St Catherines CHURCH

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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PARKING LOT - 10 AM SERVICE

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Presider:	**Rev. Laurel Dykstra** **Rev Elizabeth Mathers**
Music:	**Rob Gloor** **Ginger Shaw**
Reader	**Roslyn Jackson**
Intercessor:	**Linda Robertson**
Altar Guild:	**Nancy Sunderland**
Livestream:	**Gordon Lee and Armin**

We welcome The Rev Laurel Dykstra, Rev Elizabeth Mathers and Salal and Cedar with us today.

Prelude

Welcome & safety instructions: Chris Wensley

Gathering of the Community *(Remain seated)*

Presider: We gather on the unceded land of the Coast Salish peoples. These lands and waters, the creatures and plants have cared for and been cared for by Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh people from time immemorial. We commit ourselves to seek just and right relationship with them.

Litany of Welcome for All Creatures
(from the children and youth of St. Philips Dunbar)

Leader: Come all land animals and sea creatures!
All: All creatures are welcome in the house of God.

Leader: Come all small creatures and big creatures!
All: All creatures are welcome in the house of God.

Leader: Come all birds of land, sea and sky!
All: All creatures are welcome in the house of God.

Leader: Come all trees and weeds!
All: All creatures are welcome in the house of God.

Leader: Come all cats, dogs, hamsters, fish, people and turtles!
All: All creatures are welcome in the house of God.

Leader: Come all angels and mortals!
All: All creatures are welcome in the house of God.

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Blessing of the Water – Rev Laurel Dykstra

Gathering Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful

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

Refrain
All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wide and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

Each radiant flower that opens,
each vibrant bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their lively wings. *Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruit in the garden,
God made them every one. *Refrain*

God gave us eyes to seem them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is the Creator,
who has made all things well. *Refrain*

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.

Collect for Purity

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: All Loving God

All: To you all hearts are open, all desires known And from you know secrets are hidden Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit That we may perfectly love you, And worthily magnify your holy name; Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

Psalm 30

Presider: I will exalt you, O GOD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

People: O GOD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

Presider: You brought me up, O GOD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

People: Sing to GOD, you servants of GOD; give thanks for the remembrance of GOD's holiness.

Presider: For GOD's wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, GOD's favor for a lifetime.

People: Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning.

Presider: While I felt secure, I said, I shall never be disturbed. You, GOD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

People: **Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.**

Presider: I cried to you, O GOD; I pleaded with the Sovereign One, saying,

People: **"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**

Presider: Hear, O GOD, and have mercy upon me; O GOD, be my helper.“

People: **You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.**

Presider: Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O GOD my God I will give you thanks forever. Amen.

Reading: Rita Wong Fairy Creek Epistle

I was honoured to visit Fairy Creek watershed recently, spending time with the ancient forests and their defenders on unceded Pacheedaht & Dididaht territory. People from all four directions are converging there in solidarity with Elder Bill Jones and hereditary chief Victor Peter's call to protect the land for current and future generations.

I responded to this call because all people who live on unceded Indigenous territories have a responsibility to uphold Indigenous law, whether or not they understand this. The base line, as I understand it, is to protect life and biodiversity for future generations. No one has a right to destroy the land that nourishes life and biodiversity, including thousand-year old trees that are an incredible inheritance and gift to the world.

With 185 arrests so far, people are reconnecting with the land and enacting the principle of reciprocity that is integral to our humanity. Each day brings new surprises, and new waves of people, who understand how crucial it is to protect old growth forests and uphold hereditary Indigenous leadership and sovereignty. I would like to ask the RCMP officers who have been deployed to here if they understand that they also have a responsibility to protect the land, not destroy it.

It was very hard to leave, and I plan to return when I can. Now is the time to visit these forests if you have any capacity for this. This incredible place and community is a crash course in ethics, healing, and walking the talk of respect through collective action as people from all walks of life uphold the responsibilities that the government have so far failed at. Each of us carries different gifts that we can contribute to the land and to future generations, be it a song, a meal, an arrest, or whatever skills you want to offer. And be prepared to be inspired by everyday people's courage and wisdom.

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

Gospel Hymn: Alleluia

We invite you to stand and meditate on the music.

Gospel Reading: Mark 5: 21-42 NRSV

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

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

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

Gospel Hymn continued

Alleluia

Homily – Rev Laurel Dykstra

Reflective silence follows

Intercession and Confession: Linda Robertson

Forgive in us what has gone wrong
Repair in us what is wasted
Reveal in us what is good.
Amen.

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".

Prayer over the gifts

Presider: Gracious God, from the bounty of your creation you have given richly to us. Accept these offerings of labor, love and land. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer:
(By Salal and Cedar)

Presider: May God be with you
People: And also with you
Presider: Lift up your hearts
People: We lift them up

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Presider: Let us give thanks to God our Create

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Presider: It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here where the Fraser River meets the Salish Sea, where city and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side.

Presider: We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, orca and salmon, bear and raven, salal and cedar we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

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: We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of famers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

All: Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

All: **Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.**

Presider: Bring us with Catherine and all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.

All: **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

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 Hymn: Eat this Bread, Drink this cup

Prayer after communion

Presider: This bread we have eaten

All: Comes from the earth.
The wine we have tasted comes from the soil.
Thank you, God, for sharing it all.
Help us to lend our voice in caring for Earth.
Help us to see the birds of the air,
the fish of the water,
the plants and animals that live with us
as part of our communion in your love.
In Christ's name we ask it.
Amen

Blessing – Rev Laurel Dykstra

Closing Hymn: My life flows on in Endless Song

Refrain:
No storm can shake my inmost clam,
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

My life flows on in endless song
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation *Refrain*

The peace of Chris makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am his:
how can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

Dismissal –Deacon Rev. Elizabeth Mathers

There will be no zoom coffee time. You are welcome to remain in your seats and connect with your neighbour.

Go in peace.

Visitation by Chinese born artist Jame He Qi