Open To The Light

St Catherines ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday June 16, 2024
Traditional Service 10 AM
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Priest: The Reverend Sharon Smith
Assistant Priest: The Reverend Laurel Dykstra
Musician/Choir Director: Rob Gloor
Guest Musician: Ruth Enns
Building/Office Administrator: Natasha Stegemann
Community Engagement Coordinator: Marymil Cabrera
Facilities Coordinator: Ashkon Vahedi
Wardens: Vivian McGie, Rhonda Garton

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 Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish) and səl̓il̓ilw̓ətaʔɬ (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 Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish) and səl̓il̓ilw̓ətaʔɬ (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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INTENTION: Rev Laurel Dykstra

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: MORNING HAS BROKEN

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Presider: Almighty God,
All: **without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 15:34—16:13

Saul, anointed by the prophet Samuel as the first king of Israel, displeases the LORD. The LORD sends Samuel to Bethlehem, to anoint David, the youngest son of Jesse, to succeed Saul as king.

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say,

'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.
When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 20
Led By Vivian McGie

Presider: May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, the name of the God of Jacob defend you;

People: send you help from the sanctuary and strengthen you out of Zion;

Presider: may the LORD remember all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice;

People: grant you your heart's desire and prosper all your plans.

Presider: We will shout for joy at your victory and unfurl our banners in the name of our God; may the LORD grant all your requests.

People: Now I know that the LORD gives victory to the anointed one; God will answer out of the holy heaven, gaining victory with a strong right hand.

Presider: Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we rely on the name of the LORD our God.

People: They collapse and fall down, but we will arise and stand upright.

Presider: O LORD, give victory to the king and answer us when we call.

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-10 14-17
Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

GOSPEL HYMN:
WE PLOUGH THE FIELDS AND SCATTER

We plow the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand.
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain:
All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.

He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him;
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread. [Refrain]

GOSPEL READING: MARK 4:26-34

This is the final section of Jesus' parable sermon to crowds on the shores of Galilee. Botanical images of sowing and growing show different characteristics of God's kingdom.

Presider: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Presider: The Holy Gospel according to Mark,
All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."
He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."
With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

GOSPEL HYMN CONTINUED

We thank thee, then, O Father
for all things bright and good;
the seed-time, and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most would welcome:
our humble, thankful hearts.

Refrain:
All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.

HOMILY Rev. Laurel Dykstra

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 prayers and concerns.

CONFESSION:

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God 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

All: 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 unlived 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.

Remembering the gift of peace that Christ offers us we offer that gift to one another, standing at our seats, greet one another saying or gesturing: 'Peace be with you".

COMMUNION

TABLE PREPARATION:
ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUITFUL

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

Each radiant flower that opens,
Each vibrant bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors
God made their lively wings (Refrain)

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one. (Refrain)

The rocky mountain splendor,
the loon's wild, haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies,
the forest in the fall. (Refrain)

God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips hat we might tell
how great is the Creator,
who has made all things well. (Refrain)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider: God of field and forest,
All: **we thank you for this bread and wine fruit of earth and sunlight, water and workers. We offer it here to your endless circle of giving and receiving.**

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 all creation. 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,

Presider: 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.

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 communion is being administered, we ask you to keep the silence. Candle lighting during this time is welcomed.

COMMUNION MUSIC:
FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God;
gifts bestowed on every nation,
thanks be to God;
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Presider:	Holy and blessed God,
All:	**as you have nourished us with this sacred meal, guide us with your Holy Spirit, that we may honour you not only with our lips but also in our lives. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

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.**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:
ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING**

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
"Alleluia! Alleluia!"
bright burning sun and golden beams,
Pale silver moon that gently gleams,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O sing now, Alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice;
stars nightly shining, find a voice,
alleluia, alleluia!

Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, so intense, and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
alleluia, alleluia!

Earth ever fertile day by day
Unfold your blessings on our way,
O sing now, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in your grow,
God's glory let them also show:
Alleluia, alleluia!

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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use of this QR code with your device to donate through Canada Helps, tax receipts are sent by email.

Thank you for ministering this morning:

Guest Musician:	Ruth Enns and Choir
Greeters:	Tony Dodd and Julia Hadrill
Coffee Group:	Penny Zuk, Ivy Howes, Julia Hadrill
Altar Guild:	Sharon Fedorak
Readers:	Vivian McGie and Heather Luccock
Intercessor:	Pauline Barrett
Eucharistic Administers:	Alison Watt, Lynn Spence, Pauline Barrett
Sunday Teacher:	Ethan Spence
Livestream:	Ashkon Vahedi

COLLECTION OF OLD PHOTOS

Saint Catherine's Anglican Church has been a cornerstone of our community for many decades, serving as a place of worship, fellowship, and history. As we embark on an exciting new chapter with upcoming property development plans, we have a unique opportunity to honour and preserve the rich heritage of our church.

To ensure that our heritage is accurately documented and cherished before changes are made to our church building, we have enlisted the expertise of a heritage consultancy firm, ANCE Building Services Co, Inc. They are dedicated to researching and capturing the historical essence of our church and its community. However, they cannot do this alone and need your assistance.

The firm together with the Property Development Team is kindly requesting everyone to share any old photos one may have at the church and its surroundings, **especially those** taken between 1951 and 1962, **showing the first church building designed by Fred Hollingsworth, before the current church building was constructed. However, any old photos taken on the church property of any vintage could be helpful to the research and documentation process.**

If you have any such photographs even with you or your family member or friends in it, we kindly request you to send to Marymil at community_engagement@shaw.ca. You may also bring them to the church office if you need help in digitalizing them. Please ensure that each photograph is labeled with your name and contact information, as well as any details you can provide about the image, such as the year it was taken.

DO YOU LOVE TO SING?

Are your favorite songs ones from your childhood that we hardly sing any more, new hymns that make us think about God in a different way, camp songs, songs from a different denomination? Well, Sunday July 7 our service will be an old-fashioned hymn sing. We will try to include as many people's favorite songs as we can. Please email Marymil at community_engagement@shaw.ca or leave her a note the office. **The deadline is Thursday June 27.**

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