Season at St. Hilda's

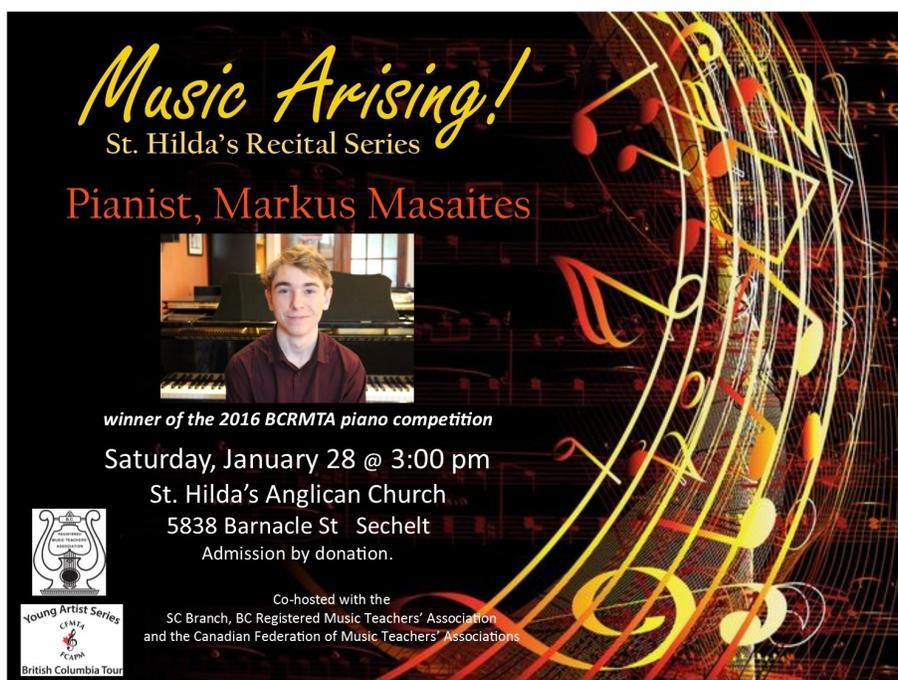
**Sunday January 1**      **Feast of the Naming of Jesus**

8:30 am *Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer*

10:00 am *Family Eucharist*

**Monday January 2**      **Twelve Days of Christmas Concert**

2:00 pm *MOTET Chamber Choir & organ music featuring Anthems & Carols for the Christmas Season. Admission by donation.*



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St. Hilda's Recital Series

Pianist, Markus Masaites



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PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK	
<b>Anglican Communion</b>	Kitale - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Stephen Kewasis
<b>Diocese &amp; Partners</b>	St. Stephen the Martyr, Burnaby - The Rev April Stanley St. Stephen, West Vancouver - The Rev Canon Jonathan Lloyd St. John the Apostle, Port Moody - 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, The Rev Margaret Cole St. John the Divine, Squamish - The Rev Nicholas Parker St. John, Shaughnessy - The Ven John Stephens, The Rev Liz Hamel, The Rev Pitman Potter  Companion Diocese: Bishop Brent Alawas, & the Clergy & People of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines BC Synod of the ELCIC, Bishop Gregory Mohr
<b>Local Agencies</b>	Foster Parents
<b>Local Churches</b>	St Bartholomew's Anglican
<b>UN MDG Project</b>	The Community Greenhouses
<b>Healing</b>	Al (Annie Webb's son): comfort & strength during chemo Rev Ian Nestegaard Paul: healing from illness Robert (Annie Webb's brother): healing from cancer Beps Swanson Barry Woodhouse
<b>Parish Families</b>	Murray Peterson & Karen Berglund, Cassandra Pettman & children Cody & Casey, Muriel Prior