Sunday.
Every Day.

Christ Church Episcopal

HILDA OF WHITBY

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

· Wednesday, November 18, 2026 · · Chapel · 5:30 p.m. ·

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Opening Sentences Page 355, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Kyrie Page 356, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant 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.**

The Gospel

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 19:27-30

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. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Reflection

You may kneel or sit.

The Prayers of the People Form VI, Page 392, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Confession Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Candle Lighting

We continue our prayers through the lighting of votive candles as a symbol of our love and concern for others. You are welcome to light a single candle as a symbol of your prayers.

Please stand.

The Peace Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please be seated.

Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Please stand.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Breaking of the Bread Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please be seated.

Distribution of Communion

Please join us at God's table.

All people, including children, are invited to receive Communion. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would prefer not to take Communion but would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.

Communion Music

You may kneel or sit.

Postcommunion Prayer Page 365, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Blessing

Please stand.

Final Hymn

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 1 – December 7

Donations for Christmas Flowers are often given in Memory of or Thanksgiving for loved ones. To donate to the flower fund for the 2026 Christmas season, please fill out a form in the office or email Liz McCarthy at Lmccarthy@ccpvb.org. If you choose to give online via our website, please email names to Liz.

Nov 20 - Candlelight Labyrinth Walk with Live Music - 6:30pm

The labyrinth is an ancient practice of pilgrimage in place. We'll slow our pace to focus on what we're grateful for and our intentions for lovingkindness towards others. Register online or by emailing Deacon Leila at Leila@ccpvb.org

Thanksgiving Eve Holy Eucharist

November 25 | 5:30 p.m. | Main Sanctuary
Share your gratitude in this family-friendly service of Holy Eucharist, and prepare your hearts for Thanksgiving. Please note: Join us for this service in the Main Sanctuary instead of the Chapel.

Advent Wreaths – Nov 29 in the Courtyard

Bring the whole family to start the Advent season by making your own wreath to take home.

St. Nicholas Service – December 2 at 5:30pm

Our very own St. Nicholas will tell us his story and talk about the spirit of giving and God's love during a service of Holy Eucharist, helping us to prepare our hearts for Christmas.

For a **complete list of events**, ministry activities, and more please visit our website.

HILDA OF WHITBY
ABBESS AND PEACEMAKER
(18 NOV 680)

Hilda (known in her own century as "Hild") was the grandniece of King Edwin (see 12 Oct) of Northumbria, a kingdom of the Angles. She was born in 614 and baptized in 627 when the king and his household became Christians. In 647 she decided to become a nun, and under the direction of Aidan (see 31 Aug) she established several monasteries. Her last foundation was at Whitby. It was a double house: a community of men and another of women, with the chapel in between, and Hilda as the governor of both; and it was a great center of English learning, one which produced five bishops (during Hilda's lifetime or that of the Abbey?). Here a stable-boy, Caedmon, was moved to compose religious poems in the Anglo-Saxon tongue, most of them metrical paraphrases of narratives from Genesis and the Gospels.

The Celtic peoples of Britain had heard the Gospel well before 300 AD, but in the 400's and 500's a massive invasion of Germanic peoples (Angles, Jutes, and Saxons) forced the native Celts out of what is now England and into Wales, Ireland, and Scotland. The invaders were pagans, and missionaries were sent to them in the north and west by the Celts, and in the south and east by Rome and other churches on the continent of Europe.

Hilda herself greatly preferred the Celtic customs in which she had been reared, but once the decision had been made she used her moderating influence in favor of its peaceful acceptance. Her influence was considerable; kings and commoners alike came to her for advice. She was urgent in promoting the study of the Scriptures and the thorough education of the clergy. She died 17 November 680.

by James Kiefer