

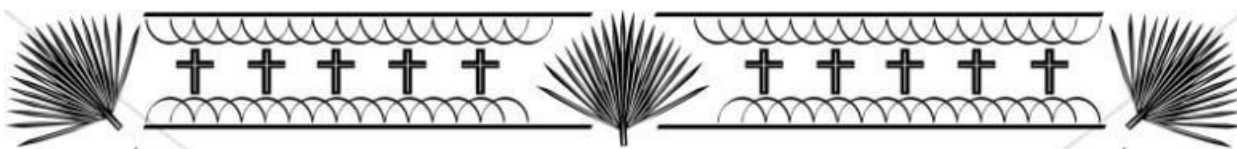


Saint Hilary's Episcopal Church

W E L C O M E

WELCOME AT IN PERSON AND STREAMING WORSHIPPERS

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us at St. Hilary's today.
If you have been looking and praying, hoping and searching for a place to
belong, for opportunities to serve God and to make a difference in the world,
God has prepared a place here for you at St. Hilary's.



The Mission of St. Hilary's Episcopal Church is to make known the love and kindness of Jesus Christ to all people, within our congregation and in the wider community, through worship, service, and compassion.

RITE II, 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist
Third Sunday of Advent,
December 13, 2020

Saint Hilary's Episcopal Church
5011 McGregor Boulevard
Fort Myers, Florida 33901
(239) 936-1000

office@sainthilarys.org

Phase II Office Hours: M-F, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM
NOT CLOSED FOR LUNCH

St. Hilary's prayer list is published once a week, and included in the "Stay Connected" email. If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please send a request to prayers@sainthilarys.org or call 239-936-1000 by Wednesday before 2:30 PM.

VESTRY

Margi Ehle, Senior Warden, Ruth Walters, Junior Warden, Margaret Lane, Treasurer, Marie Vidrine, Clerk, Steve Barchers, Stefani Dougherty, Kristina Hodge, Ray LaGrange, Ro Mathews, Joann Oxender, Clay Spikes, Bev Swanson, Jim Walter

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. Mark Hayes

Opening Hymn: #59, Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

Merton

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding.
“Christ is nigh” it seems to say;
“Cast away the works of darkness,
O Ye children of the day.”

Wakened by the solemn warning,
From earth’s bondage let us rise;
Christ our sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

Honor, glory, might, and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
With everlasting Spirit
While unending ages run.

The Advent Wreath is a visual symbol marking the progress of the season of Advent.

Advent Candle Lighting

Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.
Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved:
O Lord God of hosts

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

Show us your mercy, O Lord:
And grant us your salvation.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
His mercy endures for ever.

Advent III

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

The Deacon or Celebrant then says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People
***Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
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 neighbors 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 thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.***

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.***

Kyrie, S91

Healey Willan

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie eleison.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christe eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie eleison.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

A Reading From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Reader: Gene Montooth

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Canticle 15

The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

Reader: Sybil Edgar

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.***

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Reader: Kelly MacDonald

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Hymn: #428, Tell Out, My Soul

Woodlands

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy Name – the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my would, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for ever more!

Gospel

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 1:6-8,19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah,

nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

*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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.*

Prayers of the People

Lester Erich

Form II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Dabney, Michael and Barry; our rector Charles; for our deacons Anne and Cynthia; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. For Donald, our president and Joseph, our president-elect.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, the homeless, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. ***Pray that they may find and be found by him.***

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed

Pray for those who have died.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially Mary the Mother of God, Hilary our Patron and all whom we remember today. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Announcement and Blessings

The Offertory

Offertory Solo: A Tendor Shoot

Ian Higginson

A tendor shoot has started up from a root of grace,
As ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race;
It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter
Turning our darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us from Jesse's root should
Spring the Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing;
Our God of endless might gave her this child to save us,
Thus turning our darkness into light.

Text: William Bartholomew (1793-1867)

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Preface

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus, S114

Healey Willan

***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, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, mother of God and Hilary, our patron saint and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be said

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

And may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
And feed on him in your hearts be faith and with thanksgiving.

Fraction Anthem, S161
Agnus Dei

Hurd

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
Grant us peace.*

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

Communion Anthem: He Shall Feed His Flocks (From Messiah)

G. F. Handel

Ro Mathews, Mezzo Soprano

Communion Hymn: #64, O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light *O Heiland, reiss*

O heavenly Word, eternal Light,
begotten of the Father's might,
who in these latter days wast born
for blessing to a world forlorn;

Pour light upon us from above,
And fire our hearts with ardent love,
That, as we hear thy truth today,
All wrong desires may burn away.

O let us not, for evil past,
Be driven from thy face at last,
But with thy saints for ever more
Behold thee, love thee, and adore.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Form for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. ***Amen.***

Advent Blessing

And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost be upon you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people with these words

Deacon

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Savior of the Nations, Come

Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland *arr. By Michael Burkhardt*

St. Hilary's Organist is Alena Michels

Happy Birthday

Holly Morris (Bumsted), Hannah Lunsford, Ray Uhrig,
John Cassidy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 2020 Financials

Year-to-Date
Revenue: \$441,685
Expenses: \$391,067

Month-To-Date
Revenue: \$77,307
Expenses: \$58,360

NOTE: There was a \$15,000 shortfall in 2019 (which had to be subtracted from 2020 funds)

AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER:

In Person Worship: 57

Live Stream Worship: 205

Total: 262

Tuesday Morning Bible Study continues until December 15, from 9:30 – 11:00 AM via zoom. A new session will start on January 5, 2021, continuing the study of Genesis. Details will follow. For more information, contact Mary Richardson at (239) 281-2049

Pledge Cards for 2021 were mailed on Monday, November 23, 2020. If you have not received one, please contact the office at 239-936-1000 or office@sainthilarys.org. The pledge cards are due back by Sunday, December 20, 2020. You may bring them to church if you are attending. Thank you.

2021 Vestry: There are four Vestry openings for 2021. If you feel called to serve on the Vestry or have questions, please contact the Nominating Committee, which is composed of the outgoing Vestry members; Bev Swanson, Kristina Hodge, Ruth Walters and Marie Vidrine. Due to the fact that ballots may have to be mailed or emailed, we need to know of your interest no later than Sunday, December 13, 2020. You can request an application from the office and we will need a short biography, (you can list your experience and your reasons for running for Vestry if you choose (100 words) and a headshot no later than this week. Please contact the office if there are any questions. Thank you.

Ministry Reports: For inclusion in the Annual Report should be emailed to Father Charles (frcharles@sainthilarys.org) no later than Sunday, December 14, 2020.

Seeking Musicians: Looking for a flexible guitarist, pianist, and horn player who can play and lead singing of Contemporary Christian music at a new family centered service currently being designed and planned. Example: Songs from artists like Gregory Norbert, Elevation Worship, Michael W Smith, Hillsong, Chris Tomlin, Third Day, Planet Shakers, 311 are being considered. Please contact Fr. Charles 239-936-1000 to audition.

Pastoral Counseling: Fr. Charles is available Monday through Thursday to talk face to face (by appointment and with face mask) to help mend your hearts through confidential Pastoral Counseling. Please call Church Office 239-936-1000 to schedule

Adopt -A-School: Tice Elementary. Tice Elementary is in desperate need of school supplies, and many of the families cannot afford to purchase them. For a complete list of items needed, see News from the Pews, or call the office. You can bring your donations to the service on Sunday morning; there will be a collection bin in the narthex. Or, you may bring them to the office on Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. If you are not comfortable going to the store, or coming to the office, you can order the supplies on Amazon (use Amazon Smile! See below) and have them sent to the church. Just send them to the attention of “Christine Bielski – school supplies”. Alternately, you may send a check to the church, marked “school supplies” and someone will do the necessary shopping. There is no deadline: this outreach is ongoing. Thank you for your generosity.

**THE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021
MORE DETAILS AS IT GETS CLOSER**

Amazon Smile is a simple way for you to support St. Hilary’s every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com. Just choose St. Hilary’s as your charity of choice. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you will find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to St. Hilary’s.

Youth and Families News: YOSH will continue to meet on Zoom for games and prayers up to twice a month. We are beginning small group gatherings for campfires and movies. Schedules are sent via email – please contact the office or youth@sainthilarys.org if you wish to be informed of the next Zoom or gathering.

The Quilt Project is a new outreach ministry for Saint Hilary’s. The goal is to provide quilts to non-profits in the Fort Myer’s area. If you know how to sew and would like to assist in piecing backs or adding labels, your assistance would greatly be appreciated. Also if you have a contact at a local charity that would use quilts in their work, please contact Ray LaGrange, Margi Ehle or Margaret Lane, or just contact the office

Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candles are still available. Cost for Altar Flowers are \$50; Candles are \$20. If you would like to remember a loved one, contact the office at 239-936-1000 or office@sainthilarys.org by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday.

St. Hilary's Streaming Service on St. Hilary's Facebook page,
<https://m.facebook.com/OfficeSaintHilarysFM/live/>

Tuesday: 9:00 AM Morning Prayer

Thursday: 12:00 noon Healing Prayer

Lay leaders are sought to take over the leadership of the prayers. It is simple and a huge blessing. If you are interested in leading the service through Facebook, Fr. Charles would love to hear from you 239-936-1000 to discuss.

Volunteer opportunities are available working with our Sunday School aged members (once we get the OK from the CDC, state, and local authorities) – please contact Fr. Charles (239)-936-1000 to discuss.

Readers & Acolytes all ages, someone **interested in learning how** to manage our Audio-Visual system and live-streaming, and **Greeters** are sought to help our Sunday Morning 9 am service. Please contact Fr. Charles (239)-936-1000 to discuss.

St. Hilary's St. Mary Garden, and Columbarium: Located just off the patio side of Browning Hall, The Mary Garden and Columbarium is the final resting place for many parishioners. It is a place of peaceful rest, with lovely plantings and benches for meditation or prayer. Each columbarium niche holds the cremains of two people. The cost is \$1,000 and includes two brass urns and two plaques. Many people order them “pre-need” and payment plans can be arranged. For more information, contact the office at 239-936-1000 or office@sainthilarys.org

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**Thursday, December 24,
Christmas Eve, 6:00 PM
One service, All Welcome
Rite II with Christmas Music
RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
SPACE IS LIMITED**

**Friday, December 25
Christmas Day, 9:00 AM
Rite I, no music
NO RESERVATIONS**

**Sunday, December 27, 9:00 AM
Rite II with music
RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON DECEMBER 23**



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

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GIVE WHATEVER YOU'RE COMFORTABLE WITH**

**MUST BE IN OFFICE NO LATER THAN
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020**