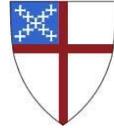


# St. Augustine's

In The Woods



An Episcopal Church serving Whidbey Island

Compassion - Commitment - Community - Reverence - Reconciliation

A Greening Congregation



A Celebration of Christ's Healing Ministry  
Wednesday, November 18, 2020

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Today we remember St. Hilda of Whitbey

Acclamation

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

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

Collect For Purity

**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.**

Trisagion

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

**Have mercy upon us.**

Collect of the Day

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Let us pray.

O God of peace, by whose grace the abbess Hilda was endowed with gifts of justice, prudence, and strength to rule as a wise mother over the nuns and monks of her household: Raise up these gifts in us, that we, following her example and prayers, may build up one another in love to the benefit of your church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lesson Proverbs 6:20-23

*Reader:* A reading from the Book of Proverbs

My child, keep your father's commandment, and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them upon your heart always; tie them around your neck. When you walk, they will lead you; when you lie down, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk with you. For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 113

1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; \*  
praise the Name of the LORD.

2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down \*  
let the Name of the LORD be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations, \*  
and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high \*  
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust \*  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, \*  
with the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house \*  
to be a joyful mother of children.

The Gospel Matthew 19: 27-29

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*People:*     **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter replied to Jesus, "Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life."

*Presider:*    The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:*     **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon     The Rev. Canon Joan Anthony

St. Hilda of Whitby was by any measure an unusual woman. In fairness, she had advantages that were not generally available to women of her day. Hilda was the grandniece of the King. As such she was educated, both in the doctrines of Christianity as well as secular matters living as she did in the Kings court for some 20 years.

As an adult Hilda decided to enter into the monastic life, intending to join an established convent in Gaul, there to lead a quiet and scholarly life. It was not to be. She was, instead, sent by the Bishop to a small monastic community in East Anglia. A year later she became the Abbess. Establishing a rule of life for the community, Hilda was known for her wisdom, eagerness for learning and devotion to the service of God. All of these she would need in her later life and ministry.

After her time at the convent in Hartlepool, Hilda founded a convent in Whitby. This was an unusual place in that it had both nuns and monks lived together yet separate. The rule of life for both focused on justice, devotion, chastity, peace and charity. Beyond the convent walls, Hilda was also sought out by kings and other leaders for advice and counsel. She was known for prudence, and good sense in both spiritual and secular matters.

Scholarship and righteousness were the hallmarks of the community at Whitby. The monks were so well trained that several were ordained without further study. A number later became bishops. In this way, Hilda influenced the life of the Church in Britain and beyond.

One of the matters before the whole Church in the 7th century was the matter of tradition. Whitby was the site of a synod to determine whether the universal church would follow the Celtic or Roman manner of worship and governance. Hilda, as abbess had a great deal of influence in what took place. She favored retaining the Celtic practices, but the outcome of the synod determined that it was the Roman manner of worship that would be universal. When it became clear that the Roman position would win out, Hilda was obedient to the will of the synod and acquiesced to the decision made.

In our own day there is much to learn from the prudence, humility and wisdom of men and women like Hilda. People who can strongly advocate for their position and yet when they do not prevail are able to gracefully agree to support the prevailing view. It is the gifts outlined in our collect, the gifts of justice, prudence, and strength which we are in need of today. The wisdom and courage of Hilda are models for us in these difficult times.

## A Litany of Healing Form 2

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those who suffer pain and ill-health, those who suffer in mind and spirit, especially any we name now:

*Pause*

We pray for their families and friends and those who care for them.  
**May we all know the deep peace of Christ.**

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence the suffering people of our world, and the places where people are experiencing division, injustice, and violence, especially any we name now:

*Pause*

We pray for all who work to relieve suffering, end division, overcome injustice and stop violence, especially any we name now:

*Pause*

We pray that conflict may be resolved and that justice may be served.  
**May we all know the deep peace of Christ.**

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those struggling to overcome addictions or abuse, those supporting and working with them, and all those whose suffering has distanced them from those who love them, especially any we name now:

*Pause*

We pray for the gifts of loving relationship and peace, and all who long for them.  
**May we all know the deep peace of Christ.**

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those whose needs we do not know and those whose names we do not know, confident that they are known to you. We name in our hearts those who are close to us, for whom we pray:

*Pause*

We pray for the gifts of wisdom and insight, and the strength to support all who we encounter who are or have been lost.  
**May we all know the deep peace of Christ.**

*Silence*

We pray especially for all those who have been touched by natural disasters, fire, tropical storm and hurricane throughout the nation. We pray for those who have been injured and for those who have lost their lives.

**May we all know the deep peace of Christ.**

### Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

**All: God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves,  
and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Presider:* 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.**

*In the place of laying on of hands and anointing, the following takes place*

Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Holy Scripture teaches us that Jesus healed many who were sick as a sign of the reign of God come near, and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing through prayer in his name.

This ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in God and with each other. In the laying on of hands and anointing we proclaim the Good News that God desires us to live wholesome lives and be one in the body of Christ. You are invited to share in this rite, asking for healing for yourself, and also for any concern or request you wish to make in the Name of the Holy and undivided Trinity.

While we are not able to be together in person, the ministry of healing and prayer continue without ceasing. The laying on of hands and the anointing with holy oil are the outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace, given by Christ and available to all who accept them in faith.

I pray that you will be strengthened and filled with God's grace and that you may know the healing power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May the God who goes before you through desert places by night and by day be your companion and guide; may your journey be with the saints; may the Holy Spirit be your strength, and Christ your clothing of light, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

The Peace

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

The Offertory

*Presider:* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The Great Thanksgiving ~ Eucharistic Prayer B

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give God 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.

For the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints, who have been the chosen vessels of your grace, and the lights of the world in their generations.

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:

*Presider and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one 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,

*Presider and People*

**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, 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 Hilda, Augustine, 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy things for holy people.

*Those experiencing this liturgy at home are invited to pray:*

**Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

## Post Communion Prayer

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*Presider and People:*

**Good and gracious God, Holy One in our midst: we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.**

## Blessing

*Presider:* God the Creator bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to that heavenly country; where Love lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

*Presider:* Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Prayer List for St. Augustine's:

Eric Reid, Nancy Pendergast, Ianna King, Lorainne Bayes, Blythe Hewitt, Alex Roe, Andrea Roe, Beth & Mark Gearhart, Barbara Self, Barbara Houston, Kathryn Rickert, Lori Morrison, Fr Valery, Greg Murphy, Brian Van Wetter, Julie Bird, Joy & Craig Johnson, Sylvia Brooksbank, David Roe, Paul Loudon, Lydia Coats, Colleen Corbett, Dewey Martin, Deacon Dennis & Linda McManis, Kris Jaeger, Lisa Rohlfing, Debby Denno, Katie Reid, Diana Lindsey, Levi Doss, Amanda King, Jim Christiansen, Carole Halsan, Debbie Wright, Peter Martin, Pete & Nettie Snyder, Katrina, Nadia, & Derek, Marianne Tuttle & family, Chris Lubinski, Ed Klein, Roger Howarth, Tom Bauling, Sydney McCready, Vina Kazsmarcek, Ray Kazsmarcek, LaurieJean, Nancy Cox, Babs & Gary Stone, Margaret Schultz, Peggy Mitchell, Nancy Paris, Tim Smith, Audrey Taie & family, all of the people at Maple Ridge, Elliot Kearns & family, Austin Skubi, Lynn Willeford, Gavin Campbell, Ana Kinkaid, Suzy Palmer, Mark Halloran, John Meyer, Talia Petosa, Gary Smith, Janie Warren, Jonathan Morgan &

Dana Bublitz, Ruth Epstein, Alice O'Grady, Fr. Alexander Tkachenko, Dannette Masterson, Cary Dial, Jill Uhacz, Diana Klein, Vickie Russo, Rick Schutte, Jim Ramler, Marjorie Portin, Jody Heiken and Christen Herman.

Prayers for people who work on the front lines:

All those who are in the food supply chain, the farm workers, processors, delivery folks and the people in our local grocery stores

Karen Fay - Psychiatric Nurse, VA Hospital, Seattle

Maureen Masterson - Compass Health

Renee Wilson, Nurse, Columbus Regional Hospital, Columbus, IN

Cheyenne Wilson, Nursing Asst, Columbus Regional Hospital, Columbus, IN

Tommy Hanson - US Naval Hospital

Keith - Paramedic

Dawn Meyer, Psychologist, Seattle

Mark Taylor, Healthcare worker

Alysia Doss - ICU Nurse

Paulette Bishoff, Nurse

Christopher Doss, Home Health worker

Diana DiBiase, VA Hospital, Seattle

Liviya Thoreson Whyte, Hospitalist Providence

Lisa Dillon Lantz, Nurse

Amber Halligan, ICU Nurse

Sean Plattner - firefighter EMT

Matt Idso, Scientist - Institute for Systems Biology

Cricket Farr, Full Life Care, Seattle

Amy Breuninger, Healthgiver

Kenny Downs - Naval Air Station Whidbey Island

Denny Huff, Firefighter

April Wooderson - ER Nurse

Brook Wooderson - Police Dept.

Heather Wooderson - Police Dept.

Candra Ramezani - Firefighter

Lynsey Barker - Vascular Access Team at Swedish First Hill

Austin Skubi - Social Worker - Providence, Everett

The staff of Providence, Everett

Karen Eaton - Social Worker UW Hospital

Melissa Anthony EMT - Vancouver, WA fire department

Peggy Sinclair E.R. nurse Port Townsend WA

Staff at Careage, Coupeville, WA

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Kelly Jo Sandri, MD, Truman Hospital Missouri

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Michela Mattens, Nurse, Providence Everett

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