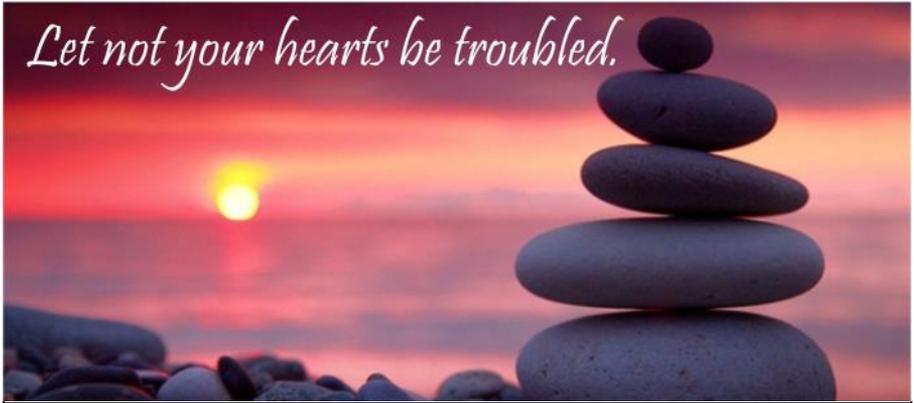


5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 MAY 2020



Let not your hearts be troubled.



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

Presider & Preacher: The Ven Bruce Morris
Musicians: Katherine Hume, Amelia Foster

Reader: Mike Starr
Prayers: Stephanie Moul read by Kevin Rolston

222 Opening Hymn All Shall Be Well

1 All shall be well! For on our Eas - ter skies
2 All shall be well! The sac - ri - fice is made,
3 All shall be well! The cross and pas - sion past,
4 All shall be well! Lift ev - ery voice on high;
5 Je - sus a - live! Re - joice and sing a - gain;

see Christ the sun of right - eous - ness a - rise.
the sin - ner freed, the price of par - don paid.
dark night is done, bright morn - ing come at last.
"Death has no more do - min - ion, but shall die."
all shall be well for ev - er - more, A - men!

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Music: First strain of SONG 46, Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625).

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 Almighty God,

ALL your Son Jesus Christ,
is the way, the truth, and the life.
Give us grace to love one another
and walk in the way of his commandments,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

✠ The Proclamation of the Word ✠

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60 Mike Starr

But filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

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

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *All read together*

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.**
- 2 Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name,
lead me and guide me.**
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.**
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.**
- 15 My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save 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 2:2-10..... Mike Starr

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner’,
and

‘A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.’

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

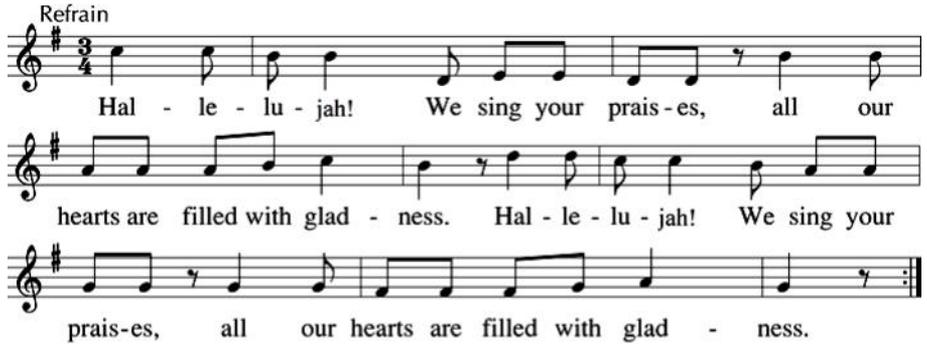
But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

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82 Gradual Hymn Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Refrain



Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais-es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais-es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

Verses



1. Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread, I am wine, I am faith, free of doubt, strong in faith, free of bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.
 2. Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, Tell to all the joy - ful Gos - pel.

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The Gospel John 14:1-14

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.**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Deacon The Gospel of Christ

PEOPLE Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon..... The Ven Bruce Morris

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 People

Today, on our Canadian calendar, is called Mother's Day. We give thanks for the mothering heart that is within every human, that side that nurtures and compassionately cares for the lives of others. So many in the medical profession right now are sharing that mothering heart of care with those who are suffering with the COVID virus. Thank you Holy One for this mothering heart kind of care that you have placed within us. May we all become nurturers of life, bearers of love, and carriers of wisdom.

Together: **Let us be filled with Holy Love**

Our world seems so much smaller since we are shutdown, isolated in homes, and unable to physically share community together. In this global time of anxiety and isolation may we become more grounded in our own identity and be able to see all the beauty of life that surrounds us. We ask for mercy for people who live with oppression from those who lead their country. May there be enough food and shelter to be shared with those who have neither.

Together: **Let us share from our abundance**

May all our life experiences that have created that tapestry that is individually ours become even more unique and rich as we allow the Holy One to continue the quiet unseen work within us in this strange time of isolation. May the threads of our own individual life with its variations of colours, dark and light, and the mystery of our own complex beings, remind us of how fearfully and wonderfully made we are, and how interconnected we are to all of life, in all of time.

Together: Let us breathe deeply this Holy Love

Around the globe there are those struggling to breathe in isolation, and for some, dying in isolation. Such deep grief for their loved ones. We ask for energy and protection for all the medical people, expending their energy and their compassion, often exhausting them. May families who cannot be present with their loved ones, be embraced in the love of the Beloved. May the ever-present deep presence of the Holy be known in the way only the Holy Mystery can be spoken and known by the human soul. We ask that the researchers looking for a vaccine may have the energy and insight to find a way to protect our human family from this virus. Let us as a human family begin to find new ways to care for each other in ways that honour the dignity and worth of every human, every bit of life. Let us care more honestly for our earth and all creation.

Together: **Let us become people of deeper Holy compassion**

Here in our own community many are suffering in isolation, grieving losses of ways of living, struggling to keep going without income and purpose. Those in care homes are vulnerable and we ask for their protection. In our St. Hilda's family there are those on our prayer list, and those each of us hold in prayer. Let us speak together the names of those on our prayer list:

**Maggie Edwards, Fred Hibbard, Phil Hopkins,
Janet McConnell, Lorelei Reier, Sher & Morrie Sacks,
Donna Walsh Wheeldon**

and others we may name

Together: **Let us hold all of them in our hearts**

May all those in leadership have courage, wisdom, and energy to move through this strange time in the history of earth's people. May compassion and understanding be a deeper part of their vision moving forward. May care for the earth and creation become a greater focus than practices that violate the earth and creation. Let us see all of life— our breath, our dreams, our struggles, and our loving connections in family and community— as Holy threads that bind us together. Let us celebrate the beauty and complexity of all of life with deeply grateful hearts.

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 Gracious God,

PEOPLE **you show us your way
and give us your divine life.
May everything we do
be directed by the knowledge of your truth.
We ask this in the name
of Jesus Christ the risen 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,

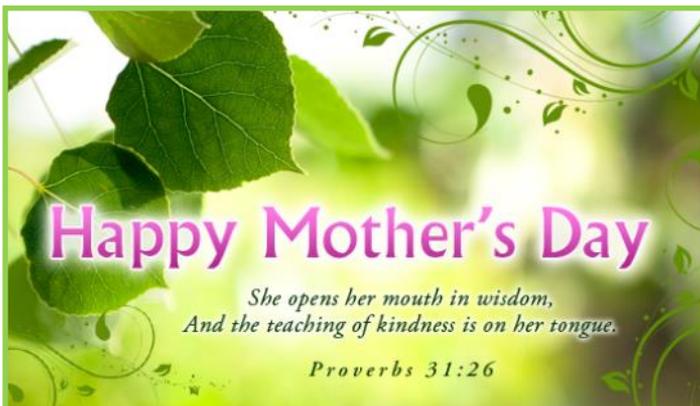
PEOPLE **Whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

532 Closing Hymn.....*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials or temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us?
Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,
and we'll find new courage there.

Dismissal



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PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK	
Anglican Communion	The Anglican Church of Kenya: The Most Rev Jackson Ole Sapit - Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya
Diocese & Partners	St. Matthias & St. Luke, Vancouver - The Rev Marion Wong <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	Grandmothers and GrandOthers
Local Churches	Gibsons Community Fellowship
Justice Umbrella	Ndandini students & faculty of Kyaithani Schools SC syiyaya Reconciliation movement
Prayer Requests	Maggie Edwards Fred Hibbard: comfort and peace Phil Hopkins: strength & peace while healing Janet McConnell Lorelei Reier: strength recuperating from chemo Sher & Morrie Sacks: comfort & encouragement Donna Walsh Wheeldon: heart disease investigation
Parish Families	Doug & Veronica Shillitto; Sandra & Ken Sneddon; Mike & Jennie Starr; Lee & Celia Steels

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