



The Weary World Rejoices



with peace

Advent 2
Traditional Service
December 8th, 2024

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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 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 Situated on the unceded traditional Coast
Salish territory of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and
səlililwətaɣt (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: THERE COMES A GALLEY LADEN
(Instrumental with Bells)

WELCOME AND INTENTION: REV HAROLD MUNN

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING:
(With thanks to the Prayer Circle)

Reader: On this Second Sunday of Advent, we light the
candles of Hope and now Peace representing the
coming of Christ as a bearer of peace.

We light this candle of peace,
remembering your call to put on beauty and
humility and to embody your righteousness.

Seeking peace in this season of anticipation,

All: Watching and waiting for your Holy Light,

Reader: We come in faith and say:

All: Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Presider: In this time and place we gather
on the ancestral lands of the
Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and
səlililwətaɣ (Tseil-Waututh) nations.

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

Presider: In this time and place we await the coming of
Emmanuel, God with us.

All: Maranatha, come Christ come.

Presider: In this time and place,
we await God's transformation of the world.

All: Maranatha, come Christ come.

Presider: In this time and place,
we await the coming of peace on earth.

All: Maranatha, come Christ come.

GATHERING HYMN: O COME EMMANUEL (89)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go.

Refrain

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Refrain

O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem,
unto your own and rescue them!
From depths of hell your people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave. *Refrain*

O come, O Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe for us the heavenward road
and bar the way to death's abode. *Refrain*

O come, O Bright and Morning Star,
and bring us comfort from afar!
Dispel the shadows of the night
and turn our darkness into light. *Refrain*

O come, O King of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease
and be yourself our King of Peace. *Refrain*

GREETING:

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

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: 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.**

Silence is kept.

Lord Have Mercy (Kyrie Eleison) (703)

Choir: Lord Have Mercy

All: Lord Have Mercy

Choir: Christ Have Mercy

All: Christ Have Mercy

Choir: Lord Have Mercy

All: Lord Have Mercy

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Collect):

Presider: God of mercy,

**All: may the radiance of your redeeming love
rise in our hearts,
lighting the way from the shadow
of darkness and guiding our feet
into the way of peace.
Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: BARUCH 5:1-9

A poem of hope from the school of the prophet Jeremiah speaks of the return of scattered Israel from Babylon, but also looks beyond that to the time when God's kingdom will be established.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction,
O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory
from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace,
Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE: LUKE 1:68-79

Led by Gordon Lee

Leader: Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.

**People: You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.**

Leader: Through your holy prophets, you promised of old
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of
all who hate us,

**People: to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.**

Leader: This was the oath you swore to our father
Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our
enemies,

**People: free to worship you without fear,
holy and righteous before you, all the days
of our life.**

Leader: And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the
Most High, for you will go before the Lord to
prepare the way,

**People: to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

Leader: In the tender compassion of our God the dawn
from on high shall break upon us,

**People: to shine on those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death, and to guide
our feet into the way of peace.**

SECOND READING: REFUGEE

By Malcom Guite

We think of him as safe beneath the steeple,
Or cozy in a crib beside the font,
But he is with a million displaced people
On the long road of weariness and want.
For even as we sing our final carol
His family is up and on that road,
Fleeing the wrath of someone else's quarrel,
Glancing behind and shouldering their load.
While Herod rages still from his dark tower
Christ clings to Mary, fingers tightly curled,
The lambs are slaughtered by the men of power,
And death squads spread their curse across the world.

But every Herod died, and comes alone
To stand before the Lamb upon the throne

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN:

THERE'S A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS (106)

There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where the Lord our God may go!

O Zion, give voice to good tidings,
Ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.
The works of pride all perish,
like flowers they shall decay,
the power and pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away,

But Your word, O God, is faithful,
Your arm, O Lord, is strong;
You stand in the midst of nations,
and you will right the wrong.
You will feed your flock like a shepherd,
and lambs will gently hold,
in pastures of peace you'll lead them,
and bring them safe to the fold.

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 3:1-6

John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by "repentance for the forgiveness of sins." As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL HYMN cont... (106)

There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where the Lord our God may go!

HOMILY: Rev. Harold Munn

Reflective silence follows.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Presider: Do you believe in God?

**All: We believe in God,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus?

**All: We believe in Jesus the Christ,
redeemer of humanity.**

Presider: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**All: We believe in the Holy Spirit,
sustainer of life.**

Presider: Let us keep silent and remember the One who
came when words were not enough.

Silence in held.

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.

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.
Amen.**

Presider: 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

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:

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your healing power!

And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, only light,

And where there's sadness ever joy.

Oh, Spirit grant that I may never seek,

so much to be consoled as to console.

To be understood as to understand.

To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

In giving to all that we receive,

And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider: God of hope,

People: renew in us the joy of your salvation and make our lives a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *(ELCIC III for Advent)*

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 give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider: Blessed are you gracious God,
Creator of heaven and earth;
Source of light and life.
In the fullness of time
you come among us enfleshed.
And so, together with all the choirs of angels,
your peoples on earth and in heaven, we
praise your name and join the unending hymn:

SANCTUS (719)

**Holy, holy holy, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is the one
coming in the name, the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

Presider: Holy One, the beginning and the end,
the giver of life
Blessed are you
for the birth of creation,
Blessed are you
in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you
for your promises to your people,
Blessed are you
in the prophets hopes and dreams
Blessed are you
for Mary's openness to your will
Blessed are you
for Jesus, the Word made flesh.
In the night in which he was betrayed,

Jesus, in a room with his friends, took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and shared it
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.

Presider: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Presider: With this bread and cup
we remember your Word
dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth
And we look with hope for Christ's coming.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus
Holy God,
we long for your Spirit,
come among us,
bless this meal,
may your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.**

Presider: All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever,

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Said*):

Presider: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let
us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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.**

All: **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):

Presider: God of promise,
 you prepare a banquet for us at your table.

People: **Happy are those who are called to the
eternal supper of the Lamb.**

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 at the base of
the stairs, or at the Altar.*

*We receive wine from a common cup. Please note intinction
(dipping bread into the wine is not permitted). 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 Instrumental

- **AWAY IN A MANGER**
- **CHRIST WAS BORN ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider: God for whom we wait,

**All: in this meal you give us a foretaste
of that day when the hungry
will be fed with good things.
Help us to live in the tension
Between what has been done
and what will be done;
into the surprise of Christ who comes
again and again and again into our midst.
Amen.**

SENDING

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Wardens

BLESSING – Rev. Harold Munn

CLOSING HYMN: O DAY OF PEACE (573)

O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,
a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love,
all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

DISMISSAL

Presider: Go forth, open to the dawning Light of Christ.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE: There comes a Galley laden
(Instrumental with Bells)**



Join us after the service for:
Coffee and Conversation at the back of the church

Thank you for ministering this morning:

Presider and Preacher: Rev. Harold Munn

Music: Hyejung Jun and Choir

Altar Guild: Bonnie Grundy

Intercessor: Heather Luccock

Readers: Claire Louie and Gordon Lee

Advent Poem: Linda Robertson

Greeters: Bob Paxton and Lori Burns

Coffee team:

Penny Zuk, Susana Wensley and Ivy Howes

Eucharistic Administrators:

Elizabeth Barratt, Ethan Spence and Alison Watt

Livestream: Ashkon Vahedi

Sunday School: Ethan Spence

MEET SAINT CATHERINE'S NEW MUSICIAN AND CHOIR DIRECTOR, HYEJUNG JUN



We are delighted to introduce Dr. Hyejung Jun as the new Musician and Choir Director at St. Catherine's Anglican Church! Dr. Jun brings a wealth of talent and experience to our community.

In addition to her role with us, she serves as an Assistant Professor of Choral Conducting at the University

of British Columbia, where she conducts the Choral Union and teaches courses in Choral Literature, Conducting Techniques, and Private Lessons for graduate students.

Dr. Jun's impressive career spans roles as a singer, pianist, and conductor. Her artistry has earned her numerous accolades, including winning the 2012 National Choral Conducting Competition in Seoul, South Korea. In the United States, she was a finalist in the 2017 American Choral Directors Association Graduate Conducting Competition and received the prestigious May Festival Conducting Fellowship in 2018.

She holds a Master of Music in Choral Conducting from Emory University and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music.

Dr. Jun is thrilled to join St. Catherine's and looks forward to collaborating with our choir to build a vibrant and inspiring music program. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to her!

COMMUNITY UPDATE: EVENTS | NEWS | PEOPLE

Advent, Christmas & Epiphany at Saint Catherine's ~ Save The Dates ~

December 11th, Wednesday, 6pm

St. Catherine's Preschool Christmas Service
at Saint Catherine's Anglican Church

December 13th, Friday

7 pm Saint Catherine's @ AMICA Caroling and Christmas Service
Contact [Bonnie Grundy](#) for more information

December 15th, Sunday

10am Advent 3: Celebrating Joy with the Art of Children
at Saint Catherine's Anglican Church

5pm to 10pm Young Adults D&D Adventure in the Holy Land
at Saint Agnes Anglican Church, 530 12th St E, North Vancouver,
BC V7L 2K4

Kindly contact Ashkon at natsuvahedi1@gmail.com to register.

December 17th, Tuesday, 7pm to 8pm

A Service of Loss and Light with Highlands United Church
at Saint Catherine's Anglican Church

December 22nd, Sunday, 10 am

Advent 4: We Breathe In Peace

Before the hubbub of Christmas Eve, we pause to be still and to
find peace at Saint Catherine's Anglican Church

December 24th, Tuesday

3pm Christmas Eve Pantomime for Young Children

5pm Christmas Eve Family Traditional Service

Both services will be held at Saint Catherine's Anglican Church

DONATION APPEAL FOR EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM SESSIONS

We remind everyone that the Emergency Food Program's final sessions of the year will be on December 11th and 18th, crucial for those in need during the holiday season. We're requesting donations of cereal, juice, pasta sauces, toothbrushes, crackers, oatmeal, and bagels. Please donate in the foyer or contact Marymil at community_engagement@shaw.ca or Gillian. Thank you for your support!

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WITH FRIENDS AT AMICA

You are invited to join Bonnie and her regular group of AMICA residents at her monthly 'Food for the Soul' time on Friday December, 13th at 7:00.

We will be listening to traditional Christmas readings, singing Christmas carols together and enjoying our Master pianist and regular accompanist, Kaz Shinya who dazzles us with his virtuosity every month.

This will be a lovely time of sharing the joy of Christmas. We will be meeting in the Theatre downstairs at AMICA - Edgemont village.

You will need to sign in at the Concierge's desk as you come in. We hope you can join us. Please RSVP to Bonnie bonnielgrundy@gmail.com on or before December 13th, so we know how many chairs to put up!



DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS: ADVENTURE IN THE HOLY LAND

Hey there, adventurers!

Are you ready for an exciting journey? Our young adults group is setting out on an epic Dungeons & Dragons Adventure to the Holy Land, and *everyone* is welcome to join!

Whether you're a seasoned hero or a total newbie, there's a spot at the table for you. No experience needed—just bring your imagination and your sense of adventure!

When: December 15, 2024, Sunday at 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Where: Saint Agnes Anglican Church, 530 12th St. E., North Vancouver, BC V7L 2K4

So, grab your dice, prepare your character, and get ready for a fantastic adventure! We can't wait to have you join us!

Kindly RSVP to Ashkon at natsuvahedi1@gmail.com. Message John Martin at martind.sfu@gmail.com for information regarding preparation.



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