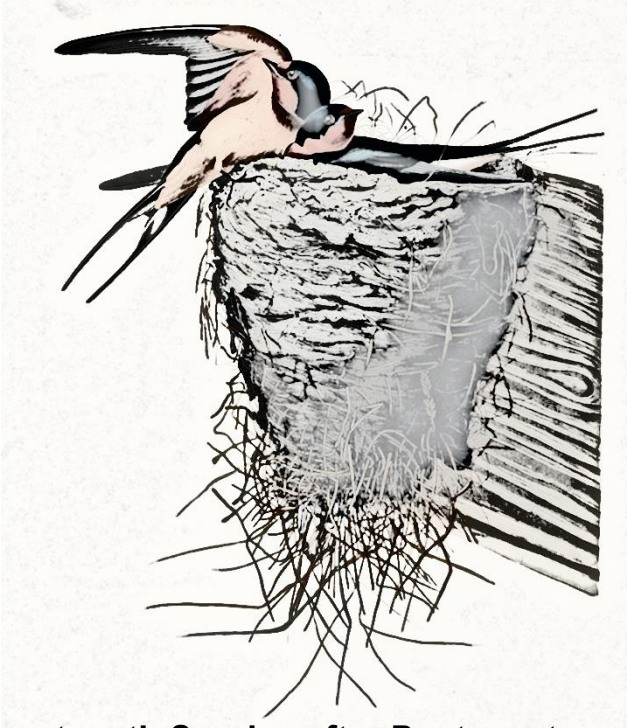


Open To The Light
ST Catherines
ANGLICAN CHURCH



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday August 25, 2024
Traditional Service 10 AM

Priest: The Reverend Sharon Smith
Assistant Priest: The Reverend Laurel Dykstra
Musician & Choir Director: Position Open
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 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
Situated on the unceded traditional Coast Salish territory
of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) and səlililwətaʔ (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 Sharon Smith

A moment of silent reflection.

Presider: In this time and place
We gather on the ancestral lands of the
Squamish and Tsleil- Watuth nations

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

Presider: In this time and place
We meet in the presence of the living God

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

Presider: In the time and place
The risen Christ stands in our midst

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

Presider: In this time and place
God's Spirit breathes in and through us

**All: The Holy Spirit who transforms us and all
life.**

Presider: In this time and place
Together, one people of God.

**All: In the name of God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: LET US BUILD A HOUSE

Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions
Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where prophets speak
And words are strong and true
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And a symbol of God's grace
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where love is found
In water, wine and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground
Where peace and justice meet
Here the love of God, through Jesus
Is revealed in time and space
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

GREETING:

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.**

GLORIA:

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Presider: Gracious God,

**All: although we once were strangers,
you receive us as friends
and draw us home to you.
Set your living bread before us,
so that we may be strengthened
to continue the work Jesus the Christ
has commissioned us to do. Amen**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 8: 22-30, 41-43

Solomon built the temple in Jerusalem and put the ark of the covenant there. This passage includes part of the prayer Solomon prays at the dedication of the temple. He prays for God to hear the prayers of all the faithful.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven.

He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

"Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84

Led By Penny Zuk

Leader: How dear to me is your dwelling,
O Lord of hosts!

People: My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Leader: Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

People: Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.

Leader: Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

People: Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

Leader: They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

People: Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob.

Leader: Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your anointed.

People: For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Leader: For the Lord God is both sun and shield,
bestowing grace and glory;
no good thing will the Lord withhold from
those who walk with integrity.

**People: O Lord of hosts, happy are they who put
their trust in you!
Amen**

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 6:10-20

Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare wearing the full armor of God.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains.

Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN: LORD, WE HEAR YOUR WORD

Lord, we hear your Word with gladness:
you have spoken--we rejoice:
words of love and life and freedom--
help us make their truth our choice!
Now in holy celebration
for your Word we worship you;
spoken, written, known in Jesus,
ours today to prove anew.

May we hear with understanding,
by your Spirit taught and led;
may the springs of all our being
by your Living Word be fed;
may our hearts accept with meekness
all the grace your light makes known;
may obedience mark our footsteps
till we make each word our own!

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 6:56-69

Jesus' "hard saying" offends people. Some disciples leave, Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: "To whom shall we go?"

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: The Holy Gospel according to John,

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Presider: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN CONTINUED:

You have spoken--yours the fulness,
ours the wealth of this your Word:
debtors, then, as living letters
we must make your Gospel heard!

By your Spirit's power transform us;
shed your saving Light abroad
till our lives by love in action
show our world the truth of God!

HOMILY Rev. Sharon Smith

Silent Reflection

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Presider: You, O God, are Creator of all,

All: by whom every being in heaven and earth is fashioned, named, and sustained. You call us each by name.

Presider: You, O God, are Living Word,

All: who came and pitched your tent with us, lived and died and rose again. You speak to us now through faith.

Presider: You, O God, are Holy Spirit,

All: who comforts, strengthens, and inspires, sending us forth to share your love. You are the breath of grace.

Presider: You, O God, are Trinity:

All: Creator, Word, Spirit; artist, healer, friend. You are holy mystery. We worship you. 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 kindness; 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. You alone have the healing we need. Yours is the love that changes Everything.

Presider: Giver of life, may your loving kindness be upon us; pardon and deliver, revive and strengthen, and keep us in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Risen 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: I AM THE BREAD

I am the bread, the bread of life;
who comes to me will never hunger.
I am the bread, the bread of heaven;
who feeds on me, will never die.

And as you eat, remember me –
my body broken on the tree:
my life was given to set you free.
and I'm alive for evermore.

I am the vine, the living vine:
apart from me you can do nothing.
I am the vine, the real vine;
abide in me and I in you.
And as you drink, remember me –
my blood was shed upon the tree;
my life was given to set you free,
and I'm alive for evermore.

So eat this bread, and drink this wine,
and as you do, receive this life of mine,
All that I am, I give to you,
That you may live for evermore.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider: O God,

**All: we give you thanks
that you have set before us this feast, at
Christ's table.
By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all
in need and to give ourselves away as
bread for the hungry,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Presider: God be 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: Eternal God, in the abundance of your love you have caused all things to be; from dust and spirit you have woven our humanity; in all our wanderings you never cease to call us to fullness of life. You gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life broken for the world. Jesus fed us and feasted with us, he healed us and suffered for us; his dying and rising have set us free from the poverty of sin and the famine of death. Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished and called, with all who hunger for you and will not rest until all your children are fed, with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages, we take up the song of your praise:

Sanctus (Holy)

**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: We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may become holy for us and sustain us.

Presider: On the night that Jesus was betrayed,
gathered with his faltering friends for a meal
that tasted of freedom.
Calling them to his table,
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
'This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this to remember me.'
In the same way after supper, he took the cup,
saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my
blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to
remember me.'

As on that night, so here and now he offers
himself in touch and taste beyond all words
can hold. Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Presider: Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are
filled with the life-giving presence of Christ;
we proclaim him as creation's host,
transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless
generosity of love.

**All: Inspire us with the hope that one day
death and greed will be no more and
people without number will come from
east and west, north and south to share
Christ's meal of peace.**

Presider: We ask this through Jesus the Christ, by
whom and with whom and in whom in the
unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be
yours, Mother of blessings,
for ever and ever.

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: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.
All: **Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

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 or both kinds at the Altar or at the front of the church. If you wish to receive the wine, please drink from the cup but do not dip bread or wafer into the cup.

*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: ATTEND OUR PRAYERS

Spirit divine, attend our prayers,
And make this house your home;
Descend with all your gracious pow'r;
O come, great Spirit, come!

Come as the light; to us reveal
Our emptiness and woe,
And lead us in those paths of life
Where all the righteous go.

Come as the fire and purge our hearts
Like sacrificial flame;
Let our whole soul an off'ring be
To our Redeemer's name.

Come as the dove, and spread your wings,
The wings of peaceful love;
And let your Church on earth become
Blest as the Church above.

Spirit divine, attend our prayer;
Make a lost world your home;
Descend with all your gracious pow'r;
O come, great Spirit, come!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Presider: May we who have been fed at Christ's table,

**All: take the welcome we have received
Out to where tables are reserved
And doors are closed.
May the Spirit drive us to break our bread
On the altar of the world.
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.**

BLESSING: Rev. Sharon

CLOSING HYMN: WE PRAISE YOU O GOD

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name: glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.

When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.

With voices united our praises we offer,
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

COMMUNITY UPDATE: EVENTS | NEWS | PEOPLE

Everyone is welcome to coffee time, at the back of the church.

GIVING TO THE MINISTRY OF SAINT CATHERINE'S

Make use of an envelope provided for Donations of \$20 or more, tax receipts will be issued if name and address are included; OR 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:

Preacher:	Rev. Sharon Smith
Presider:	Rev. Laurel Dykstra
Musician:	Ruth Enns and Choir
Greeters:	Marion Porter and Gillian Holland
Coffee Group:	Penny Zuk, Lynn Spence and Elizabeth Barratt
Altar Guild:	Susana Wensley
Readers:	Ethan Spence and Penny Zuk
Intercessor:	Lynn Spence
Eucharistic Administers:	Vivian McGie, Elizabeth Barratt Bonnie Grundy
Livestream:	Ashkon Vahedi

KIDS' MOVIE DAY AT SAINT CATHERINE'S

Get ready for a fun-filled adventure as we bring the magic of Dr. Seuss to life with a special screening of “**The Lorax**” animation!

Kids and kids at heart are invited to join us for a whimsical journey with the lovable Lorax and his forest friends. There will be popcorn, juice and plenty of laughter for everyone. Don't forget to bring your favorite cozy blanket and a big smile! You may bring your own snacks, too!

Please let Marymil know at community_engagement@shaw.ca or call the church at 604 985 0666 to RSVP, so we can make sure there's enough Seuss-ical fun for all.

CONVERSATIONS WITH REV. SHARON 2024

Join Rev. Sharon for a simple breakfast, Camino style as she shares with you, her experience of a few places on the Camino de Santiago de Compestella. This is also a time to discuss about the latest building and floor plans for the church refurbishment, and the search for our new music director.

In person at Saint Catherine's on Ridgewood Patio:

- Wednesday August 28, 2024 at 9:30 am – 11:30 am
- Saturday September 7th, 2024 at 9:30 am - 11:30 am

On Zoom gathering by video or phone:

- Wednesday September 4th, 2024 at 10:00 am – 11:30 am.

RSVP to Natasha in the office (604 985 0666 or scadmin@shaw.ca).



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