

St. Hilda's Anglican Church, Fairbank

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 31, 2021

10:30 AM

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

On Duty Today:

Crucifer – Winston Coombes

Readers - Stella Layne
Ronald Robinson

Tech Team- Matthew Harris
William Greenidge

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: ***Give thanks with a Grateful Heart***

Text & Music: Henry Smith; **Tune:** Give Thanks

Processional: ***Praise to the Lord the Almighty***

Text: Joachim Neander; **Music:** Stralsund Gesangbuch; **Tune:** Lobe Den Herren

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him.

Opening Prayer:

God of flaming truth and burning compassion,
give to your people the courage to turn to you with awe.
As we turn to you, turn to us we pray,
and in the light of your Presence
let us find our true love and worship.
Through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen!

Welcome: *Fr. Kenute*

Introit:

10,000 Reasons

Text & Music: Matt Redman; **Tune:** Bless the Lord

[Refrain]

**Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name**

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *[refrain]*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *[refrain]*

A Litany

As a community of faith – we gather [together].
To listen, to worship, to pray and to be with God.

God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.
God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.

God embraces the wounded and broken.
God knocks down the walls of division and strife.

God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.
God is the light of our lives.

God is the one who makes all things new.
Praise be to God, now and forevermore!

The Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God,

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.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his 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 at 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

Living God, in Christ you make all things new.

Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; 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

The First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 *(Stella Layne)*

Moses tells the people that God will raise up for them a new prophet.

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak - that prophet shall die."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 111 *(Stella Layne)*

The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

1. Hallelujah!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
2. **Great are the deeds of the Lord!**
they are studied by all who delight in them.
3. His work is full of majesty and splendour,
and his righteousness endures for ever.
4. **He makes his marvellous works to be remembered;**
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5. He gives food to those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6. He has shown his people the power of his works in giving them the lands of the nations.**
7. The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; all his commandments are sure.
- 8. They stand fast for ever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.**
9. He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; holy and awesome is his name.
- 10. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures forever.**

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: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 *(Ronald Robinson)*
Concerning food offered to idols.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth - as in fact there are many gods and many lords - yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Musical: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Text & Music: John Newton; **Tune:** St. Peter

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary, rest.

Jesus! my Shepherd, Husband, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King;
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.

The Third Reading Mark 1:21-28 Winston Coombes

Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit in Capernaum and his fame spreads throughout Galilee.

A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Prayer for Illumination

Un-stop our ears, O God,
that we may hear your Word proclaimed this day.
Open our minds and hearts to be changed.
Free us from the unclean spirits of worry, fear, destruction, and pride.
Teach us, Lord, that we may follow you more faithfully.
Amen.

The Sermon: *Fr Kenute*

The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Intercession: *(Ronald Robinson)*

~ feasting on the Word, Year B, Vol, 1.

Let us pray.

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,
Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.
For the healing of Earth and all its creatures;
hear us, O God,
for your mercy is great.

For the church's willingness to cast out demons in its midst,
for congregations that are in turmoil,
for the healing of divisions between the followers of Christ Jesus;
hear us, O God,
for your mercy is great.

For leaders of nations,
for Justin, our Prime Minister, Doug, our Premier,
John, our Mayor and all the members of the
Federal and Provincial Parliaments,
for those who have great wealth,
for those who have too much power,
for those who have destructive weapons,
and for those who have none;
hear us, O God,
for your mercy is great.

For those who are victims of others' idolatry,
for children who have no one to listen to their cries for food and shelter,
for parents who cannot answer the needs of their children,
for peacemakers and diplomats,
for those who give through charities,
and for those who use the law
to make policies for the greater good;
hear us, O God,
for your mercy is great.

For all who are in pain and in need of care,
especially those we name now aloud or silently:
Joyce Myers, Petrona Levy, Elmira Williams, Gilda Davis, Ruth Andrews, Don
Krasnovich, Lucille Calder, Doraline Alexander, Helen and Mark Hancock, Gloria
and Ancille Parsons, Pablo Velasquez, Barbara Gordon, Hyacinth Brooks, Mary
Engels, Hermon Lobban, Wilton Holas, Len Green, Marcia Sealy, Geane and
Sophia Goodman, Jeffrey Legair.
hear us, O God,
for your mercy is great.

For the wisdom to fear you rightly,
the power to withstand changes in our own lives that bring us closer to you,
for the ability to give thanks for the people who have brought us to this time—
our ancestors, teachers, pastors, and the martyrs of every age;
In our parish we pray for the families of Joyce Franklin, Agnes Fredericks,
Elfreda Garriques, John Goddard, Richard Goddard, and Barbara Gordon.
For our members celebrating birthdays this week: Margaret Goodridge, Dulcie
Dunkley, Lisa White and Vincent Samuels.
hear us, O God,
for your mercy is great.

Into your hands we commend all those for whom we pray
and those it would be easy to forget.
We ask your blessing on all your people,
that we may come at last to the truth
around your banquet table that has no end;
through Christ Jesus, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

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

Most merciful God,
**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.**

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.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Instrumental: Bind Us Together Lord

Text & Music: Bob Gillman; **Tune:** Bind Us Together

[refrain]

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together

With cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,

Bind us together with love.

There is only one God,

There is only one King;

There is only one Body,

That is why we sing: **[refrain]**

Made for the glory of God,

Purchased by His precious Son;

Born with the right to be clean,

For Jesus the victory has won. **[refrain]**

You are the family of God,

You are the promise divine;

You are God's chosen desire,

You are the glorious new wine. **[refrain]**

The Prayer over the Gifts

**God of steadfast love, may our offering this day,
by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Tune: Malote

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

**Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
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.**

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

~ Bruce Prewer

Go out from this place to a world fully known by God.
Where there is fear, remember the authority of Christ Jesus.
Where there is need of love, give it.
Where there is pain, bring peace.
For you are loved by the One who redeems,
and freed to live by the Word of life.

Go in peace with the knowledge that God's power
is given to the church, the body of Christ,
for the sake of the life of the world
Amen.

Announcements

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Recessional Instrumental: To God be the Glory

Text: Fanny Crosby; **Music:** William Doane; **Tune:** To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life our redemption to win,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

[refrain]

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory; great things He hath done.**

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **[refrain]**

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see. **[refrain]**

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.sthildasanglicanchurch.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.sthildasanglicanchurch.com & on YouTube*)
- **Bible Study – 2nd and 4th Monday on Zoom.** Next Bible study is February 8 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.
- **Vestry Reports:** All parish organizations are requested to prepare their vestry reports and email no later than February 7th to isla@sthildastowers.com. Please forward in Word format.
- **Advisory Board Meeting: February 7th, 2021, 1pm.**
- **Annual Vestry Meeting will be February 21st, 2021.**
- **Advisory Board 2021**

If you are interested in serving on the Advisory Board, please speak with a member of the Nominating Committee: Winston Coombes, Jerry Watts, Donna Scantlebury and Annette Weekes-Holder.

- **Stewardship**

*We are grateful for the support the church receives from all of you through your weekly giving of your time, talent and treasure. We celebrate your faithfulness. The church has set up **Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)** as a way for parishioners to continue to give. An amount that is decided by you will be taken from your Bank account monthly and will be remitted to the church. It works the same as your envelopes. Please contact Richard Morris for forms.*

Readings for Next Sunday, February 7 – The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-12, 21C 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39