

EARTH SUNDAY



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

18 APR
2021



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.

President & Preacher: The Rev Dr Stephen Black

Deacon: The Ven Bruce Morris

Musician: Katherine Hume

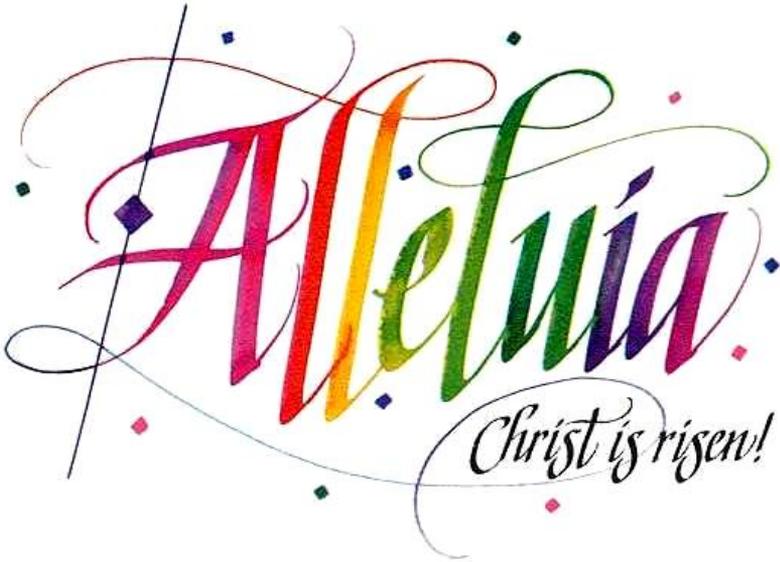
Reader: Heather Rankin

Prayers: Stephanie Moul

Zoom hosts: Mike Starr, Janet McIntosh

WHO WE ARE

St. Hilda, situated on the unceded territory of the *shishálh* 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.



Readings for April 25, Fourth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Reader: Janet McIntosh

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Prayers: Diane Marshall

Psalm 23 **Gospel:** John 10:11-18

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✠ The Gathering of Community ✠

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn.....Loving Spirit CP 657

1. **Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be --
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.**
2. **Like a mother, you enfold me, hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body, form me of your flesh and bone.**
3. **Like a father, you protect me, teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder, let me see the world from high.**
4. **Friend and lover, in your closeness I am known and held & blest;
in your promise is my comfort, in your presence I may rest.**
5. **Loving Spirit, loving spirit, you have chosen me to be --
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set you sign on me.**

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 season of Easter, we acknowledge that we gather
on the ancestral land of the shísháhlh Nation
and raise our hands to elders past and present
as we seek reconciliation
amongst all people who call Canada home.

**PEOPLE May we be ministers
of the reconciling love of the Risen Christ.
May our hearts be filled with joy. Alleluia!**

Presider Almighty God,

**ALL to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse 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.**

Trisagion *(sung twice)*

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and migh - ty,
ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

Presider O God,

ALL you created the heavens and the earth
and saw that it was good.

**Give us the eyes to see your goodness in all that gives life,
and give us the will to put to death
our indifference to your creation,
that rising with you to new life
we may participate in the healing and restoration
of the earth. Amen.**

✠ The Proclamation of the Word ✠

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19..... Heather Rankin

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

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

Psalm 4 *read all together*

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?”
3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful
and will hear me when I call.
4 Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
5 Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the Lord.
6 Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!”
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
7 You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

**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 John 3:1-7 Heather Rankin

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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Gradual Hymn *All Shall Be Well* CP 222

1. **All shall be well! For on our Easter skies
see Christ the sun of righteousness arise.**
2. **All shall be well! The sacrifice is made,
the sinner freed, the price of pardon paid.**
3. **All shall be well! The cross and passion past,
dark night is done, bright morning come at last.**
4. **All shall be well! Lift every voice on high;
“Death has no more dominion, but shall die.”**
5. **Jesus alive! Rejoice and sing again;
all shall be well for evermore, Amen!**

The Gospel Luke 24:36b-48

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.

After the reading

Deacon The Gospel of Christ

PEOPLE Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon The Rev Dr Stephen Black

Time of Silence

Music for Reflection *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*
by Peter Schottes ©1966 FEL Publications

The Prayers of the People Stephanie Moul

Call: As Easter people

RESPONSE: We rise up.

Names on prayer list:

**Joanne, Janet McConnell, Matt
Robert, Sher & Morrie Sacks, Annie Webb**

**Rik Diespecker, Kae Gautron, Marjorie Lanskail,
Maria Mahar, Beps Swanson, Eva Tweedie**

Confession and Absolution

Presider God created the heavens and the earth and saw that it was good.
God blessed us with the fish of the sea and the birds of the air,
and gave us everything that has the breath of life.

God created us in his own image and placed us in the garden
among the entire community of life,
and God rested on the seventh day.
But we have defied God and desecrated God's good creation,
we have polluted the earth, air, and sea,
and failed to control the damage you have done.
We have used the gifts of the earth and failed to replenish them.

**PEOPLE Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

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.**

Sharing of the Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be with you all.

PEOPLE And also with you.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Creator of all,

**PEOPLE you wash away our sins in water,
you give us new birth by the Spirit,
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.**

As we celebrate the resurrection,
renew your gift of life within us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
Amen.

Prayer for Roberta Foxall

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 Thanksgivings & Celebrations

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 Hymn*Yours be the Glory* CP 210

1. **Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory over death you won.
Angels robed in splendour rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where the body lay.**

Refrain: **Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory over death you won.**

2. **See! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord is living; death hath lost its sting! [Refrain] .**

3. **No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life;
 what is life without you? Aid us in our strife;
 make us more than conquerors through your deathless love;
 bring us safe through Jordan to your home above. [Refrain]**

Dismissal

Postlude *The Blue Green Hills of Earth*

1. **For the earth forever turning, for the land, for skies and sea,
 to our Lord we sing returning home to our blue green hills of earth.**
2. **For the mountains, hills and pastures in their silent majesty
 for the stars, for all the heavens sing we our joyful praise to Thee.**
3. **For the sun, for rain and thunder, for the seasons' harmony,
 for our lives, for all creation sing we our joyful praise to Thee.**
4. **For the world we raise our voices, for the home that gives us birth;
 in our joy we sing, returning home to our blue green hills of earth.**



Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's			
Sun	18	10:00am	Morning Prayer Service Online
Fri	23	9:30 am	Wisdom Circle Meditation contact Paula pspr2eastlink.ca
		10:00 am	Women's Coffee Online
Sun	25	10:00 am	Morning Prayer Service Online

Parish Events and Notices

Rest in Peace Roberta Foxall: Roberta died peacefully Saturday April 10



Roberta Irene Foxall first came to St Hilda's in 1960 together with her husband Garry. They raised their 3 children in Sechelt and the family were a major part of St Hilda's Sunday School together with their best friends, the Paetkau kids. Roberta's involvement with St Hilda's was extensive, she was very involved with ACW and active on many different committees over the years. In 2014 she was recognised with the ODNW. At that time she was remembered for her "quiet and steadfast faith and courage through years of medical challenge and experimental treatment." That faith and courage enabled her to live well past the length of time that was predicted. Roberta's warm welcome to newcomers is remembered by many current Parishioners and in earlier years included invitations to tea (she had a collection of teapots that was very dear to her and some now reside in Parishioner's homes!) and pie (especially Blackberry pie!) not to forget her famous bread! Roberta was an extremely talented sewer and quilter, as is seen by the St Hilda's hanging in the Sanctuary, as well as the purificators that we currently use for Communion. Also over the years there have been many wonderful examples of her quilting sold at various fundraisers. In addition she was one of the early members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry. It helped that she owned and ran Sew Easy in the Mall for many years and started many people on that path. Roberta will be deeply missed but her memory will live on.

Accommodation Needed: Rev Steve is looking to rent a 3-bedroom home for family, 2 cats and a dog. Contact Steve at rector@sthilda.ca

Website Update: Many thanks to Karon Kosof who will be our new webmaster.

Exciting news from Powell River! Taras Pakholchuk and his wife Halyna have a baby boy! Adam was born December 11, 2020 and was baptised on Easter Sunday. Taras was a past parishioner who began his discernment for the Vocational Diaconate with St. Hilda's before moving to Powell River to be a Deacon there. We wish the new family God's blessings.



Sorrento Centre is offering programs in-person at their location on Shuswap Lake and online. More information is available on their website: <https://www.sorrentocentre.ca> and video link: <https://vimeo.com/498568759>. Five Weeks of Summer offers choices in-person for classes, family activities and rest and relaxation. Ask Katherine for details.

Postal Code Changes: Please remember to let the church office know your new postal code so we can keep our Church Directory up to date!

St. Hilda Volunteer Opportunities

- Sunday Zoom tech support. Training available. To find out what is involved with this, talk with Janet McIntosh or Amelia Foster about church zoom assistance and Mike Starr about co-hosting Zoom.

- PWRDF Parish Rep: PWRDF provides periodic information for the rep to communicate with the parish about their important justice aid work globally.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these, please contact the office.

JUSTICE UMBRELLA

Earth Week breaking news: what better time to announce that our new Eco-Justice rep will be Bruce Pond. He brings great experience to this vital ministry, and we look forward to his leadership. At the same time we offer our deep gratitude to David Moul for his incredible legacy as Environmental Steward. We are indeed blessed!

Indigenous Reconciliation, Bill C-15: : In 2007 144 countries signed the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), while Canada signed it in 2016. Although adopted, UNDRIP remains non-binding, and to uphold rights in Canada, First Nations must continually go to court. Bill C-15 is intended to change this unfair situation, and pave the way to implement UNDRIP into Canada's federal laws. The similar Bill C-262 from the previous parliament was delayed in the Senate, and unfortunately 'died' when election was called. This new chance with Bill C-15, introduced by the current government, is now at risk with possibility of an early election. The success of this vital piece of legislation would greatly move forward reconciliation in Canada. Please consider writing to our MP Patrick.Weiler@parl.gc.ca encouraging his party's efforts to expedite Bill C-15. See attached Bill C-15 Summary for more info.

Braiding Sweetgrass: Join BC-Yukon KAIROS Spring Book Club which will be doing an interactive zoom exploration of *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. For more info and/or to register email Susan at graceful@shaw.ca

KAIROS Online Events for Earth Week April 18, 20, 22: The theme of Earth Day this year is Restore Our Earth. The COVID-19 pandemic and climate change have painfully reminded us about the impacts of human behaviour that break down natural systems and threaten the lives of so many species, including humans. Restore Our Earth reminds us of the opportunity we have to restore relationship, to reconnect with Creation, and learn to live in right relationship with people and the earth. [Click HERE](#) to access information and registration for all three events.

ST. HILDA’S FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Year to Date March 21	Year to Date Budget
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 43,691	\$ 40,570
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 52,756	\$ 50,296
Excess Income/Expenses	- \$ 9,065	- \$ 9,726

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PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK	
Anglican Communion	The Church of Ireland
Diocese & Partners	St. Anselm, Vancouver - The Rev Alexander Wilson St. Oswald, Port Kells - The Rev Gordon Shields St. Helen, Surrey - The Rev Stephen Laskey 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	SC Animal Shelters: SPCA, Gibsons Wildlife Rehab
Parish Ministries	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Justice Umbrella	Bill C-15, regarding the implementation of UNDRIP (UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples) Earth Week April 18-24: Restore Our Earth
Prayer Requests	Joanne: undergoing chemo Matt, Janet McConnell Robert: brother of Annie Webb Sher & Morrie Sacks: comfort & peace Annie Webb: upcoming tests
Rest in Peace	Roberta Foxall
Residential/ Home Bound	Rik Diespecker, Kae Gautron, Marjorie Lanskail, Maria Mahar, Beps Swanson, Eva Tweedie

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