

St. Hilda's Anglican Church, Fairbank

***Ash Wednesday
February 17, 2021
7:30 PM***

Priest-in-Charge: Fr. Kenute Francis
Organist: William "Bill" Khan

On Duty Today:
Crucifer- *Winston Coombes*

Readers - *Noel Lewis*
Jerry Watts

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of St. Hilda's Church is to be Christ-centered in our life and worship, to serve lovingly those within our family and others within our reach that the spirit of God might empower us for worship, and pastoral care.

The Order of Service

Organ Prelude: Sweet Hour of Prayer

Processional: Forty Days and Forty Nights

Forty days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted, and yet undefiled.

Shall not we Thy trial share
And from earthly joys abstain,
Fasting with unceasing prayer,
Strong with Thee to suffer pain?

And if Satan, vexing sore,
Flesh or spirit should assail,
Thou, his vanquisher before,
Grant we may not faint nor fall.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
Ever constant by Thy side;
That with Thee we may appear
At the eternal Eastertide.

Welcome

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Silence

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: **Joel 2:1-2, 12-17** *(Noel Lewis)*

A Reading from the Book of Joel

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near - a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 103:8-18 (Noel Lewis)

8. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9. He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger for ever.**
10. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.**
12. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13. As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him.**
14. For he himself knows whereof we are made; he remembers that we are but dust.
- 15. Our days are like the grass; we flourish like a flower of the field;**
16. When the wind goes over it, it is gone, and its place shall know it no more.
- 17. But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who fear him, and his righteousness on children's children;**
18. On those who keep his covenant and remember his commandments and do them.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20B-6:10 (Jerry Watts)

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see - we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Musical: Blest are the pure in heart,

Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.

The Lord be with you
And also with you

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

The Homily: *Fr Kenute*

Hymn: Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Dear friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery. We begin this holy season by remembering our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, an ancient sign, speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marking the penitence of the community as a whole.

I invite you therefore, in the name of the Lord, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and by reading and meditating on the word of God. Let us kneel before our Creator and Redeemer.

Silence for reflection.

Psalm 51:1-18

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offences.
Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgement.
Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquities
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
I shall teach your ways to the wicked,
and sinners shall return to you.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Deliver me from death, O God,
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation. Open my lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Litany of Penitence (*said together*)

**Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you, to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word,
and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

Leader – Jerry Watts

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind,
and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.
Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us.
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.
Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness:
the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways,
and our exploitation of other people,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of
those more fortunate than ourselves,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our
failure to commend the faith that is in us,
We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done:
for our blindness to human need and suffering,
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our
neighbours, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those
who differ from us,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation,
and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

Priest:

Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us.
May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence,
and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

For Imposition of Ashes: Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Could my tears forever flow,
Could my zeal no languor know,
These for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.
In my hand no price I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown
And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,
Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord
Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy
Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

Offertory Instrumental: Just as I Am

Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am – Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve.
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful God, turn us from sin to faithfulness. Accept our offering, and prepare us to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you now and for ever. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth,
because you bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts
and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast;
that reborn through the waters of baptism
and renewed in the eucharistic mystery,
we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love.
Therefore, we raise our voices to you in praise to proclaim the glory of your
name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before
you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and
daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

We break this bread,

Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God

The Communion

Prayer after Communion

**God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ
you reconciled your people to yourself.**

**Following his example of prayer and fasting,
may we obey you with willing hearts
and serve one another in holy love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

The Doxology

Glory to God,

**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.**

The Blessing

We are marked by a cross, and we are cherished and forgiven.

We are called to be holy, and we are called to be happy

As we travel across deserts, and over mountains, we are traveling home.

So may we recognize that God is in our hearts, and God is in our lives.

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

be with you now and always.

Amen.

Announcements

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Recessional Instrumental: Stand up, Stand up for Jesus

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army shall He lead,
Till every foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict, in this His glorious day.
Ye that are men, now serve Him, against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armour, each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle, the next, the victor's song.
To him who overcometh a crown of life shall be;
He, with the King of Glory, shall reign eternally.

NOTICES

New Regulations for Places of Worship

While all in-person services are currently suspended please join us for worship online every Sunday at 10:30 am on You Tube or on the website:

www.sthildasan Anglican church.com

- **Bite & Sip, Noon day devotion:** Every Tuesday & Thursday (Facebook live – St. Hilda's Fairbank Anglican Church)
- **Kids for Jesus (K4J)** – Every Sunday at 12 noon (*Facebook - St Hildas Fairbank Anglican Church; website- www.sthildasan Anglican church.com & on YouTube*)
- **Bible Study – 2nd and 4th Monday on Zoom.** Next Bible study is February 22 and we are studying the gospel of Luke. Next study will be Luke 15. If you are presently

part of that group you are encouraged to join. Speak with Fr. Kenute, William Greenidge or Richard Goddard.

- **2021 Church Calendars:** Ask Oscar Lewis and Sonia Wickham. Price - \$5.00.
- **Offerings:** can be mailed in to the church, or parishioners can use the drop box at the church on Saturdays and Sundays 10am-12noon.
- **2021 Envelopes are READY:** If you have not yet received yours please contact Richard Morris or any of the wardens to make arrangement for pick up.
- **Annual Vestry Meeting is on Sunday, February 21st, 2021. You may call the church to arrange to pick up your vestry package. It will be emailed if we have email for you.**
- **Topic: STH Vestry - Feb 21, 2021 01:00 PM**
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89334862829?pwd=NEczV0xJMnZxbVNEUEROSWtIS1Y0dz09>
Meeting ID: 893 3486 2829
Passcode: 694256

Tel: 647 374 4685 & 647 558 0588
- **On February 21st – We will celebrate and highlight black history here at St. Hilda’s.**

Weekly Wednesday service on Zoom at 7:30pm throughout Lent.

Theme: **“Called to a Jesus Shaped Life”**

Wed, Feb 24 – Spirituality and the Pandemic (Self Care)

Wed. Mar. 3 - Discipleship and the Neighbourhood

Wed. Mar. 10 - Dealing with isolation and Death

**Wed. Mar. 17 - Systemic Racism – being a light in face of history
& present realities.**

Wed. Mar. 24 - Jesus shaped life – Cross/resurrection

We will communicate invite with you on Sunday and also will be posted on the Website and the facebook page

Readings for Next Sunday, February 21 – The first Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-9 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15

The Black Anglicans of Canada



*The 26th Annual Celebration Service of The Black Heritage
of our Church*

God's People: Grounded in Faith, Filled with Hope, Called to Action!

The Word, Music & Dance

JOIN US FOR DIALOGUE WITH:

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil (Bishop of Toronto), Brittany Hudson and Aleshia Johnson
– Moderator: Br. Reginald Crenshaw, OHC

Sunday, February 28th, 2021

Service Time

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM (prelude start at 4:15 pm)

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