



12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2020
10 am Service

Priest: The Reverend Sharon Smith
Music Director: Siiri Rebane
Administration: Natasha Stegemann
Wardens: Robb Watt, Gordon Lee, Heather Peacock

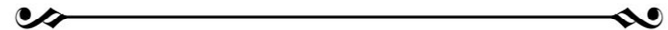
St. Catherine's Church Mission

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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***Left Side Artist:** Baby Moses by Delroy Russell
(contemporary artist from Brampton, Ont. 2015)

***Right Side Artist (bulletin cover):** Christ Handing Saint
Peter the Keys of Heaven by Guido Reni (1575-1642)

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 to 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

Confession and Absolution:

Presider: Have mercy upon us, O God;

**All: In your compassion, forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and
left undone; and so uphold us by your
Spirit that we may live and serve you
in newness of life, through Jesus the
Christ. Amen.**

Priest: God, grant us the blessing of your gracious
presence, Pardon and deliver us from all that
enslaves us uphold and strengthen us in all
goodness, and enable us to live consciously
in the deep stream of eternal light. Amen

(adapted from the Book of Alternative Service, p. 127)

Opening Hymn: The Jesus Song

(Based on the Jesus Prayer and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy)

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, have mercy on me.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, have mercy on me. Amen.

Jesus, I trust in you. Jesus, I trust in you.
You are the Son of the Living God.
Jesus, I trust in you. Jesus, I trust in you.

Gathering of the Community:

Presider: We gather on the ancestral lands of the
Squamish and Tsleil watuth nations.

People: From many places we come to pray.

Presider: The world belongs to the Lord,
People: The Earth and all its people.

Presider: How good and lovely it is,
People: To live together in unity.

Presider: Love and faith come together,
People: Justice and Peace join hands.

Presider: If Christ's followers keep silent,
People: These stones would shout aloud.

Presider: Lord open our lips,
**All: And our mouths shall proclaim your
praise!**

(Adapted from Iona Wee Worship Book, 5th Edition)

Gloria:

Gloria! Sung by cantor

**Said by all: Glory to God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit: as it was
in the beginning, is now, and will be
forever. Amen.**

Gloria! Sung by cantor

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Exodus 1:8-2:10

The Hebrew midwives defied Pharaoh to save many infants from death. When the mother of Moses placed him in a basket in the Nile, the daughter of Pharaoh found him, adopted him, and raised him. Moses' sister and mother also played crucial roles in this drama.

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore, they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them."

So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124 (*Book of Alternate Services, pg.884*)

Pulpit Side: If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel now say;

Piano Side: If the LORD had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us,

Pulpit Side: Then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us;

Piano Side: Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us;

Pulpit Side: Then would the raging waters have gone right over us.

Piano Side: Blessed be the LORD who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

Pulpit Side: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

ALL: Our help is in the name of the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth. Amen

Second Reading: Sometimes *by David Whyte*

Sometimes
if you move carefully
through the forest

breathing
like the ones
in the old stories
who could cross
a shimmering bed of dry leaves
without a sound,
you come
to a place
whose only task
is to trouble you
with tiny
but frightening requests
conceived out of nowhere
but in this place
beginning to lead everywhere.

Requests to stop what
you are doing right now,
and

to stop what you
are becoming
while you do it,

questions
that can make
or unmake
a life,

questions
that have patiently
waited for you,

questions
that have no right
to go away.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: Come and Journey with a Saviour

Come and journey with a Savior
Who has called us from our birth,
Who has washed us in the waters,
And who loved us on the earth.

Refrain:

Come and journey, come and journey
With a Savior who has come.
We are all God's sons and daughters.
In the Spirit we are one.

Come and journey, journey inward,
Come and seek him deep within,
Where he meets us in our living,
In our striving and our sin. (*Refrain*)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16: 13-20

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, Jesus asks his disciples a defining question. A question that takes a lifetime to live into. Simon Peter answered out of his Jewish first century context, that Jesus is "the Messiah".

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn continued:

Come and journey, journey upward,
Sing his praises, offer prayer.
In the storm and in the stillness,
Find his presence ev'rywhere.

Refrain:

Come and journey, come and journey
With a Savior who has come.
We are all God's sons and daughters.
In the Spirit we are one.

Homily – Rev Sharon Smith

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,**

**All: 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

Prayer of the Day *(by Rev. Anne Crosthwait)*

Presider: O Loving God,

**All: We join people of every location and
every age who have sought you, and who
have trusted you with all the details of
life. We praise you,
for you are the rock of our life.
May we know you as a strong foundation
within us, a thread binding us together,
and may you form us into the body of
your Son, so that we express to the world
your love, peace and forgiveness,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour
and Lord. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Savior taught us, let us pray in the language
of our hearts, as we say;

**All: Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed by your name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

All: 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.

The Passing of the Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The members of the community, ministers and people, remaining at your seats, greet one another saying or gesturing: 'Peace be with you'.

Blessing: *(Contributed by Bev London)*

Presider: Peace of the running waves to you,

People: Deep peace of the flowing air to you,

Presider: Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,

People: Deep peace of the shining stars to you,

Presider: Deep peace of the shades of night to you,

People: Moon & stars always giving light to you,

All: Deep peace of Christ,
the Son of Peace, to you.
Amen

Dismissal:

Presider: Go in peace to love as Christ loves,

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: Stand Up and Bless the Lord

Stand up and bless the Lord;
God's people now rejoice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.

Oh for the living flame
from God's own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought.
God is our strength and song;
who makes salvation ours.
God's love in Christ we now proclaim
with all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless God's glorious name
henceforth forevermore.



Thank you for ministering this morning:

Marshals: Marion Porter, Tony Dodd,
Phil & Nancy Sunderland

Altar Guild: Bonnie Grundy, Nancy Sunderland

Art display: Chosen by Heather Luccock

Readers: 1 Penny Zuk 2. Roslyn Jackson

Intercessor: Linda Robertson

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