



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

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Opening Hymn *We'll Sing in the Morning* CP 37

1 We'll sing in the morn-ing a song of cre - a - tion, of
 2 We'll sing in the noon-time a song of re - demp-tion: how
 3 We'll sing in the eve-ning a song of your pas - tures, of

your breath that stirs up the wa - ters to birth; and
 Naa - man was cleansed in the flow of your grace; how,
 riv - ers that glad - den the ci - ty of God; and

here at the fount of Christ's mer - cy we join you, co -
 when we were sick, in our sin you re - leased us to
 when we ar - rive on the bank of our Jor - dan, you'll

heirs of heaven and stew - ards of your gra - cious earth.
 laugh in health and dance in love be - fore your face.
 help us through its cold by fords your saints have trod.

Greeting

Presider Alleluia Christ is Risen!

PEOPLE Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

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 shishálh Nation.

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

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.

Glory to God

Presider Glory to God in the highest,
ALL and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**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 on the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**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.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider Merciful God,

ALL you have prepared for those who love you
riches beyond imagination.
**Pour into our hearts such love toward you,
that we, loving you above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

✠ The Proclamation of the Word ✠

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31 Heather Rankin

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said,
‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every
way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at
the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar
with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore
you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God
who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of
heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human
hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed
anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath
and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to
inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their
existence and the boundaries of the places where they would
live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for
him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one
of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”;
as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the
deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the
art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked
the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people
everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which
he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man
whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance
to all by raising him from the dead.’

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

Psalm 66:7-18 *All read together*

- ⁷ **In your might you rule for ever;
your eyes keep watch over the nations;
let no rebel rise up against you.**
- ⁸ **Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of God’s praise to be heard;**
- ⁹ **who holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip.**
- ¹⁰ **For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.**

11 **You brought us into the snare;**
 you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
 12 **You let enemies ride over our heads;**
 we went through fire and water;
 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
 13 **I will enter your house with burnt-offerings**
 and will pay you my vows,
 14 **which I promised with my lips**
 and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
 15 **I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams;**
 I will give you oxen and goats.
 16 **Come and listen, all you who fear God,**
 and I will tell you what the Lord has done for me,
 17 **The One to whom I called out with my mouth**
 and whose praise was on my tongue.
 18 **If I had found evil in my heart,**
 the Lord would not have heard me;

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 Peter 3:13-22 Heather Rankin

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through

the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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Gradual Hymn *God Sends Us the Spirit* CP 651



1. God sends us the Spir - it to be - friend and help us.
2. Dark - ened roads are clear - er, heav - y bur - dens light - er.
3. Now we are God's peo - ple, bond - ed by God's pres - ence.



Re - cre - ate and guide us, Spir - it - Friend.
When we're walk - ing with our Spir - it - Friend.
A - gents of God's pur - pose, Spir - it - Friend.



Spir - it who en - liv - ens, sanc - ti - fies, en - light - ens.
Now we need not fear the pow - ers of the dark - ness.
Lead us for - ward ev - er, slip - ping back - ward nev - er.



Sets us free, is now our Spir - it - Friend.
None can o - ver - come our Spir - it - Friend.
To your re - made world, our Spir - it - Friend.

Sing a, b, and c after each stanza.



a. Spir - it of our Mak - er, Spir - it - Friend.
b. Spir - it of our Sav - iour, Spir - it - Friend.
c. Spir - it of God's peo - ple, Spir - it - Friend.

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The Gospel John 14:15-21

Deacon May God be with you

PEOPLE And also with you

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

PEOPLE Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.

Deacon The Gospel of Christ

PEOPLE Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon..... Fr. Ayoob Adwar

An Affirmation of Faith

Presider Let us affirm our resurrection faith

**ALL We believe in the power of Christ
to overcome all deaths,
deaths in us and death in the world.
We believe in life which rises in freedom
and carries us in joy towards grace
beyond our imagining,
calling our spirits to soar in freedom
with wings of hope
borne high in the wonder of Easter Day.
The gift of life will never be taken from us.
The costly life of God
will be our company for ever and for ever.
Amen.**

The Prayers of the PeopleMaggie Scott

Loving God, once more we gather to hear your word, to receive your message of love to guide us through the coming week. We recognize how fortunate we are to be living in this quiet and peaceful part of the world, and to have found precious friendships in this congregation that help us to live somewhat isolated during the COVID19 pandemic.

God in each one of us: **Hear our prayer**

We give thanks for the dedication and courage of all who work in the health professions, first responders, police, and all who are working to keep us fed and healthy, taking risks with their own lives. May they know that they are honoured and cherished, and may they be kept safe from harm. As the leaders of the world struggle to deal with the double-edged sword of world-wide health and economic crises, we pray that you will guide them to make wise decisions for their own people and also for the world. May we all do our part in helping to bring this disaster to an end.

God in each one of us: **Hear our prayer**

We ask for your blessings on those we know who are sick or in need of prayers, and for those who care for them. We speak their names together:

**Fred Hibbard, Phil Hopkins, Janet McConnell,
Caleb Pettman, Lorelei Reier, Sher & Morrie Sacks,
Donna Walsh Wheeldon, John & Annie Webb**

and any others we may name

For those in our parish who are in Residential Care:

**Kae Gautron, Evelyn Harrison, Marjorie Lanskail,
Maria Mahar, Beps Swanson**

We pray for all who are suffering from the Corona virus, and all who grieve the death of a loved one. Isolation is a bitter thing at such a time, even though necessary. We ask that they may be comforted.

God in each one of us: **Hear our prayer**

Most especially, we remember the poor and marginalized, refugees crammed into makeshift camps, prisoners in overcrowded prisons, homeless people and those living in unsafe housing. There seems so little we can do, but we pray that the value of each one be remembered and respected. All are beloved by you, Holy One. May they somehow know your love. We are asked particularly to pray for Indigenous communities across Canada as they seek the protection they need at this time from a virus that could cause more death and destruction than in other communities.

God in each one of us: **Hear our prayer**

Finally, we pray for all involved in the search for a permanent priest, and that you will send us the priest we need. In the meantime, we give thanks for the love and support of Ayoob, our interim priest, and Bruce, our deacon.

God in each one of us: Hear our prayer. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Presider Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

~ Silence is kept. ~

Most merciful God,

**ALL 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.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presider The peace of the Lord be with you all.

PEOPLE And also with you.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of glory,

**PEOPLE accept all we offer you this day,
and bring us to that eternal city of love and light,
where Christ is King.
We ask this in his name. 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,

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.

Blessing

Closing Hymn*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* CP 425

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.
and we'll find new courage there.

Dismissal



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PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK	
Anglican Communion	The Anglican Church of Korea: The Most Rev Moses Nagjun Yoo - Primate of Korea and Bishop of Daejeon
Diocese & Partners	St. Dunstan, Aldergrove – The Rev David Taylor St. Helen, Vancouver - The Rev Scott Gould St. Helen, Surrey - The Rev Stephen Laskey, The Rev Jonathan Pinkney <hr/> 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	Habitat for Humanity
Parish Ministries	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Justice Umbrella	Primates Commission on Discovery, Reconciliation & Justice SC syiyaya Reconciliation movement
Prayer Requests	Fred Hibbard: comfort and peace Phil Hopkins: strength & peace while healing Janet McConnell Caleb Pettman Lorelei Reier: strength recuperating from chemo Sher & Morrie Sacks: comfort & encouragement Donna Walsh Wheeldon: heart disease investigation John & Annie Webb
Residential Care/ Home Bound	Kae Gautron, Evelyn Harrison, Marjorie Lanskail, Maria Mahar, Beps Swanson, Eva Tweedie

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