

Thanksgiving Season
October 11, 2020 10 am

Priest: The Reverend Sharon Smith
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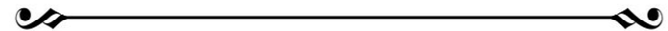
St. Catherine's Church Mission

A contemporary community of Christian seekers that welcomes others to join our journey.

We provide a place of spiritual growth through Christ and we respond with gratitude for God's abundance in our lives through service to our brothers and sisters in the world.

Our **Vision** at St. Catherine's is to:

- Be an inclusive and thriving community of faith for all generations
- Continually invite others to join us in our journey of faith and Christian discipleship
- Honour the strengthening of relationships and development of community, both within our walls and outside them
- Minister to those in need in Christ's name



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- **Bulletin Cover:** *Healing Window: Manchester Cathedral, Installed to commemorate the restoration of the cathedral following the IRA bombing in 1996*
- **Left Side of church:** *Untitled Painting by Maud Lewis Canadian folk artist from her Collected Works (1903 - 1970)*
- **Right Side of church:** *"Ten Lepers Christ Healed by James Tissot*

SAINT CATHERINE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Anglican Church of Canada - Diocese of New Westminster

Situated on the unceded traditional Coast Salish territory
of the Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations

As you enter the church, a marshal can assist you as you light a votive candle to remember a person or situation that you carry on your heart. No other candles may be lit during or after the service.

Welcome & safety instructions: Rev. Sharon

Gathering of the Community *(Remain seated)*

Presider: We gather today on the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish peoples, represented by the Squamish and Tsleil-Watuth Nations who have been custodians of these lands since time immemorial.

Let us pray.

Presider: The Lord is our light and our life

All: O come, let us give thanks.

Opening Hymn: Praise God for Harvest-Time,

We invite you to remain seated and meditate on the music.

Praise God for Harvest-Time,
sing till bells of heaven chime!
sing of his love revealed,
fruit of earth and ocean's yield:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Good harvest safely stored
praise our great Creator Lord!

God in the fertile land
joining with our human hand;
seed waking in the earth
stirring at the spring of birth:

Alleluia! Alleluia!...

See in our food a sign
pointing to a love divine;
strength from a summer sky,
life bestowed as rainclouds fly:

Alleluia! Alleluia!...

Lord, on your gifts we feed:
show us each the other's need;
give us the love to share
in our deeds and in our prayer:

Alleluia! Alleluia!...

Please stand as you are able.

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

People: And also with you.

Gloria:

Gloria! *Sung by cantor*

**Said by all: Glory to the holy, life-creating, and
undivided Trinity, always, now and ever and
unto ages of ages.**

Gloria! *Sung by cantor*

Prayer of the Day:

Presider: God, giver of all Good,
All: You continually pour your benefits upon us. Age after age the living wait upon you and find that your faithfulness has no end, that your care is unfailing.

Presider: We praise you that the mystery of life is a mystery of infinite goodness.
All: We praise you for the order and constancy of nature; for the beauty and bounty of the earth, for day and night, summer and winter, seedtime and harvest; for the varied gifts of loveliness which every season brings.

Presider: We give you thanks for all the comfort and joy of life:
All: for our homes, for our friends, and for all the love, sympathy, and goodwill of people. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

Times of abundance tempt us to forget God and rely on our own power and resources. Israel was led by God out of Egypt, God fed them in the wilderness, brought them into the land, and gave them power to be productive. To thank this God is to remember and proclaim God's deeds.

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing,

a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth."

But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65 (Paraphrase by Nan Merrill)

Pulpit Side: Praise belongs to You, O Indwelling Beloved, and to You we commit our lives, to You who hear our prayers!

Piano Side: To You we come when we go astray; when our transgressions fill us with guilt, You do forgive us.

Pulpit Side: Blessed are those who draw near to You, those who dwell in your Heart!

Piano Side: **Awaken us to your kindness, enter into the Sacred Chapel of our Heart!**

Pulpit Side: Through pain and suffering, your Presence sustains us, O Merciful One, our Comforter,

Piano Side: **You, the hope of all the earth, to the distant shore that brings us Home.**

Pulpit Side: By your Light the foundations were created, being guided by Love;

Piano Side: **You still the roaring of the seas, the pounding of waves, the tumult of the peoples,**

Pulpit Side: So that those who dwell even at earth's outer bounds, recognize and reverence You.

Piano Side: **At the rise of each morning, and as the sun sets at night, the people bow their heads in reverent gratitude.**

Pulpit Side: You visited the earth and slaked our thirst, offering Living Streams of water,

Piano Side: **You fed the hungry, and taught of Love's way,**

Pulpit Side: You watered hardened souls, filled with stone and weeds, softening them with kindness, and blessing their growth.

Piano Side: **You crowned your years with abandonment, inviting all to Eternal Life.**

Pulpit Side: In the desert flowers come forth, the pastures flourish with fruit and grain;

Piano Side: **May all people honor these gifts with joyful song, while walking the path of Love. Amen.**

Second Reading: Thanksgiving Blessing

by John O'Donohue

In the parched deserts of post-modernity a blessing can be like the discovery of a fresh well. It would be lovely if we could rediscover our power to bless one another. I believe each of us can bless. When a blessing is invoked, it changes the atmosphere. Some of the plenitude flows into our hearts from the invisible neighborhood of loving kindness. In the light and reverence of blessing, a person or situation becomes illuminated in a completely new way. In a dead wall a new window opens, in dense darkness a path starts to glimmer, and into a broken heart healing falls like morning dew. It is ironic that so often we continue to live like paupers though our inheritance of spirit is so vast. The quiet eternal that dwells in our souls is silent and subtle; in the activity of blessing it emerges to embrace and nurture us. Let us begin to learn how to bless one another. Whenever you give a blessing, a blessing returns to enfold you.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn – Give Thanks

We invite you to stand and meditate on the music.

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (2x)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

Let the poor say, "I am rich"

Because of what the Lord has done for us" (Refrain)

Gospel Reading: Luke 17: 11-19

A Samaritan leper models thanksgiving. He does not take for granted the kindness shown to him but takes time to give thanks to Jesus.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.

"Presider: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel Hymn (continued)

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Homily: Rev Sharon

Reflective silence follows

Affirmation of Faith

Presider: Moses said,

**All: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God,
the Lord is one.**

Presider: And Jesus affirmed:

**All: Love the Lord your God with
all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
And with all your strength.
This is the first and the great
commandment, the second is like it:
Love your neighbor as yourself.
There is no commandment greater
than these.**

All: Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Prayers of the People

Confession

Presider: Let us in silence remember our own faults and failings.

Reflective silence follows.

Presider: In the community of Christ's Church and in the presence of all God's people:

All: **We confess to God that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we
have left undone.
We have not loved God, cared for God's
world, or respected God's people as we
should. We own our responsibility and
pray for God's pardon.**

Presider: May God forgive us,
 Christ befriend us, and
 the Spirit renew and change our lives.
 Amen.

(Adapted from the Book of Alternative Service)

The Passing of the Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

*The community, remaining at our seats, greet one another
saying or gesturing: 'Peace be with you'.*

The Preparation of the Table

We invite you to remain standing & meditate on the music.

Offertory: For the Fruit of all Creation.

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for the gifts of every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Prayers over the Gifts:

Presider: Blessed are you, O God maker of all things
All: **Through your goodness you have blessed
us with these gifts; ourselves, our time
and our possessions. Use us, and what
we have gathered, in feeding the world
with your love, through the one who
gave himself for us, Jesus the Christ.
Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer: (ELCIC IX)

Presider: May God be with you
People: **And also with you**
Presider: Lift up your hearts
People: **We lift them up**
Presider: Let us give thanks to God our Creator
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Presider: It is indeed right that we should at all times
and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
gracious God, through Jesus the Christ.

And so with all the choirs of angels, with the
church on earth and the saints of heaven, we
praise your name and join their unending
hymn:

**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!**

Presider: Holy God, you alone are holy,
you alone are God,
The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars; beneath the sea,
within each cell; with every breath.

People: We praise you, O God

Presider: Generations bless your faithfulness;
through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile;
into the future.

People: We bless you, O God.

Presider: We give you thanks for Jesus the Christ;
at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer;
among the poor; with us now.

People: We thank you O God.

Presider: In the night in which he was betrayed, our
Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:
"take and eat: this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me".

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave
thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying:
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the
forgiveness of sin. Do this for the
remembrance of me".

Remembering his love for us on the way;
at the table; and to the end;
we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Presider: We pray for the gift of your Spirit;

**All: in our gathering;
within this meal:
among your people:
throughout the world.
Blessing, praise and thanks to you.
holy God, through Christ Jesus
by your Spirit,
in your church, without end. Amen.**

Presider: And now as our Saviour taught us, let us pray
in the language of our hearts:

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

All: 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 forever. Amen.

Fraction (Breaking of Bread):

Presider: I am the bread of Life, says the Lord. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, whoever believes in me will never thirst.

People: Taste and see that the Lord is good:
happy are they who trust in him!

Invitation:

Presider: Friends, these are the gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Communion:

All people are welcome to receive Communion of one kind (Wafers). Gluten free wafer are available upon request.

Please wear your mask and sanitize your hands before receiving. We ask that you wait until you have returned to your seat before removing your mask and consuming the wafer.

While the communion is being administered, we respectfully ask that you keep the silence.

Communion Hymn: Room at the Table

We invite you to meditate on the music during Communion.

Let our hearts not be hardened to those living on the margin
There is room at the table for everyone
This is where it all begins, this is how we gather in
There is room at the table for everyone

Too long we have wandered, burdened and undone
But there is room at the table for everyone
Let us sing the new world in, this is how it all begins
There is room at the table for everyone

Refrain:

There is room for us all
And no gift is too small
There is room at the table for everyone
There's enough if we share
Come on pull up a chair
There room at the table for everyone

No matter who you are, no matter where you're from
There is room at the table for everyone
Here and now we can be, the beloved community,
There is room at the table for everyone (Refrain)

Prayer after Communion

Presider: O God

All: Our Life, our strength, our food, we give
you thanks for sustaining us. By your
Holy Spirit, enliven us to be Christ's body
in the world, so that more and more we
will praise and serve your earth and its
many peoples, Amen.

Blessing:*(Iona Abbey Worship Book 2011)*

Presider: On our hearts and on our houses,

All: The blessing of God.

Presider: In our coming and our going,

All: The peace of God.

Presider: In our life and our faith,

All: The love of God.

Presider: At our end and new beginning,

All: the arms of God to welcome us and bring us home. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God

Please remain at your seats and enjoy the music, feel free to hum along behind a mask.

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and nourish us with grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
eternal now be given,
to Spirit and to Word,
who reign in highest heaven:
our ever faithful God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Dismissal:

Presider: Tend the Earth, care for God's good creation,
and go in peace to love humanity
and serve the Lord .

People: Thanks be to God, Amen.

Postlude:

During the Postlude, we invite you to leave from the back of the Sanctuary, row by row out the Ridgewood doors, as instructed by a marshal.

Please do not linger in the Sanctuary or form groups in the parking lot.

See you at Zoom Coffee Time at Noon:

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Thank you for ministering this morning:

Marshals: Marion Porter, Elizabeth Barratt, Daela Dazell, Steve Jackson
Altar Guild: Vivian McGie
Art display: Chosen by Heather Luccock
Readers: **1** Cathy Davidson **2.** Tony Dodd
Intercessor: Heather Luccock
Cantor: Derek Barratt
Sound: Susanna Valente
Sunday School: Ethan Spence
Livestream: Armin and Gordon Lee

Cycles of Prayer

In our prayers this morning we pray for the **Worldwide Anglican Communion**, in particular we Pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda The Most Revd Stephen Samuel Kaziimba - Archbishop of Uganda & and Bishop of Kampala

We pray for our **Companion Diocese**, the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines, The Right Reverend Brent Alawas, Bishop, and for our companion cluster parish of St. Catherine of Siena in Cervantes and St. Stephen in Bunga, Tadian and the rector Fr. Jerry Sagayo.

In our **Prayer Link** with the Episcopal parish of Christ Church Nazareth in the Galilee, we remember the Reverend Nael Abu Rahmoun, and all Christians, Jews, and Muslims, in the Holy Land.

We pray for the **Anglican Church of Canada**, Linda our Primate, and Bishops Michael Hawkins and Adam Halkett, Bishop Chris Harper, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Saskatoon.

We pray for the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada**, especially Bishop David Lehmann, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Caledonia People and ministries working to address issues of poverty, homelessness, and affordable housing.

In our **Diocese** we pray for Archbishop Melissa, our bishop and metropolitan; our coadjutor bishop elect: Rev John Stephens, The Diocesan Eco-Justice Unit - The Reverend Margaret Marquardt (Chair).



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