



4th Sunday of Advent 20 DEC 2020



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

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith, you will find a place at our table at St. Hilda's Anglican Church. Come as you are.

There are many ways and there is no one particular way to be a part of this vibrant community. Join us today with an open mind, and be prepared to discover a home for your spirit that is inclusive, incarnational, and joyful.

Presider: The Ven Bruce Morris
 Katherine Hume
Reader: Meg Stevens

Prayers: Bev Niebergall
Altar Flowers: Given by Linda Kern in memory of our beloved ones.

Sunday Services			
Date	Preacher	Service	Where
Dec 20	Ven Bruce Morris	Morning Prayer	Zoom Only
Dec 24	Rev Hergesheimer	8:00 pm Communion	Zoom Only
Dec 25	NO SERVICE		
Dec 27	Rev Hergesheimer	10:00 am Communion	Zoom Only

Readings for December 27, First Sunday after Christmas

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:10--62:3

Reader: Mike Starr

2nd Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Prayers: Stephanie Moul

Psalm 148 Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

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¤ The Gathering of Community ¤

Introduction & Welcome

Opening Hymn.....O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs. 1-4 CP 89

1. **O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**
Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.
2. **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.** *Refrain*
3. **O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law,
in cloud and majesty and awe.** *Refrain*
4. **O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
from every foe deliver them
that trust your mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.** *Refrain*

Greeting

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 shíshálh Nation.

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

Presider In this time and place,
we await the coming of Emmanuel, God with us.

PEOPLE Maranatha, come Christ come.

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.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Presider The first Advent candle represents our call to hope.
The second Advent candle represents our call to peace.
The third candle represents our call to joy.

Today we light the fourth Advent candle,
which represents our call to love
This candle is a symbol of God's love,
revealed in the baby Jesus.
It is a symbol of God's love, which is alive in each of us today.

PEOPLE **O God of Love,**
your love is present everywhere,
and your purpose is revealed in love.
We are called to be your people of love.
Help us to love one another.
Help us to show love to all the world.

Advent Hymn.....Christ Be Our Light



The musical notation consists of eight staves of music in common time (indicated by '3') and G major (indicated by a 'G' with a sharp). The lyrics are integrated into the music, with some words appearing below the staff or connected by a curved line. The lyrics are:

4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less.
Long - ing for warmth, man - y are cold.
Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers,
walls made of liv - ing stone.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

The Collect of the Day

Presider O God of Elizabeth and Mary,

ALL you visited your servants with news
of the world's redemption
in the coming of the Saviour.
Make our hearts leap with joy
and fill our mouths with songs of praise,
so that we may announce glad tidings of peace
and welcome your Christ into our midst. Amen.

¤ The Proclamation of the Word ¤

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16.....Meg Stevens

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, ‘See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.’ Nathan said to the king, ‘Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.’

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’ Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

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

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 *read all together*

- ¹ Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- ² For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- ³ “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- ⁴ ‘I will establish your line for ever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.’”
- ¹⁹ You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people:
“I have set the crown upon a warrior
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

²⁰ I have found David my servant;
 with my holy oil have I anointed him.
²¹ My hand will hold him fast
 and my arm will make him strong.
²² No enemy shall deceive him,
 nor any wicked one bring him down.
²³ I will crush his foes before him
 and strike down those who hate him.
²⁴ My faithfulness and love shall be with him,
 and he shall be victorious through my name.
²⁵ I shall make his dominion extend
 from the Great Sea to the River.
²⁶ He will say to me, 'You are my Father,
 my God, and the rock of my salvation'.

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: Romans 16:25-27Meg Stevens

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith — to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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Gradual Hymn*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* vs. 1-2

1. **The angel Gabriel from heaven came,**
with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:
“All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady.” Gloria!
2. **“For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,**
all generations laud and honor thee;
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favored lady.” Gloria!

The Gospel Luke 1:26-38

Deacon May God be with you

PEOPLE And also with you

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

PEOPLE **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

After the reading

Deacon The Gospel of Christ

PEOPLE **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gradual Hymn *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* vs. 3-4

3. **Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her heard;**

"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.

"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."

Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

4. **Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born**

in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,

and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:

"Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

Sermon The Ven Bruce Morris

Music for Reflection *O Holy Night*

Music by Adolphe Charles Adam; Arranged for piano by Mark Hayes

Affirmation of Faith

Presider We are called to proclaim the truth and let us believe:
It is not true that this world and its people
are doomed to die and to be lost.

PEOPLE This is true:

I have come that they may have life in all its abundance.

Presider It is not true that we must accept
inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty,
death and destruction.

**PEOPLE This is true: The deaf hear, the dead are raised to life,
the poor are hearing the good news.**

Presider It is not true that violence and hatred
should have the last word
and that war and destruction have come to stay forever.

**PEOPLE This is true: Death shall be no more, neither shall there be
mourning nor crying nor pain any more.**

Presider It is not true that we are simply victims
of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world.

**PEOPLE This is true: The Lord whom we seek will suddenly come to
the temple; and the Lord is like a refining fire.**

Presider It is not true that our dreams of liberation, of human dignity,
are not meant for this earth and for this history.

**PEOPLE This is true: It is already time for us to wake from sleep.
For the night is far gone; the day is at hand.**

The Prayers of the People Bev Niebergall

Advent - This season of waiting. We have spent almost a year filled with waiting. And we are tired of waiting. But now we are being lovingly led into a different kind of waiting, a season filled with an entirely different, life-giving kind of waiting: an expectant, audacious, hope-filled waiting, a season of peace, joy, hope and love.

Today is the 4th Sunday of Advent. Today we lit the candle of love.

May Love light the world this Christmas.

This year we have prayed for love and this year we have prayed in love:

- ~ That we will love ALL our neighbours as ourselves;
- ~ That no one will be hungry or homeless;
- ~ That violence against women and children will end;
- ~ That justice will come for missing and murdered indigenous women and girls;
- ~ That peace will come in all places of conflict and strife;
- ~ That all who suffer in body or spirit may have healing;

- ~ That the sad, the lonely and those who mourn may find comfort;
- ~ That we may have the courage to change our consumptive habits and create new policies that promote healing in the climate and future of our environment, protecting and respecting this gift of creation.

Today we pray **with love**.

May Love light the world this Christmas.

As we reflect on the issues of this day in our wider world, especially, we think of Ethiopia, may we honour the many ways in which our sisters and brothers in many places weave healing, hope and love into the world. Together, may our common desires for peace create within us the courage and opportunity to work together toward such peace.

May Love light the world this Christmas.

We are grateful for all those who give of their time and energy here at St. Hilda's, working to create a community of hope, healing and love in this world. We pray for Rev. Steve Black as he and his family prepare for their new life here at St. Hilda's.

We pray for those known and unknown in our community who struggle with illness, grief, worry or fear. We hold them in our hearts and pray that they and their loved ones may feel the support of love that surrounds them and know that they are not alone in this journey of life. May they find healing of the soul, comfort and peace. Let us remember them at this time, then, we will have a moment of silence to name aloud or silently others that are dear to us.

**Edith Glass, Janet McConnell, Daun Newman,
Lorelei Reier, Robert, Sher & Morrie Sacks,
Paula Selmayr & family, Lee Steels, Barbara Weatherington**

We lift up those parishioners who are in Residential Care or are home bound: **Kae Gautron, Marjorie Lanskail, Maria Mahar,**

Beps Swanson, Eva Tweedie

Spinner, weaver of our lives, your loom is love. May we who are gathered here be empowered by that love to weave new patterns of truth and justice into a web of life that is strong, beautiful, and everlasting.

May Love light the world this Christmas.

As this season of sparkle and bright unfolds around us, the welcome beauty of love is found, woven into the simplicity of every moment. May love flow from our hearts with abundance filling each moment with the season's gifts of hope, peace and joy. May it be shared truly and deeply that all who encounter it be charged with its message and become, themselves, the agents of love.

May Love light the world this Christmas.

This time of year, Christmas, through word, music, and song – love’s cry comes, once again. May we open our ears to hear it. May we open our mouths to sing it. And, as we pray, may we open our very lives to live love into the world. In the words of Pope Francis, “You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That is how prayer works.”

May Love light the world this Christmas. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Presider We come seeking forgiveness
for all we have failed to be and do
as members of Christ’s body.

~Silence is kept for reflection~

In God there is forgiveness.

ALL **Loving and all-seeing God,**
forgive us where we have failed to support one another
and to be what we claim to be.
Forgive us where we have failed to serve you;
and where our thoughts and actions
have been contrary to yours,
we ask your pardon.

Presider God forgives you; be at peace.
Rejoice and be glad for Christ is resurrection,
reconciliation for all the human race.

ALL **We shall be one in Christ, one in our life together.**
Praise to God who has created us,
praise to God who has accepted us,
praise to God who sends us into the world!

Presider The peace of the Lord be with you all.

PEOPLE And also with you.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Gracious God,
PEOPLE by the power of the Spirit
who sanctified the mother of your Son,
make holy all we offer you this day.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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,
ALL 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 HymnLo, How a Rose E'er Blooming CP 117

1. **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.**
2. **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.**
3. **O Flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendour the darkness ev'ry-where.
true man, yet very God,
from sin and death now save us, and share our every load.**

Dismissal

Organ Postlude



Send your photos, please!

Let's help our new Rector to get to know us by sending him a photo of ourselves and a line or two about who we are.

Send your photo to Mike Starr at starrmj@me.com, along with a short description of who you are. Here's an example:



Mike and Jennie Starr

We moved to the Sunshine Coast in 2017 and enjoy hiking, traveling, entertaining, and working on our house and garden. Jennie is a retired teacher and Mike worked for Parks Canada. We have two adult children.



Rev. Steve Black with wife Rhonda and daughters Sophie and Alethea

Taken at Steve's ordination to the priesthood on Saturday, December 12, 2020.



St. Hilda's Christmas Eve Service on Zoom

Thursday December 24

8:00 pm

Join early at 7:45 pm to hear

Karen Foster (Violin)

Katherine Hume (Piano)

Zoom Meeting ID: 938 8484 0768



Parish Events and Notices

2021 Offering Envelopes: Most of the 2021 envelopes have now been delivered. Please note that your envelope number may have changed so it is REALLY IMPORTANT that you do not use the old number in 2021 (please recycle your old envelopes). Any donation starting in January 2021 should be marked with your 2021 number. Envelope users have decreased so only 80 envelope sets were ordered rather than 120.

If you give once or twice a year or by Preauthorized Donation or by e-transfer, you won't receive envelopes unless you ask for them. But don't worry, you will get your income tax receipt. –Maggie Scott, Envelope Secretary

Parish Christmas Outreach: There's still time! Just make a donation marked Ndandini via offering envelope or e-transfer. For Ndandini Scholarship gift enclosure cards, contact the office to pick up, or if you need help to collect, call Jill Halilwell 604-885-1994.

Slide Projector: If you have one, Eric Paetkau would like to borrow it 885-5636

PWRDF: Participate in the annual Advent/Christmas initiative from the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. Support PWRDF's World of Gifts. Their website has user friendly links and instructions for finding out about the partners that will benefit and of course the lists of items to choose from. Click [HERE](#)

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Fifth anniversary of Truth and Reconciliation Commission report:

Five years ago this week, the full and final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission was released. Archbishop and Primate Linda Nicholls reminds us of our commitment of "working towards a different renewed relationship with Indigenous peoples including the emerging Indigenous Church," and asks that we renew this commitment now.

[Read more...](#)

Global interfaith group calls for faith leaders to support conversion therapy ban:

The Global Interfaith Commission on LGBT+ Lives is calling for an end to violence and criminalization against LGBT+ people and for a global ban on conversion therapy, by way of a Declaration of the Sanctity of Life and the Dignity of All. As of sending, more than 370+ religious leaders from over 35 countries have signed the declaration, including Archbishops Linda Nicholls, Anne Germond and Melissa Skelton, as well as a number of bishops and Anglicans across Canada.

[Read more...](#)

WIDER CHURCH NEWS

Lessons & Carols: From Coast to Coast to Coast: Broadcast **Friday December 18** at 5:00 pm PT and then will be on YouTube. Anticipating this reality of closed worship spaces due to the pandemic, General Synod has worked with Anglican cathedrals across Canada to offer a special, national service of Lessons and Carols this Advent season, which will help us all prepare for the coming of the Kingdom of God. [Click here](#) to watch

Nine Lessons & Carols at Christ Cathedral: Sunday December 20 at 3:00 pm featuring the Christ Cathedral Choir. It is Livestream (pre-recorded) Click [HERE](#) and then go to their Livestream links.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL SUGGESTIONS:

- The Piano Guys, Peter Hollens, David Archuleta, and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir get together to sing "Angels We Have Heard On High." Click [HERE](#)

St. Hilda's Income & Expenses

OPERATING FUND	As of NOV 2020	Budget NOV 2020	NOV 2019
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 145,135	\$ 211,351	\$ 181,917
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 147,823	\$ 212,089	\$ 213,313
EXCESS INCOME\EXP	-\$ 2,688	-\$ 738	-\$ 31,396

Year-end Christmas Offerings: We anticipate a reasonable financial year-end picture. If it is your custom, your extra Christmas offerings are most welcome to ensure a good finish. Keep up the good work!

Offering Options

- 1) **PAD (pre-authorized giving):** Download PAD form, from website <http://www.sthilda.ca/pages/giving> or have Karen email you the form. Fill in and mail directly to the Diocesan office.
- 2) **By cheque:** place cheque in your numbered donation envelope, and either mail it to St Hilda's at Box 302, Sechelt, BC, V0N 3A0, **OR**, drop it through the mail slot outside the church office door. **NO CASH!**
- 3) **Online through Canada Helps:** go to Giving (<http://www.sthilda.ca/pages/giving>) and click on the "Donate Online" button. Follow the steps.
- 4) **E-Transfer:** Go online and sign into your banking site. Select E-Transfer and the email to send to is: sthildadonations@gmail.com. You will set up your security question as "God loves a cheerful?" and the answer: "Giver" Please use 'message' area to include your envelope no. (if you have one) and how you wish your donation allocated, otherwise it will be directed to General Operating Fund.
- 5) **If none of the above** (or you need a cash option) contact Envelope Secretary (Maggie Scott) 604-885-3312, to arrange for your envelope to be picked up once a month.

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PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Anglican Communion	Pray for mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion, including the Mothers' Union around the world.
Diocese & Partners	St. John the Apostle, Port Moody - The Rev Vivian Lam, The Rev Anne Anchor, The Rev Lilian Elliot St. John the Divine, Maple Ridge - The Rev Laurel Dahill St. John the Divine, Squamish - The Rev Cameron Gutjahr St. John, Shaughnessy - The Rev John Stephens (Bishop Coadjutor-Elect), The Rev Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz, 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	Girl Guides and Scouts Canada
Parish Ministries	Library and Librarians
Justice Umbrella	Primates Commission on Discovery, Reconciliation & Justice SC syiyaya Reconciliation Movement
Prayer Requests	Rev Steve Black & family: in time of transition Edith Glass Janet McConnell Daun Newman: preparing to be bone marrow donor Lorelei Reier: strength while undergoing chemo Robert: brother of Anne Webb Sher & Morrie Sacks: comfort & peace Paula Selmayr & family: comfort & peace in their grief Lee Steels: recovery from open heart surgery Barbara Weatherington: peace & comfort in vascular dementia
Residential Care/ Home Bound	Kae Gautron, Marjorie Lanskail, Maria Mahar, Beps Swanson, Eva Tweedie