



A Celebration of Water

in Solidarity with Tsleil-Waututh Nation Sacred Trust

June 9, 2024

Social Justice Sunday

Priest: The Reverend Sharon Smith

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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 səlililwətaʔ (Tseil-
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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INTENTION: Rev Harold Munn

A moment of silent reflection.

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!**

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ

**All: And the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore.**

GATHERING HYMN:

PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS

Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light.
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One who preached the gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands
With the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the one who drove out demons
With a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory:
Praise the One who makes us one.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Presider: Blessed are you, O God, Alpha and Omega,

All: the beginning and the end.

You are the One who makes all things new.

To the thirsty you give water from the spring of the water of life.

You make the wasteland glad, the desert rejoice and blossom,

turning parched ground into a refreshing pool and arid terrain into an overflowing fountain. By the gift of water you nourish and renew all living things. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

READING 1: THANKSGIVING OVER WATER

This Anglican prayer for thanksgiving over water, said at baptisms and on All Saints Day reminds us of the sacredness of water and its recurring role in our salvation story.

In the beginning, when darkness covered the face of the deep, you breathed your Spirit over the waters, calling forth life in abundance. In the time of Noah, when the flood of judgment engulfed the earth, you rescued and made a covenant with your creation.

At the Red Sea, you drove back the waters by the strong wind of your Spirit, opening up a path to liberation. You released the children of Israel from the shackles of slavery to dance and sing on the shore of freedom and promise.

In the fullness of time, Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan, repenting for the sin of the world and restoring to water its healing work in all creation. In the Jordan, you revealed Jesus as the one in whom your soul delights. You anointed him to open the eyes that are blind, to rescue the prisoners from the dungeon, to set free those who sit in darkness, and to bring forth justice to the nations.

Suffering the baptism of death and resurrection, Jesus set us free from the bondage of sin and death, and gave birth to the New Creation.

The crucified and risen Christ stands among us, baptizing with the Holy Spirit and with fire, enlivening us to proclaim the gospel to all nations, serve you as a royal priesthood, and act as faithful stewards of all that you have made.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

WATER BLESSING

Priest blesses the water in the font.

Presider: Breathe your Spirit, O God, upon this water that your servants who are washed and anointed may share with your Christ in his death and resurrection. Let there be no distinction among those whom one font, one Spirit, one faith make one people.

All: Together, may we stand as a sign and foretaste of your Kingdom, a covenant to the people, a light to the nations. We give you praise and honour and worship through your Child, Jesus the Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM 107: 23-35

Led by Sharon Fedorak

Reader: Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters; they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep.

All: For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.

Reader: They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity; they reeled and staggered and were at their wits' end.

All: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress; he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

Reader: Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

All: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

Reader: Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

All: He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground, a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the wickedness of its inhabitants.

Reader: He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water. Amen.

SECOND READING: PEOPLE of the INLET

This reading from Rueben George, environmentalist and grandson of Tsleil-Waututh orator and actor Chief Dan George, describes his people's relationship to the waters of the Burrard Inlet.

For Indigenous Peoples, your nation ties you directly to your lands and waters, and Tsleil Waututh literally means the "People of the Inlet." We are called this because our First Mother came from Tsleil Waut. These waters are our mother.

Our mother, the inlet, has provided us with our ceremonies, our transportation systems, our food, and our medicines. Prior to colonization there were many thousands of Tsleil-Waututh people living along the Burrard Inlet, and eighty-five percent of our diet came from these waters. We had abundance, and our people were healthy. We had sophisticated farming practices and fishing techniques.

We had productive orchards and ancient forests full of food. We traded with other nations far and wide. We used the plants that grew all around us to build our homes, to weave rope and clothing, to cook and spice our foods and to heal our people. We developed medical practices to address any health condition that arose. We had numerous village sites, and we moved around our territory following the rhythms of the seasons so that our resources were never depleted in any one place. We weren't greedy: we took care of what we had and never took more than we needed.

Our people lived with such abundance that we had enough leisure time to make countless works of beautiful art on even the simplest of objects. We took time to make art, and that art told us who we were or what clan we belonged to. Our canoes were also works of art. Our homes were beautiful. We made everything by hand. We did things in very special ways. We lived in reciprocal relationship with the spirit of the lands and waters.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN:

WASH, O GOD, OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,
where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people;
bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;
compass them with love and light
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
holy dove and heart's delight.

We who bring them long for nurture;
by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking
cup of blessing, living bread.

God, renew us, guide our footsteps;
free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying,
by your Spirit, children, heirs

GOSPEL READING: MARK 1:4-13

The baptism of Jesus by John marks the beginning of his public ministry. John is connected with the tradition of wilderness prophets who focused on justice and land and although it is not evident in this translation John baptizes Jesus not just in, but "into" the Jordan River.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL HYMN CONTINUED

Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
water washed and Spirit born.
By your grace, our lives we offer.
Recreate us; God, transform!

HOMILY – Rev Harold Munn

Silent Reflection

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Presider: We Believe in God,

All: The Source of Life by whom every being in heaven and earth is created, named and sustained.

Presider: We believe in God, the Living Word,

All: Who restores us to relationship and speaks to us through faith.

Presider: We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

All: Who comforts, guides and strengthens us to share the good news of grace

Presider: We believe in God, One, holy, undivided Trinity

All: Source of Life, Living Word, Comforter: Mystery. Amen.

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We gather together our concerns, mindful that we join our prayers with members of our church community, members of Tseil Waututh Nation and people of many faiths who are praying for the waters at Whey-ah-Wichen (Cates Park).

CONFESSION:

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

All: Holy One, we long for you. You know our wounding and our broken-heartedness. You know how others have hurt us, and how we have hurt others. You alone have the healing we need. Yours is the love that changes Everything.

Presider: May all that is unforgiven in you be released. May your fears yield their deepest tranquilities. May all that is un-lived in you, blossom into a future, graced with love. Amen

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: And also with you.

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

COMMUNION

TABLE PREPARATION: SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. (*Refrain*)

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. (*Refrain*)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider: God of life and freedom,
**All: We celebrate the revelation of Jesus as
the Christ who makes all creation new.
Accept these gifts of bread and wine, like
us they depend on earth, sunlight, and
water. May we and they be made new.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Presider: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

Presider: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All: We give our thanks and praise.

Presider: Creator, you made our world --- beautiful and good. You made us to live in right relationship with you and allcreation. You sent Jesus to live among us and show us what you are like. We give all thanks and praise to you, our true and loving God. You laid the foundations of the earth and enclosed the seas. You brought forth all creatures and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One. All you create is a sign of hope for our journey. And so, we join with the heavenly beings and all of creation as we sing:

Sanctus (Argentina)

**Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words; you are holy Lord.**

**In God's name is coming the One whom we call
blessed.
Hosanna in the highest. Praise and thanks to God.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words; you are holy Lord.**

Presider: Glory and honour are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent. Of your grace, you sent Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign, and to give himself for us. Through Jesus Christ you have reconciled us to you and restored the glory you intended for us.

On the night before he died, Jesus ate supper with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying: "Take and eat. This is my very self, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup of wine, again he gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink it all of you. This cup is a new covenant poured out for you and all people. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, we remember: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, and, longing for Christ's coming again in glory, we present these gifts to you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, so that we who share this bread and wine may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Draw us together in Christ, and, in the fullness of time, gather us with all your people into the joy of your eternal home.

Presider: Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we
worship you our God and Creator and give you
our unending praise.

All: 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. Amen.**

FRACTION (Breaking the Bread):

Presider: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of
wheat, whose many grains we have
gathered into this one bread.

**All: So may your people be gathered from
the ends of the earth into your
kingdom.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE:

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION:

All people are welcome to receive Communion of one kind (Wafers), or Communion of one or both kinds at the Altar. Gluten free wafers 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: WIND UPON THE WATER

Wind upon the waters,
voice upon the deep;
rouse your sons and daughters,
wake us from our sleep.
Breathing life into all flesh,
breathing love into all hearts,
Living wind upon the waters of my soul.

Showers from the heaven,
water from the earth;
Gift so wholly given,
source of every birth.
Joy of every living thing,
making all creation sing,
Shower down upon the dry earth of my soul.

Rock and hill and garden,
wood and desert sand;
Prairie, field and meadow,
shaped by Love's own hand.
Love that fills the world around,
springing up from barren ground,
Grow your love within the garden of my soul.

Blazing light of wonder,
flame that pierces night;
Burst the dark asunder,
fill our souls with light.
Lord of glory, fill the skies,
make an end to hatred's cries,
Be the blazing Sun of justice in our lives.

Wind upon the waters,
rains upon the sand,
Grace your sons and daughters,
newborn by your hand.
Come, O Spirit and renew
all the life that comes from you,
Send your winds upon the waters of my soul

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Presider: Gracious God, lover of all,

**All: by this sacrament you make us one
family in Christ your Son.
Help us to grow in love for one another
and come to the full maturity of the Body
of Christ. We ask this in his name.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Wardens

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 AND ASPERGES

From the font

Presider: May this water remind us of our baptism.

**All: You will sprinkle me with hyssop, O God,
and I shall be cleansed;
You will wash me
and I shall be made new.**

Presider: May the blessing of God All-Loving,
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit be upon you and
remain with you always.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: LIKE A HEALING STREAM

*Presider will bless the congregation with holy water during
the procession.*

**Like a healing stream in a barren desert, Spirit water
bringing life to dusty earth, God is trickling through our lives
as in a dream unfolding,
promising revival and rebirth ... like a healing stream.**

**Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden, Spirit water comes to
nourish tiny seed, God is bubbling through the soil
to coax a new creation,
yearning for an end to want and need ... like a gentle rain.**

**Like a river strong with a restless current,
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,
God is carving out a channel in a new direction, calling for
an end to hate and war ... like a river strong.**

**Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,
Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow: God
will always challenge and provide!**

**Like a mighty sea, like a river strong,
like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.**

DISMISSAL

Presider: Go into the world, loving kindness, seeking justice and walking humbly.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



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

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Thank you for ministering this morning:

Music: Rob Gloor & Choir

Greeters: Bob Paxton and Julia Hadrill

Coffee Group: Penny Zuk, Alison Watt and Julia Hadrill

Altar Guild: Sharon Fedorak

Readers: Sharon Fedorak & Penny Zuk

Intercessor: Heather Luccock

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Ethan Spence

Sunday Teacher: Ethan Spence

Livestream: Ashkon Vahedi

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY GIVING

During the service on [Sunday, June 9th](#), we will be reminded of our baptismal promises, including the commitment to “safeguard the integrity of creation.” If you wish to make a gift to care for and protect clean, water Rev. Laurel has two suggestions:

- 1.) Locally, you could support the Tsleil Waututh Nation’s Sacred Trust in their work to protect the Burrard Inlet <https://twnsacredtrust.ca/what-you-can-do/>.
- 2) Or you could give to the Primate’s Fund which has many programs in Canada and internationally that ensure safe drinking water to communities. <https://pwrdf.org/give-today/>



SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

As the warmth of summer approaches, we're thrilled to announce our annual beloved summer garden parties. If want to host one of our parties, now's your chance! Simply let Marymil

know by sending her an email at community_engagement@shaw.ca if you'd like to host, or approach Vivian.



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