

# ***St. Hilda's Anglican Church, Fairbank***

***The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany***

***February 7, 2021***

***10:30 AM***

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

***On Duty Today:***

***Crucifer -*** Noel Lewis

***Readers -*** Matthew Harris  
Margaret Goodridge

***Tech Team -*** Matthew Harris  
Brenda Ferary  
Samuel Francis

**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:**    *The Lord is my Shepherd*

**Processional:**    **O Praise Ye the Lord**

*Text: Henry Baker; Music: Charles Perry; Tune: Laudate Dominum*

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height  
Rejoice in his word, ye angels of light  
Ye heavens adore him by whom ye were made  
And worship before him, in brightness arrayed

O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound  
Each jubilant chord, re-echo around  
Loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone  
And sweet harp, the story of what he hath done

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song  
To him be outpoured all ages along  
For love in creation, for heaven restored  
For grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

## **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.**

## **A Litany**

*~ written by Ana Gobledale, and posted on Worship Words. <http://worshipwords.co.uk/>*

Let us celebrate God's grace!

**How comforting it is to know God always accompanies us.**

Let us approach God in awe!

**How amazing it is to consider that God has created each of us.**

Let us praise the living God!

**How good it is to sing praises together.**

**Opening Prayer:**

*~ written by Mary J. Scifres, and posted on the Ministry Matters website.*

**O God,**

**Gather us in, the broken-hearted and the joyful.**

**Gather us in, the weak and the strong.**

**Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.**

**Gather us in, the young and the old.**

**Gather us in, to sing of God's works.**

**Gather us in, to praise Jesus Christ.**

**Gather us in, to worship and wonder.**

**Gather us in, to know of God's love.**

**Amen.**

**Welcome:**

**Introit:**

**He's Got the Whole World**

*Text & Music: Eugene Thomas; Tune: Whole World*

He's got the whole world

In His hands He's got the whole wide world

In His hands He's got the whole world

In His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got you and me brother

In His hands He's got you and me sister

In His hands He's got you and me brother

In His hands He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got everybody here  
In His hands He's got everybody here  
In His hands He's got everybody here  
In His hands He's got the whole world in His hands

### **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**

Let us pray,  
Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind;  
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:**     **Isaiah 40:21-31**     *(Matthew Harris)*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Responsive Reading:**     **Psalm 147:1-12, 21C**     *(Matthew Harris)*

1. Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!  
    how pleasant it is to honour him with praise!
- 2. The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel.**
3. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

- 4. He counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.**
5. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6. The Lord lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.**
7. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8. He covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth;**
9. He makes grass to grow upon the mountains and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10. He provides food for flocks and herds and for the young ravens when they cry.**
11. He is not impressed by the might of a horse, he has no pleasure in the strength of a man.
- 12. But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him,  
in those who await his gracious favour.**

21c Hallelujah!

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 9:16-23 (Margaret Goodridge)

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews.

To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free

from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Musical:**

**Amazing Grace**

*Text: Edward Perronet;*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

**My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love, amazing grace**

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## **The Third Reading**

**Mark 1:29-39** *(Noel Lewis)*

A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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 to obey you today and forever.  
Amen.**

**The Sermon:**

*Fr Kenute*



**Hymn:**

**Precious Lord Take my Hand**

*Text: Thomas Dorsey; Music: George Allen; Tune: Precious Lord*

Precious Lord, take my hand  
Lead me on, let me stand  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn  
Through the storm, through the night  
Lead me on to the light  
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When my way grows drear  
Precious Lord linger near  
When my life is almost gone  
Hear my cry, hear my call  
Hold my hand lest I fall  
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

**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:**           *(Margaret Goodridge)*

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

God of the universe,  
you sit above the circle of the earth,  
you hold this world in the palm of your hands  
and so we pray for the oceans and mountains,  
inland water and the air we breathe.

Save and protect them,

Lord, have mercy,

**Christ, have mercy,**

Since the beginning of our faith,  
we have looked to you to gather the outcasts,  
heal the broken-hearted and bind up their wounds.  
So we pray for the poor of the world, the sick and the lonely,  
especially 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 Goodman, Sophia Goodman and Jeffrey Legair.

Lord, have mercy,

**Christ, have mercy,**

God, you build up Jerusalem, and so we pray for our country,  
for all the countries of the world, for St. Vincent and the Grenadines currently  
under the threat of an eruption of La Soufrière volcano. We pray for all of our  
leaders, especially Justin our Prime Minister, Doug our Premier, John our  
Mayor, and all who serve in Federal, Provincial and Municipal government.

Lord, have mercy,

**Christ, have mercy,**

May we all come to see that your delight  
is not in the strength of the military  
but in those who hope in your steadfast love.  
How good it is to sing praises to you, O God.

Give us songs even in the hardships of life. We remember all who are having it  
tough. Those who cannot be with their children for online schooling, those  
who have to work on the frontline in this pandemic, those who have elder  
and vulnerable folks living with them, and those who find it hard to make ends  
meet no matter how hard they try.

Lord, have mercy,

**Christ, have mercy,**

We pray for your church, here and around the world. In the Anglican Cycle, for  
the Anglican Church of Burundi and in the Diocesan Cycle for Holland Deanery.  
Empower us to share and live the Good News of Christ Jesus.

We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Linda, Primate of the Anglican  
Church of Canada; Andrew, Bishop of Toronto. For Jenny, Riscylla, Kevin and  
all bishops. For all priests and deacons, lay readers and the many volunteers  
of the church who continue to keep the message of the gospel relevant  
and the church inspired. We pray for all the laity and their families,  
especially, William and Ermetta Greenidge, Ermine Greenwich, Carole Grogan,  
Lyburn Harris, Cheryl Deane-Harris, Oswald Henry, Joyce Holder,  
Vernon Holder, Dennis Hosannah, Pat Humphreys and Jenita Hutchinson.

Lord, have mercy,

**Christ, have mercy,**

We remember all those who have run the race  
and kept the faith but are now at rest in your gracious keeping,  
especially Joyce Myers. Grant them rest and their family comfort.  
Lord, have mercy,  
**Christ, have mercy,**

Everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth,  
we bless you, for you are gracious.  
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour are yours, 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: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms**

*Text: Elisha Hoffman; Music: Anthony Showalter; Tune: Showalter*

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

[refrain]

**Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms. **[refrain]**

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms. **[refrain]**

### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

**God of compassion and forgiveness, receive our offering this day,  
and make us one with him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
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.**

## **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**

*~written by Terri, and posted on RevGalBlogPals.*

*<http://revgalblogpals.blogspot.ca/>and freed to live by the Word of life.*

God of life...God of hope....God of all

Lift us on your love like eagle's wings

Sustain us ...Guide us...Heal us

Then send us forth into the world

That we may love as you love.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the 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: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

*Text: Edward Perronet; Music: James Ellor; Tune: Diadem*

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' Name!

Let angels prostrate fall; Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown Him, crown him, crown him,

crown him, and crown him Lord of all!



- **Advisory Board Meeting: Today, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 1pm.**

- **Annual Vestry Meeting will be February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, 1pm.**

- **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.*

- **Death Announcement**

We regret to announce the death of Joyce Myers. Joyce was a faithful, dedicated and active member of St. Hilda's for over forty years. For many years she was Vestry Clerk and president of the Altar Guild and the Anglican Church Women (ACW) as well as a member of numerous church organizations and committees. She was also on the Board of Directors of St. Hilda's Towers for over twenty years. Joyce was respected and loved by her church family and she will be missed. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. May her family find comfort.

- **Black Heritage Service – Sunday, February 28, 4:00-5:00pm**

The diocese's annual Black Heritage Service will be held on Zoom on Feb. 28. The service, which is in its 26<sup>th</sup> year, is usually held at St. Paul, Bloor Street but will be held online this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. The theme, "God's People: Grounded in Faith, Filled with Hope, Called to Action," reflects the context of the Anglican Church's response to the issue of anti-Black racism and bias. A new feature of the celebration will be a moderated dialogue between Bishop Andrew Asbil, the Bishop of Toronto, and two young members of Black Anglicans of Canada, Aleshia Johnson and Brittany Hudson. The service, sponsored by Black Anglicans of Canada, will be on [Zoom](#) and streamed live on [YouTube](#)

**Readings for Next Sunday, February 14 – The Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

2 Kings 2:1-12    Psalm 50:1-6    2 Corinthians 4:3-6    Mark 9:2-9

**Readings for Ash Wednesday, February 17**

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 103:8-18; 2 Cor. 5:20B-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21