



Saint Catherine's Day
Traditional Service with Bishop John R. Stephens
November 24, 2024 at 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 Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) and səliilíwətaɣ̓ (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 Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and səlililwətaʔ (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 candles with care
and extinguish the lighting taper immediately after lighting*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INTENTION: Rev. Sharon Smith

Rev. Sharon: In this time and place we gather
on the ancestral lands of the Squamish and
Tseil-Waututh nations.

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

Rev. Sharon: 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.**

Rev. Sharon: In this time and place
the risen Christ stands in our midst.

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

Rev. Sharon: In this time and place God's Holy Spirit
breathes in and through us.

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

Rev. Sharon: 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.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT – Ethan & Shaunti

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

GREETING

Bishop John: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Bishop John: All 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Collect):

Bishop John: Faithful God who calls us by name,

**All: you, who in the heart of your daughter
Catherine kindled the flame of love,
give to us such faith and power of love
that we may benefit from her example;
through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

REAFFIRMATION OF VOWS & CONFIRMATIONS

**PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION
OF THE CANDIDATES**

Bishop John: The candidates for confirmation will now be presented.

Rev. Sharon: I present Laine, Claire, Elizabeth,
Emily and Robbie for Confirmation.

I present Vivian McGie who desires to reaffirm
her baptismal vows.

Bishop John: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Vivian: I do.

Bishop John: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus
Christ?

Vivian: I do.

Bishop John: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Vivian: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

The Bishop addresses the congregation:

Bishop John: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

All: We will.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop John: Let us join with those who commit themselves again to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Bishop John: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop John: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop John: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Bishop John: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All: I will, with God's help.

Bishop John: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All: I will, with God's help.

Bishop John: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All: I will, with God's help.

Bishop John: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All: I will, with God's help.

Bishop John: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All: I will, with God's help.

Bishop John: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

All: I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Bishop John: Let us now pray for those who have been prepared for confirmation.

Rev. Laurel: Deliver them, O Lord,
from the way of sin and death.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Rev. Laurel: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Rev. Laurel: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Rev. Laurel: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Rev. Laurel: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Rev. Laurel: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Rev. Laurel: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Bishop John: Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Bishop John: Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their baptism.

Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Strengthen, O Lord, your servants Claire, Laine, Elizabeth, Emily, Robbie and Vivian with your Holy Spirit; empower them for your service; and sustain them all the days of their life.

All: Amen.

Bishop John: Almighty and ever-living God, let your loving hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMN continued

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PSALM 124

Led by Sharon Fedorak

Leader: If the Lord had not been on our side
let Israel say

**People: If the Lord had not been on our side
when people attacked us,**

Leader: they would have swallowed us alive
when their anger flared against us;

**People: the flood would have engulfed us,
the torrent would have swept over us,**

Leader: the raging waters would have swept us away.

**People: Praise be to the Lord, who has not let us
be torn by their teeth.**

Leader: We have escaped like a bird from the fowler's
snare; the snare has been broken, and we
have escaped.

**People: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the
Maker of heaven and earth. Amen.**

SECOND READING: REVELATION 21:5-7

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.'

Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN:

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 10: 28-33

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

Deacon Elizabeth: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Deacon Elizabeth: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Deacon Elizabeth: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL HYMN (*continued*)

Foolish hearts, why will you scatter
like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Fainting souls, why will you wander
from a love so true and deep?

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

HOMILY – Bishop John

Reflective silence follows.

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: *Read by Claire and Laine*

CONFESSION:

Bishop John: Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land, and to prosper the work of our soiled hands.

Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Bishop John: Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we squander its rich resources.
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Bishop John: Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we fail to share your bounty
with all your children.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Bishop John: 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

Bishop John: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

OFFERTORY

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Catherine's, please use an envelope provided.
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be issued if name and address are included; OR
use this QR code with your device to donate
through Canada Helps, tax receipts are sent by
email.*



*At this time, we invite you to place your gifts in the plates at
the back and front of the church nave for a blessing. For
those who give using the Pre-Authorized-Debit-System
(PADS), or Canada Helps there are tokens available for you
to place in the plate, as a sign of your generosity.*

COMMUNION

PREPARING THE TABLE: HERE I AM, LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness
bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if you need me.
 I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love
alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)

BLESSING OF THE NEW CHAPEL TABLE

Revs Sharon & Laurel:

We present to you, our new chapel table,
carefully made from the offerings of Old Grove
Fir Trees, originally fashioned into pews.
Their wood continues to hold the memories of
the Saint Catherine's community's forebearers.

Bishop John: We dedicate this furniture to the proclaiming of God's word, in Scripture and preaching, in poetry and song, in sharing and prayer.

People: May we, too, be instruments that proclaim your word, O God, with our mouths and with our lives.

Bishop John: We pray this dedication in the name of Jesus, a carpenter, our Lord, who took simple things and helped us to see God.

All: Amen

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Bishop John: As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now united on this table in bread and wine,

**All: so Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.
Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (ELCIC VII)

Bishop John: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Bishop John: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop John: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Bishop John: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, because in the fellowship of your saints you have given us a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling.

Bishop John: Therefore we join our voices with theirs as
earth and heaven unite to proclaim the glory of
your name.

**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.**

Bishop John: Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy and immortal;
You we praise and glorify,
you we worship and adore.
you formed the earth from chaos,
you encircled the globe with air;
you created fire
for warmth and light;
you nourish the lands with water.

Bishop John: You molded us in your image,
and with mercy
higher than the mountains,
with grace deeper than the seas,
you blessed the Israelites
and cherished them as your own.
That also we, estranged and dying,
might be adopted
to live in your Spirit,
you called to us
through the life and death of Jesus.

Bishop John: 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.

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.

Together as the body of Christ,
We proclaim the Lord's death
Until he comes.

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

Bishop John: With this bread and cup
we remember your Son,
the first-born of your new creation.
We remember his life
lived for others,
and his death and resurrection,
which renews the face of the earth.
We await his coming when,
with the world made perfect
through your wisdom,
all our sins and sorrows
will be no more.

All: Amen, Come, Lord Jesus

Bishop John: Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and compassionate,
send upon us and this meal
your Holy Spirit,
whose breath revives us for life,
whose fire rouses us to love.
Enfold in your arms
All who share this holy food.
Nurture in us
the fruits of the Spirit,
that we may be a living tree,
sharing your bounty
with all the world.

All: Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

Bishop John: Holy and benevolent God,
receive our praise and petitions,
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,
and fill us with your blessing,
until, needy no longer
and bound to you in love,
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:
through whom all glory and honor is yours,
O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy church, 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. Amen.**

Fraction (Breaking of Bread):

Bishop John: We break this bread to share in the
body of Christ

**People: We, being many, are one body, for we all
share in the one bread.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Bishop John: 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 HYMN:

LORD JESUS, OF YOU I WILL SING

Lord Jesus, of you I will sing as I journey.
I'll tell all my neighbours about you where ever I go.
You alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, of you I will sing as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
To carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my
side.
And with all of the family you saved by your love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of your journey.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bishop John: O God,

**All: our life, our strength, our food, we give
you thanks for sustaining us with the
body and blood of your Son. By your Holy
Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the
world, so that more and more we will you
praise and serve your earth and its many
peoples, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SENDING

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - Wardens

Bishop John: 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.**

EPISCOPAL BLESSING: Bishop John

CLOSING HYMN: O JESUS I HAVE PROMISED

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.

Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of selfwill.
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Elizabeth: Go in Peace and breathe Christ's newness of life into all you do.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



*You are invited to coffee, cake, and conversation
in the chapel to view the Art Exhibit:
The Wall of Remembrance.*

Thank you for ministering this morning:

Presider & Preacher	Bishop John R. Stephens.
Bishop's Chaplain:	Ethan Spence
Deacon:	Rev. Elizabeth Mathers
Music:	Rob Gloor and Choir
Confirmands:	Elizabeth Ross Emily Robbie Black Laine Holland Claire Louie
Reaffirmation:	Vivian McGie
Children's Moment:	Ethan Spence and Shaunti Bains
Readers:	Sharon Fedorak & Penny Zuk
Intercessor:	Written by Bev London and read by Claire Louie and Laine Holland
Eucharistic Administrators:	Bob Paxton, Marthe Duncombe, Lynn Spence
Livestream:	Ashkon Vahedi
Coffee Group:	Penny Zuk, Marthe Duncombe, Lynn Spence
Greeters:	Bob Paxton and Marion Porter
Altar Guild:	Susana Wensley

COMMUNITY UPDATE: EVENTS | NEWS | PEOPLE

~ SAVE THE DATES ~

- **November 30th, Saturday, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm**
An Advent Retreat: Self Emptying – We Wait To Be Filled
Saint Stephen’s Anglican Church, 885 - 22nd Street West
Vancouver, BC
- **December 1st, Sunday, 10 am – 1pm**
Advent 1: Soul Food Sunday – An Advent Feast of Hope
The making and symbolism of Advent Wreaths – light in dark times
Saint Catherine’s Anglican Church, 1058 Ridgewood
Drive, North Vancouver, V7R 1H8
- **December 8th, Sunday, 10 am**
Advent 2: We ring in Love with the bells
Saint Catherine’s Anglican Church, 1058 Ridgewood
Drive, North Vancouver, V7R 1H8



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