

Open To The Light
ST Catherines
ANGELICAN CHURCH



Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 11, 2023 at 10 am

Priest: The Reverend Sharon Smith
Musician and Choir Director: Rob Gloor
Administration: Natasha Stegemann
Wardens: Vivian McGie, 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 səliilwətaʔ (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
Situating on the unceded traditional Coast Salish territory
of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) and səliilwətaʔ (Tsleil-
Waututh) First Nations

*As you enter the church, we invite you to light a votive candle to
remember a person or situation that you carry on your heart. Candles
are also available during communion.*

GATHERING

*A warm welcome to Rev. Peter Smyth (Seafarers)
and to the Bell Choir.*

Prelude: Bell Choir

Welcome & Intention: Linda Robertson

A moment of silent reflection.

Presider: We gather on the ancestral lands of the
Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh nations

All: From distanced places we come to pray.

Presider: We meet in the presence of the living God

**All: The living God who creates us
and all that is.**

Presider: The risen Christ stands in our midst.

**All: The risen Christ who accompanies us
and all people.**

Presider: God's Holy Spirit comes in

**All: Wind and Flame,
Breathes in us and emboldens us.
Come Holy Spirit, Come!**

**We gather in the name of God,
Source of all being, Eternal Word and
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: Healer of our every Ill

Refrain:

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *[Refrain]*

In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. *[Refrain]*

Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *[Refrain]*

You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *[Refrain]*

Prayer of the Day:

Presider: God of grace,

**All: you invite the despised,
 you touch the unclean,
 you lift up those who are brought low:
 give us that hope for a world transformed
 through Jesus the Christ,
 the mercy of God.
 Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing.

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Leader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:1-12 (Paraphrase by Nan Merrill)

Led by Tony Dodd

Leader: Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous;
praise is fitting for the upright.

**People: Praise the LORD with the lyre;
make music for God with a ten-stringed
harp.**

Leader: Sing for the LORD a new song;
play your instrument skillfully with joyful
sounds.

**People: For your word, O LORD, is right,
and faithful are all your works.**

Leader: You love righteousness and justice;
your steadfast love fills the whole earth.

**People: By your word were the heavens made,
by the breath of your mouth all the hosts
of heaven.**

Leader: You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a
water skin and store up the depths of the sea.

**People: Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all who dwell in the world stand
awe.**

Leader: For God spoke, and it came to pass;
God commanded, and it stood fast.

**People: The LORD brings the will of the nations to
nothing and thwarts the designs of the
peoples.**

Leader: Your will, O LORD, stands fast forever,
and the designs of your heart from age to age.

**People: Happy is the nation whose God is the
Lord! Happy the people chosen to be
God's heritage.**

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All: Amen

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

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.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him.

But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn Continued

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Homily – Rev. Peter Smyth

Silent Reflection

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.**

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

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.

Silence is kept.

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.
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.**

Presider: Loving God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you 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: You Are My All In All

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all.

REFRAIN

Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
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Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all.
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all. (*Refrain*)

Prayer over the Gifts:

Presider: Blessed are you,
All: O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness
you have blessed us with these gifts:
ourselves, our time and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus the Christ,
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer (*ELCIC IV*)

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: It is indeed right,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
merciful God, through Jesus the Christ.
Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,
uniting in one body
people of every nation and tongue.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all
the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels,
cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name
and join their unending hymn:

**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.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
Praise to you for creating the heavens
and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth
from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites
safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people
through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of
Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death
and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit
poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Presider: 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: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Presider: O God of resurrection and new life:

**All: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.**

Presider: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

**All: Raise us up as the body of Christ
for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.**

Presider: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer (*Sung*):

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.**

Fraction (Breaking the Bread):

Presider: Fill us afresh with your Spirit today,
All: **revive your Church,
and renew the face of the earth.**

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 (wafers or fresh bread) at the base of the stairs, or Communion of one or both kinds at the Altar. We receive wine 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: Bell Choir

Prayer after Communion:

Presider: We give you thanks, loving God,

**All: that you have refreshed us
through the healing power
of this gift of life.
In your mercy,
strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love
toward one another,
in Jesus name, Amen.**

SENDING

Announcements – Linda Robertson

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. Amen.**

Blessing:

Presider: Created and called to be faithful stewards,
we are sent forth by our God.

**All: We will take all that is good to places of
brokenness, all that is beautiful to those
who live in despair.**

Presider: Called and commissioned to be faithful disciples, we are sent forth by Jesus, Word of hope.

All: We follow Jesus to every place he would lead us, to every person who will bless us.

Presider: Called and filled with the very breath of peace, we are sent forth by the Spirit, God's grace.

**All: We will join the Spirit in bring life where there is fear, in offering love where hate seeks to take hold.
Amen**

Sending Hymn: Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm does bind the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
we cry, O God of majesty.
for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
and hushed their raging at your word,
who walked across the surging deep
and in the storm lay calm in sleep:
we cry. O Lord of Galilee,
for those in peril on the sea

Creator Spirit, by whose breath
were fashioned sea and sky and earth;
who made the stormy chaos cease
and gave us life and light and peace;
we cry, O Spirit strong and free ,
for those in peril on the sea.

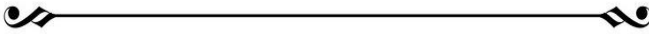
O Trinity of love and power,
preserve their lives in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, flood and flame
protect them by your holy name,
and to toy our glory let there be
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Dismissal:

Presider: Go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Bell Choir



***Please join us after the service for coffee
at the back of the church.***

Thank you for ministering this morning:

Music: Rob Gloor & Choir
Bell Choir: Ruth Tschannen and Choir
Greeters: Lori Burns and Bob Paxton
Altar Guild: Vivian McGie
Readers: **1)** Tony Dodd **2)** Sharon Fedorak
Intercessor: Heather Luccock
Eucharistic Tony Dodd, Susana Wensley
Administrators: Ethan Spence
Livestream: Ashkon Vahedi
Coffee Group: Penny Zuk, Gillian Holland, Alison Watt



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