



Advent 3
Traditional Service
December 11, 2022

Priest: The Reverend Sharon Smith
Musician and Choir Director: Rob Gloor
Administrator: Natasha Stegemann
Wardens: Robb Watt, Linda Robertson, Chris Wensley

St. Catherine's Mission, Vision and Values

St. Catherine's Anglican Church, near the heart of Edgemont Village in North Vancouver on the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish peoples, including the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and səlililwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations, is a contemporary community of Christian seekers

We welcome you to join us in the 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.

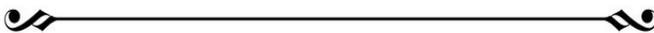
Our **Vision** is to:

- 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

Our Values:

St Catherine's is a community that aspires to be:

Welcoming, Inclusive, Curious, Creative,
Sustainable, Caring and Humble



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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 Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) and
səlililwətaɣ̓ (Tseil-Waututh) First Nations

*Votive candles are available to light during communion. Please consider
a donation to the candle fund. We ask that you light one candle per
person with a fresh lighting stick and extinguish it in the sand.*

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Intention: Rev. Sharon Smith

Advent Wreath Lighting

“Joy can’t Wait”

Presider: In this time and place we gather
on the ancestral lands of the
Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) and
səlililwətaɣ̓ (Tseil-Waututh) nations.

**All: From many places and peoples
we come to this house of prayer.**

Presider: In this time and place we await the coming of
Emmanuel, God with us.

All: Maranatha, come Christ come.

Presider: In this time and place,
we await God’s transformation of the world.

All: Maranatha, come Christ come.

Presider: In this time and place,
we await the coming of peace on earth.

All: Maranatha, come Christ come.

Gathering Hymn:

Hark the Glad Sound! The Saviour Comes

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let every heart prepare a throne
And every voice a song.

He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And from the treasuries of grace
To bless the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved name.

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.

Presider: Loving God,

**All: to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no 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.**

Silence is kept.

Lord Have Mercy (Kyrie Eleison)

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Christ Have Mercy

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Prayer of the Day (Collect):

Presider: God of the burning sand and thirsty ground:

**All: you called John into the wilderness
to announce a new creation
far from palaces of royal power.
Ready us for the intensity
of your invitation,
that open our senses
to the poverty of our world
and calls to life
what lingers in death;
through Jesus the Christ,
the one who is to come. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

The prophet uses evocative imagery to describe the people's return from their exile, mirrored by the renewal of creation in which health and wholeness will be restored.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
And rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
for waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
They shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Magnificat (Luke 1: 46b-55)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
And my spirit exalts in God my savior
For He has looked with mercy on my lowliness
And my name will be forever exalted
For the mighty God has done great things for me
And His mercy will reach from age to age

And holy, holy, holy is His name

He has mercy in every generation
He has revealed His power and His glory
He has cast down the mighty in their arrogance
And has lifted up the meek and the lonely
He has come to help His servant Israel
He remembered His promise to our fathers

And holy, holy, holy is His name
Holy, holy, holy is His name

Second Reading: Blessing to Summon Rejoicing

By Jan Richardson

When your weeping
has watered
the earth.

When the storm
has been long
and the night
and the season
of your sorrowing.

When you have seemed
in exile
from your life,
lost in the far country,

a long way from where
your comfort lies.

When the sound
of splintering
and fracture
haunts you.

When despair
attends you.

When lack.
When trouble.
When fear.
When pain.

When empty.
When lonely.
When too much
of what depletes you
and not enough
of what restores
and rests you.

Then let there be
rejoicing.

Then let there be
dreaming.

Let there be
laughter in your mouth
and on your tongue
shouts of joy.

Let the seeds
soaked by tears
turn to grain,
to bread,
to feasting.

Let there be
coming home.

Gospel Hymn: Prepare the Way

Prepare the way of the Lord,
Prepare the way of the Lord,
And all people will see the
Salvation of our God

(Repeat)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11

John the Baptist expects the Messiah to bring God's judgment upon the earth. From a prison cell, he wonders whether Jesus is the one who will do this. Jesus' response indicates that God's reign is indeed being fulfilled already but through love, healing and liberation.

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.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"

Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes?

Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn: Prepare the Way

Prepare the way of the Lord,
Prepare the way of the Lord,
And all people will see the
Salvation of our God
(Repeat)

Homily – Rev. Sharon Smith

Reflective silence follows.

Affirmation of Faith:

Presider: Do you believe in God?

**All: We believe in God,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus?

**All: We believe in Jesus the Christ,
redeemer of humanity.**

Presider: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**All: We believe in the Holy Spirit,
sustainer of life.**

Presider: Let us keep silent and remember the One who came when words were not enough.

PRAYER

Prayers of the People

Confession:

Presider: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes all
and invites us to this table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Presider: Most merciful God,
**All: we confess that we have sinned against
you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as
ourselves. We are truly sorry
and we humbly repent.**

All: For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Presider: Loving God have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Passing of the Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

COMMUNION

Preparing the Table: Prepare the Way, O Zion

Prepare the way, O Zion;
your Christ is drawing near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory,
fore told in sacred story.

Refrain

Oh, blest is Christ that came
in God's most holy name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion;
he comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, peace, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding,

(Refrain)

Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
your Saviour's rule embrace.
His tidings of salvation
proclaim in ev'ry place.
All lands will bow before him,
their voices will adore him.

(Refrain)

Prayers over the Gifts

Presider: God of hope,
**People: renew in us the joy of your
salvation and make our lives a
living sacrifice to you,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer *(ELCIC III for Advent)*

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 give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: Blessed are you gracious God,
Creator of heaven and earth;
Source of light and life.

Presider: In the fullness of time
you come among us enfleshed.
And so, together with all the choirs of angels,
your peoples on earth and in heaven, we
praise your name and join the unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full
are full of your glory.**

**Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest. (x3)**

Presider: Holy One, the beginning and the end,
the giver of life
Blessed are you
for the birth of creation,
Blessed are you
in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you
for your promises to your people,
Blessed are you
in the prophets hopes and dreams
Blessed are you
for Mary's openness to your will
Blessed are you
for Jesus, the Word made flesh.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
Jesus, in a room with his friends, took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and shared it
saying take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Priest: 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.

Presider: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Presider: With this bread and cup
we remember your Word
dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth
And we look with hope for Christ's coming.

All: Come, Lord Jesus

**All: Holy God,
we long for your Spirit,
come among us,
bless this meal,
may your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.**

**All: Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.**

Presider: All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever,

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer (*Sung*):

**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.**

Fraction (Breaking of Bread):

Presider: God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us at your table.

People: **Happy are those who are called to the
eternal supper of the Lamb.**

Invitation to the Table:

Presider: 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 (Fresh Bread or Wafers) at the station below the stairs, or Communion of one or both kinds at the Altar. Wine is administered from a common cup. Gluten free wafer are available upon request.

Please sanitize your hands before receiving.

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

Candle lighting during this time is welcomed.

Communion Music: I Come with Joy

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.

Prayer after Communion:

Presider: God for whom we wait,

**All: in this meal you give us a foretaste
of that day when the hungry
will be fed with good things.
Help us to live in the tension
Between what has been done
and what will be done;
into the surprise of Christ who comes
again and again and again into our midst.
Amen.**

SENDING

Community Announcements

Blessing – Rev. Sharon

Closing Hymn: Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come:
Let Earth receive the King
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing

Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns;
Let us glad songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love.

Dismissal

Presider: Go forth, open to the dawning Light of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.



*Join us after the service for:
Coffee and Conversation at the back of the church*

Thank you for ministering this morning:

- Music:** Rob Gloor and Singers
- Coffee Group:** Penny Zuk, Gillian Holland
- Greeters:** Lori Burns and Tony Dodd
- Altar Guild:** Vivian McGie
- Readers:** **1** Tony Dodd **2.** Sharon Fedorak
- Intercessor:** Heather Luccock
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Lori Burns and Vivian McGie
- Livestream:** Chris Wensley
- Sunday School:** Ethan Spence

Advent & Christmas 2022

(see St. Catherine's website for more details)

December 18: **ADVENT 4 Worship**
(10 am) Traditional service,
 Lessons and Carols

December 24: **Christmas Eve Services**
(3 pm) **Family Service** with an
 Interactive Nativity Tale.

(5 pm) **Traditional Service** with music,
 candlelight, readings, prayers, a
 Eucharist/Communion and homily.

December 25: **Regional Christmas Day Service**
(10:15 am) at St. Agnes, 530 12th St. E
 North Vancouver

January 1: **Second Sunday in Christmas**
(10 am) Spoken Traditional Service
 St. Catherine's Chapel



Starts January 15th, 2023
6 Sunday mornings after church
11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Register at the office if you would like to attend.
Email Natasha: scadmin@shaw.ca

Please come even if you can't make all 6 sessions or if you can't start at the beginning.

While we encourage people to take all 6 sessions, you will find it helpful and fun even if you participate in a few sessions.

The program will look at the Beatitudes - the 8 blessings said by Jesus and what this means for Christians.

The program is open to everyone - those new to Christianity, those who want to learn more or life-long Christians who would like to deepen their understanding about one of Jesus' most important, subversive and revolutionary statements in the Bible.



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