St Catherines CHURCH

Artist: Natasha Stegemann

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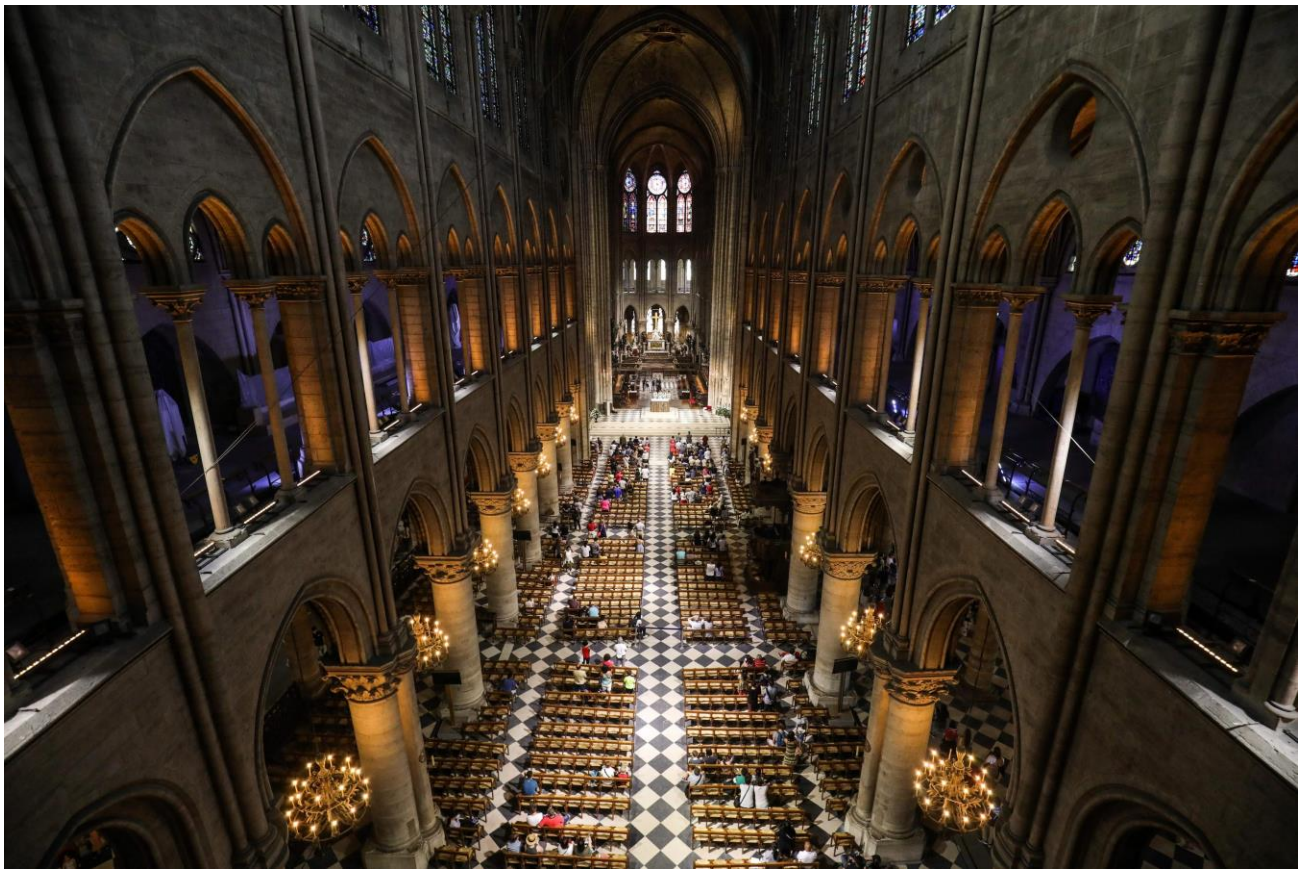

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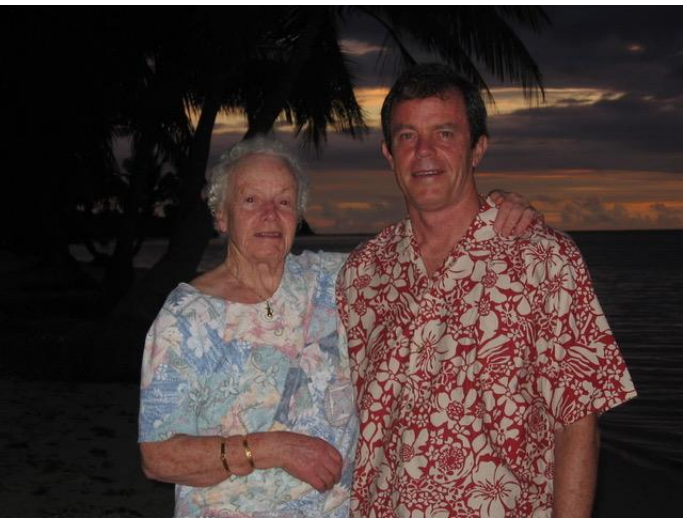
Presider:	**Rev. Sharon Smith**
Music:	**Alice Korfman** **Gordon Lee** **Vivian McGie**
Reader 1:	**Janet Benjamin (alt)**
Reader 2:	**Deborah Foster (by video)**
Intercessor:	**Robb Watt**
Altar Guild:	**Vivian McGie**
Sound:	**Ethan Spence**
Livestream:	**Armin and Sara**

Prelude: A New Commandment

arr. Lawrence Bartlett

St. Catherine's Mother's Day collage



Welcome and Intentions – Rev. Sharon

A Prayer for Mother's Day

Presider: All who gather here are sons or daughters.
All: We praise God for the women who gave us life.

Presider: For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,
All: We give God thanks and praise.

Presider: For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,
All: We pray for peace.

Presider: For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,
All: We pray for healing.

Presider: For mothers who have died, that live no longer with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,
All: We pray for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.

Presider: For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,
All: We weep with those with broken hearts.

Presider: For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,

All: We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.

Presider: For those who are preparing emptier nests,

All: We both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.

Presider: For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,

All: We pray for wisdom and patience.

Presider: For Grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,

All: We pray the caregivers have those who care for them.

Presider: For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled.

All: We wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.

Presider: For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,

All: We give God thanks and praise. Amen

Presider: For mothers, sisters, daughters and any questioning or transitioning in our midst and around the world.

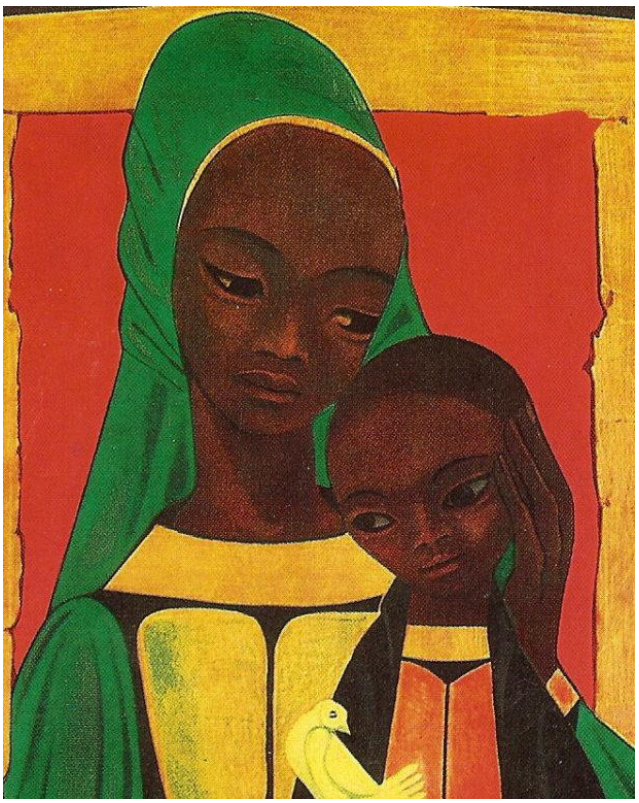
For the women give not just life, but abundant life.

For women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others.

For women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ.

For Moms, in their wide variety and many forms,

All: **We give God thanks and praise, Amen.**



Artist: African Madonna, Unknown Artist

Opening Hymn: Make a joyful Noise all the Earth.

By Linnea Good

Refrain:

Make a joyful noise all the earth!
Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth.
Come to this place with a song!

Know that your God has made you.
Know it's to God we belong.
And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.
Worship your God with a song! *Refrain*

Enter these gates, thanksgiving.
Enter these courts with praise.
Sing thanks to your God and bless this holy Name.
Worship your God with a song! *Refrain*

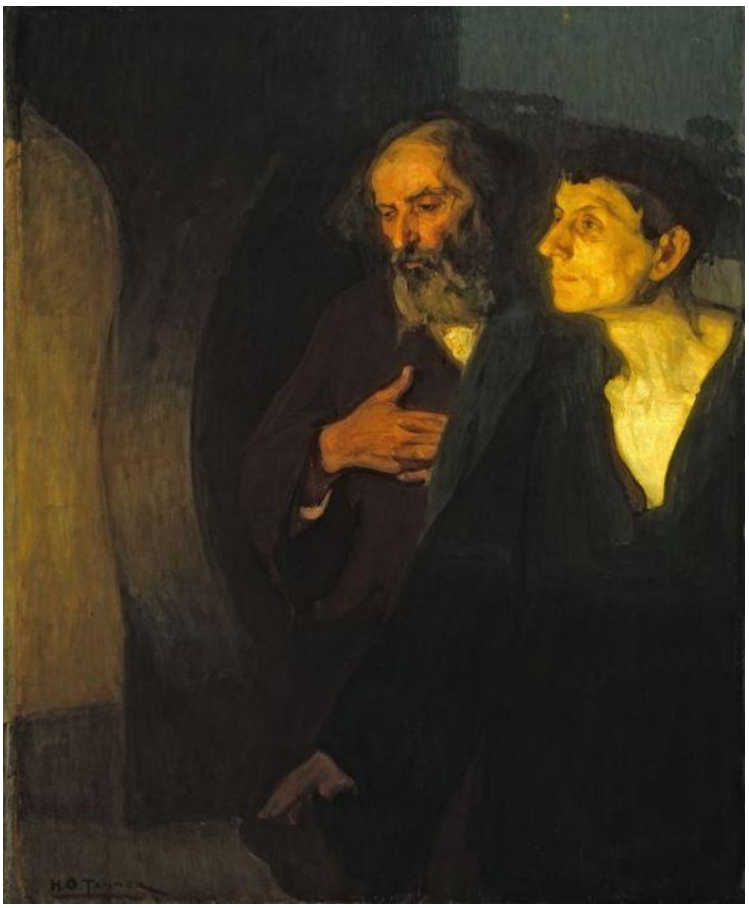
Ages through endless ages,
Seasons of endless years,
The love of our Maker ever shall endure.
Worship your God with a song! *Refrain*

Presider: Alleluia Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia.

Presider: As we gather on the unceded and ancestral lands of Coast Salish nations, let us pray that Christ's grace and peace will be with us.

All: May we be ministers of the reconciling love of the Risen Christ. May our hearts be filled with joy. Alleluia!



Artist: Henry Ossawa Tanner

Gloria:

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Children's story – Rev Sharon

Resurrection Experiences

Prayer of the Day

(Prayed by Steve Garnaas – Homes)

Presider:	Life Sustaining One
All:	**You are the vine and we are your branches, one with your life and rooted in your heart. One common blood flows through all of our veins. Flow through us and bear your fruit to all Creation, till all the seeds of your love have been sown. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Acts 10: 44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them; recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of all.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Artist: Peter Max

Psalm 98

The people are led by Janet Benjamin

Presider: Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

People: O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Presider: You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

People: Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Presider: Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

People: With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

Presider: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

People: **Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

All: **The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.**

Amen.

Second Reading: A Love Forgotten

By Jano Kilmas in Voice to Voice,
Downtown Eastside Writers Collective

A Love forgotten

covered in dust

broken

scattered over the fields

memories singing like

bells in our hearts

rusted

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Artist: Katherine McLean

Gospel Hymn: **The Servant King**

By Graham Kendrick

From heaven you came, helpless babe,
Entered our world, your glory veiled,
Not to be served but to serve,
And give your life that we might live.

Refrain: This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load he chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn:
"Yet not my will but yours," he said. *Refrain*

Come see his hands and his feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice,
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered. *Refrain*

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Artist: Miranda Mallinson

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn: From Heaven, you came, Helpless Babe.

So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone him,
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.

Refrain: This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.

Homily – Rev Sharon Smith

We hold silence for those in society who have no voice.

Presider: Spirit of God,
All: **Search our hearts.**

Prayers of the People

The Peace

(Iona Community Worship Book, 2017)

Presider: Friends not an easy peace,
not a conditional peace,
not a half-hearted peace,
But the peace of the Risen Christ
be always with you.

People: And also with you

Artist: Peter Max

Setting the Table: Help Us Accept Each Other

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all—not just for some,
To love them as we find them or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
In living situations to do the truth in love;
To practice your acceptance until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
Renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

Prayer over the Gifts.

Presider: All that we have and all that we are are God's gifts to us.

All: **So here we return a token of our wealth, the work of our hands and the fruit of the earth,**
asking that all we possess be used to further the justice, peace and love of Christ. Amen

The Eucharist

(Supplementary Prayer 2)

Presider: May God be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to God.**

Presider: Let us offer thanks to God our Creator.
People: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Presider: Holy God, Lover of creation,
we give you thanks and praise
for in the ocean of your steadfast love
you bear us and place the song of
your Spirit in our hearts.
When we turn from your love and
defile the earth,
you do not abandon us.

Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and
Micah, through prophets, sages, and
saints in every age, to confront our sin
and reveal the vision of your new
creation.
Joining in the song of the
universe we proclaim your glory
singing:

Sanctus (Aidan) – John Bell

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is the one
Coming in the name, the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Presider: Gracious God,
in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ
to share our fragile humanity.
Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection
you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.
Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life,
Jesus knew death was near.
His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Presider: And now we gather at this table in response
to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying
love, and to proclaim our faith.

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

Breathe your Holy Spirit,
the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Presider: Through Christ, with Christ,
and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer:

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
as we sing:

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 for ever. Amen.

Presider: Lord, we died with you on the cross.
All: **Now we are raised to new life.**

Presider: We were buried in the tomb.
All: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Presider: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Words of invitation:

(Adapted from Archbishop Desmond Tutu)

Presider: In tender mercy our God has
prepared a table for all
who seek goodness rather than
evil, love rather than hate, light
rather than darkness, life rather
than death.

Come and share in the feast
prepared for all God's
beloved children,

for these are the gifts of God
for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God**

Prayer for those at home:

Presider: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,

All: **We trust that you grace us in the breaking and eating of bread in community.**
Since I cannot now receive this sacrament in community, ever-present Spirit fill my heart and sustain me. Amen.

Communion Hymn: I come with Joy

By Brian Wren

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

The spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
Is in such friendship better known, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound, by all that God has done,
We'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one.

Prayers after Communion:

(Iona Abbey Worship Book, 2017)

Presider: O Brother Jesus.
we have been guests at your table
come with us where we go
and be present in all we share.

All: **Summon out in us, whom you have fed, generosity of spirit**
to ensure that all the hungry are nourished and earth's barren places are fertile with food, faith,
hope and love.
Amen

Announcements

- The Creeds & Beyond
- The Welcoming Practice & the Energy Centres
- Ministry Planning April/May/June

Special Vestry Sunday May 30th, 2021

Doxology:

Presider: Glory to God

All: **whose power, working in us,**
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
In the Church and in Christ Jesus,
For ever and ever.

Presider: May you know the blessing of God:
Maker, Lover and Keeper of your life.
Amen

Closing Hymn: Lord, I lift your name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high.

Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life.

I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way.

From the earth to the cross my debt to pay.

From the cross to the grave,

From the grave to the sky;

Lord I lift your name on high.

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Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Risen Lord, Allelujah!

People: Thanks be to God. Allelujah! Allelujah!

Artist: Kate Taylor

POSTLUDE: Benediction

By Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

Coffee Time Follows @ Noon – 12:30pm

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