



Saint Hilary's Episcopal Church

W E L C O M E

ALL 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,



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, 9:00AM HOLY EUCHARIST
CHRISTMAS II
JANUARY 3, 2021**

Saint Hilary's Episcopal Church
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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

CLERGY AND STAFF

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Prelude: Christmas Medley

arr. By Mark Hayes

Procession - #497. How Bright Appears The Morning Star

Wie schon leuchtet

How bright appears the Morning Star, ‘
With mercy beaming from afar;
The host of heaven rejoices;
O righteous Branch, O Jesse’s Rod!
Thou Son of Man and Son of God!
We, too, will lift our voices;
Jesus, Jesus! Holy holy, yet most lowly,
Draw thou near us,
Great Emmanuel, come and hear us.

Though circled by he hosts on high,
He deigned to cast a pitying eye
Upon his helpless creature;
The whole creation’s Head and Lord,
By highest seraphim adored,
Assumed our very nature;
Jesus, Grant us, through thy merit,
To inherit thy salvation;
Hear, O hear our supplication.

Rejoice, ye heavens; thou earth, reply;
With praise, ye sinners, fill the sky,
for this his Incarnation,
Incarnate God, put forth thy power,
Ride on, ride on, great Conqueror,
Till all know thy salvation.
Amen, amen! Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise be given evermore, by earth and heaven.

The Word of the Lord

Officiant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.*
 Amen.

The Collect for Purity offered by the Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.***

Gloria— S280, Glory to God

Robert Powell

Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth
2. Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.
3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord, God, Lamb of God,
4. you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us;
5. You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
Receive our prayer.
6. For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
7. you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect for the Day

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

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

Officiant: Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD:

 Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
 and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
 proclaim, give praise, and say,
 "Save, O LORD, your people,
 the remnant of Israel."

Bob Eagan

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.

People: The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 84

Darleen Knowles

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

[9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

12 O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!]

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians
Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Theo Brainerd

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

It came upon a midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth, good will to men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing

For lo!, the days are hastening on,
By prophets, seen of old
When with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold.
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling.
And all the world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

The Gospel

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

Luke 2:41-52

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your fa-

ther and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Prayers of the People

Lester Erich

Deacon

As we join the whole creation and celebrate with joy the Word made flesh, let us offer prayers to God who dwells among us to the end of time.

Intercessory Prayer leader

By the wedding of the human and divine natures in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place.

Especially we pray for the leaders of the three branches of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church: for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, for Francis, the Bishop of Rome and for Bartholomew, the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople.

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Dabney, the Bishop of Southwest Florida, Charles our Rector, all priests and all deacons – especially we pray for our own deacons: Cynthia and Anne, who serve the poor in Christ's name, and for all who minister to the holy people of God in every place.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all believers who put their trust in the incarnate Son of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, especially for Donald our President, Joe our President-elect and Ron our Governor and for peace and justice.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the conversion of the whole human race to our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying and the dead.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Hilary our Patron, Blessed John the Evangelist, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord.***

Presider

Source of grace and truth, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May we come to see the true light who shines throughout the world and who is God for all eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Offertory Solo: Go Tell It On The Mountain

arr. Robert H. Hobby

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

**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.**

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

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,

Memorial Acclamation

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Hilary our Patron 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 has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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.*

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

Fraction Anthem S164

Franz Peter Schubert arr. by Richard Proulx

***Jesus Lamb of God have mercy on us.
Jesus bearer of our sins; have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world;
Give us your peace.***

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. ***Amen.***

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion.
Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymn - #84, Love Came Down At Christmas

Garton

Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine;
Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the God-head, love incarnate, love divine;
Worship we our Jesus, but where-with for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People and Celebrant say

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.***

The Celebrant offers this blessing

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Deacon says

Alleluia, alleluia, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

Postlude - Good Christian Mean, Rejoice

by Wilbur Held

Happy Birthday

Jay Walters, Christian Kearns,
Jules Verbeeck, Jim Price,
Ed Mathews, Kathi Anderrson

Happy Anniversary

Nancy and Bill Terrell
Steve Barchers and Frank Kane

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 2020 Financials

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

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

AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER:
In Person Worship: 57 Live Stream Worship: 205 Total: 262

Tuesday Morning Bible Study The Tuesday Morning Bible Study class will resume their study of the Book of GENESIS on Tuesday, January 5, at 9:30 a.m. on ZOOM. The subject of the first class will be “GENESIS 24 – A Bride for Isaac”. David Myers will give us background information and lead the discussion. Participants will also be able to view a video on their own computer or cell phone. New members are always welcome but this is a particularly good time for them to join the class as they have just had a break over the holidays. Anyone interested in participating in this group should contact Mary Richardson at 239-281-2049 or e-mail her at mrichardson@comcast.net.

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. You must let us know of your interest as soon as possible. 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. 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) , with a copy to the office (office@sainthilarys.org) as soon as possible.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Register Today! – new DATE!

Come to the Table:
*Bible lessons for
all ages
Epiphany!*

- Sunday, January 10, 2021
- 10:30am – 12:00pm in Browning Hall
- Family groups, couples or singles will be instructed in an interactive scripture lesson at fully equipped tables including discussion, craft, snack and game.
- Covid guidelines attached
- Home Zoom participation and materials pick-up may be available

Pre-Registration Required

Email

[youth@sainthilarys.org!](mailto:youth@sainthilarys.org)

