



Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi
October 4, 2020 10 am Family Service

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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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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: Creator of the cosmos,
Of eternity and time;

All: Be with us in this time.

Presider: Saviour of the world, healer of the nations

All: Be with us in this place.

Presider: Breath of all that lives

All: Stir within our lives.

Presider: Maker-Spirit-Son,
God of here and now,

**All: Be present in our worship, that we may
find new ways to be present in your
world. Amen.**

(From Iona Abbey Worship Book, 2001)

Opening Hymn: All Creatures of our God and King

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

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun and golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

Earth ever fertile, day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
O sing now, alleluia!

All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
God's glory let them also show:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
alleluia, alleluia!
All you that pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, and cast on God your care:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Silence is kept.

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.

Kyrie Eleison (Christ have mercy):

Presider: As we attend to our place in creation,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: As we share Earth with our kin.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Presider: As we care for creatures in danger.

People: Christ, have mercy.

(From Season of Creation: Church of Scotland)

Prayer of the Day:

(From Season of Creation: The United Church of Australia)

Presider: God, our Creator,

**All: Help us to love all creatures as kin,
all animals as partners on Earth,
all birds as messengers of praise,
and voices of hope. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Canticle of Brother Sun & Sister Moon

By St. Francis of Assisi

Most High, all -powerful, all good Lord,
All praise is Yours, all glory, all honour and all blessings.

To you alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no mortal lips are worthy to pronounce Your Name.

Praised be You my Lord with all Your creatures,
especially Sir Brother Sun,
Who is the day through whom You give us light
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour,
Of You Most High, he bears the likeness.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,
in the heavens You have made them bright,
precious and fair.

Praised be You, my Lord through Brothers Wind and Air.
And fair and stormy, all weather's moods,
by which You cherish all that You have made.

Praised be You my Lord through Sister Water,
So useful, humble, precious and pure.

Praised be You my Lord through Brother Fire,
Through whom You light the night and he is beautiful
And playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You my Lord through our Sister,
Mother Earth,
who sustains and governs us,
producing varied fruits with coloured flowers and herbs.
Praise be You my Lord through those who grant pardon for
love of You and bear sickness and trial.

Blessed are those who endure in peace,
By You Most High, they will be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord through Sister Death,
from whom no-one living can escape.
Woe to those who die in mortal sin!
Blessed are they She finds doing Your Will.

No second death can do them harm.
Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks,
and serve Him with great humility.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19:1-6 (*Book of Alternative Services*)

**All: The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.**

Pulpit Side: One day tells its tale to another
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

**Piano Side: Although they have no words or
language, and their voices are not heard,**

Pulpit Side: Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.

**Piano Side: In the deep has he set a pavilion for the
sun, it comes forth like a bridegroom out
of his chamber; it rejoices like a
champion to run its course.**

Pulpit Side: It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the
heavens and runs about to the end of it again,
nothing is hidden from it's burning heat.

**All: The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork,
Amen.**

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

*Paul reviews some of his credentials, which no longer have
any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has
been given through Christ.*

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have
more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the
people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of
Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor
of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.
Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as
loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything
as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ
Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all
things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may
gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness
of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes
through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God
based on faith.

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and
the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his
death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection
from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already
reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own,
because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do
not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing
I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to
what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of
the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn – Make me a channel of your peace

We invite you to stand and meditate on the music.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your healing power!
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness ever joy.

Oh, Spirit grant that I may never seek,
so much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand.
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your healing power!
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21: 33-46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders of the time who were plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of the prophets.

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.

[Jesus said to the people:] "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'

So, they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:
'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn (continued)

We invite you to stand and meditate on the music.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your healing power!
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

The Story of St Francis of Assisi – Rev Sharon Smith

Reflection: We wonder together...

I wonder...

- *what parts of Francis' story you like the best?*
- *what part of the story is the most important for you?*
- *what part of the story is about you or where you might be in the story?*
- *if we could leave any part of the story out and still have all the story we need?*

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.

Take, O take me as I am:
Summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart
And live in me.

The Blessing of Animals:

Creator of all life and love,
We praise you for surrounding us with living creatures, great
and small, who reveal to us the wonder of your creation.
We thank you for [name of pet],
who brings so much joy into our lives.
By the power of your love may our life together
be a sign of peace and harmony you seek for the whole of
creation. Now and Forever, Amen

Prayers over the Gifts:

Presider: Holy God, gracious and merciful,
**All: you nourish us from your whole creation.
Turn our hearts towards those who
hunger in any way,
so that all may know your care:
and prepare us now to feast on the bread
of life, Christ in and among us,
Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer: *(Iona Abbey Worship Book)*

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: Blessed are you O God
**All: For you have brought forth bread from
the earth.**

Presider: Blessed are you O God
All: For you have created the fruit of the vine.

Presider: And so with all our siblings,
before us and beside us,

**All: We praise you from our hearts for your
unending greatness.**

**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: Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus
took bread and having blessed it, he broke the
bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:
"This is my body which is given for you."

In the same way he took wine, and having
given thanks for it, he poured it out and gave it
to his disciples, saying: "This cup is the new
relationship with God, sealed with my blood.
Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with
you next in the coming Kingdom of God.

So now, following Jesus' example.
We take this bread and this wine;
The ordinary things of the world,
through which God will bless us.
And as Jesus offered thanks for the gifts
of the earth, let us also celebrate
God's goodness.

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ,
**All: Present with us now,
as we do in this place what you did in an
upstairs room,
breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this
bread and this wine.
That they may be heaven's food and
drink for us,**

All: **Renewing, sustaining and making
us whole,
and that we may be your body on earth,
loving and caring in the world. 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.
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: Here, in this bread and wine, may we
encounter Christ who calls us to care for the
poor, the earth, and all who are in need.

People: **All who long for Christ are welcome at
this table.**

Invitation to the Table:

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: God Of The Poor

We invite you to meditate on the music during Communion.

Beauty for brokenness
Hope for despair
Lord in Your suff'ring world
This is our prayer
Bread for the children
Justice joy peace
Sunrise to sunset
Your kingdom increase

Shelter for fragile lives
Cures for their ills
Work for the craftsmen
Trade for their skills
Land for the dispossessed
Rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause
Of those who can't speak

Refrain:

God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain
Come change our love
From a spark to a flame

Refuge from cruel wars
Havens from fear
Cities for sanctu'ry
Freedoms to share
Peace to the killing fields
Scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness
His cross for the pain

Rest for the ravaged earth
Oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned
Our future our dreams
Lord end our madness
Carelessness greed
Make us content with
The things that we need (Refrain)

Lighten our darkness
Breathe on this flame
Until Your justice
Burns brightly again
Until the nations
Learn of Your ways
Seek Your salvation
And bring You their praise (Refrain)

Prayer after Communion

Presider: God of steadfast Love,

All: Create in us a new heart and a new vision, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Blessing:

(A Franciscan Blessing, contributed by Rev. Sharon Smith)

Presider: May God bless you with discomfort

**People: At easy answers, half-truths,
And superficial relationships,
So that you may live
deep within your heart.**

People: May God bless you with anger

Presider: At injustice, oppression,
And exploitation of people,
So that you may work for
Justice, freedom, and peace.

Presider: May God bless you with tears,

**People: To shed for those who suffer pain,
Rejection, hunger, and war,
So that you may reach out your hand
to comfort them and
to turn their pain to joy.**

**All: And may God bless you
With enough foolishness
to believe that you can
Make a difference in the world,
So that you can do
what others claim cannot be done:
to bring justice and kindness
to all our children and the poor. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Creator God

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

You put the stars in outer space
You popped the freckles on my face
And all the fish that swim and all the birds that fly
Were made from Your incredible imagination...

Refrain:
*Creator God, we're singing to the
Creator God of all the world
Creator God, we celebrate You
We celebrate You!*

You spread the ripples through the sea
You painted stripes on every bee
And all the grass that grows and all the leaves that fall
Are part of Your amazing plans for this creation...(Refrain)

You put the heat into the sun
You placed a heart in everyone
And all the music played and all the dancing done
Reminds us that we're made to be creative like...(Refrain)

Dismissal:

Presider: Go in peace to love as Christ loves,
People: **Thanks be to God.**

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 – info on back page.

Thank you for ministering this morning:

Marshals:	Marion Porter, Tony Dodd, Daela Dazell and Chris Wensley
Altar Guild:	Bonnie Grundy, Roslyn Jackson
Art display:	Chosen by Rev Sharon
Readers:	1 Mermi 2. Vivian McGie
Intercessor:	Sharon Fedorak
Cantor:	Heather Luccock
Sound:	Susanna Valente
Sunday School:	Ethan Spence
Livestream:	Armin

Zoom coffee time at NOON

Join us this Sunday after our in-person live streamed service for conversation. Begins promptly at 12 noon following the service so everyone can participate.

Join Zoom Meeting by video: <https://zoom.us/j/93034140745>

Or using your Zoom App by in putting the Meeting ID:
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During coffee time we will have two break-out groups:
(1) To check in
(2) A discussion of the service

Email: scadmin@shaw.ca for any help



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