



January 5th, 2025
Epiphany Sunday
10 am Morning Prayer Service

Priest: The Reverend Sharon Smith
Assistant Priest: The Reverend Laurel Dykstra
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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.

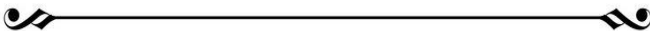
Our **Vision** is to:

- 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 səliilíwətaʔ (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

Priest: God is with us here today. God has always been with people everywhere. And God continues to be with the peoples of this land.

All: First Peoples, and all of their family and ancestors before them, have always lived here on the land where this country is built.

Priest: The Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) and səliilíwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) nations continue to care for this land where we live.

All: In our differences we are one people of God. First Peoples, those whose ancestors travelled here from other lands, and those who have travelled here, themselves.

Priest: Yesterday, Today and Forever,

All: In the name of Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PSALM 72 SUNG

Lyrics and Music by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Refrain: Be a blessing like rain showers the earth

With fierce compassion, defend the poor
Hear the cries of the troubled
With firm conviction, open the doors
Lead the way to peace through the rubble

Refrain: Be a blessing like rain showers the earth

With lovingkindness, notice the hurt
See those caught in the system
Work with the nations; help heal the earth
Brave our path ahead with a vision

Refrain: Be a blessing like rain showers the earth

We stand together to send you out
and we pray for your courage
Great tasks ahead now; work from the heart
Be a blessing all through the voyage

Refrain: Be a blessing like rain showers the earth

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60: 1-6 (ERV)

Reader: Sharon Fedorak

“Jerusalem, get up and shine!
Your Light is coming!
The Glory of the Lord will shine on you.
Darkness now covers the earth,
and the people are in darkness.
But the Lord will shine on you,
and his Glory will appear over you.
Then the nations will come to your light.
Kings will come to your bright sunrise.

Look around you!

See all the people gathering around.

Those are your sons coming from far away,
and your daughters are there beside them.

“At that time you will see your people,
and your faces will shine with happiness.

First, you will be afraid,
but then you will be excited.

All the riches from across the seas will be set before you.

The riches of the nations will come to you.

Herds of camels from Midian and Ephah
will cross your land.

Long lines of camels will come from Sheba.

They will bring gold and incense.

People will sing praises to the Lord.

Leader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:1-12 (NRSVUE)

Reader: John McGie

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.

In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power.

Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Leader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL SONG: INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY (125)

Infant holy, infant lowly,
for His bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing,
noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all!
Christ the babe is Lord of all!

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 12:1-12 (ERV)

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' " Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL SONG continued

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of the gospel true.

Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you;
Christ the babe was born for you.

NEW YEARS REFLECTION

Rev. Sharon

STAR WORDS 2025

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(All Ages Creed, Iona Worship)*

All: We believe in God

Leader: Tell me about God? What does God do?

**All: God makes the stars and spiders.
God is warm and bright and full of colour.
God is our friend, who loves us, and calls
us by name.**

All: We believe in Jesus.

Leader: What is he like? Tell me about him?

**All: He was exciting. He told lots of stories.
He listened to people
and made them think.
Some people didn't like Jesus.
They told lies about him.
He was sentenced to death and killed.
But God brought Jesus back to life again.
Following Jesus is an adventure,
a journey, a good surprise.**

All: **We believe in the Holy Spirit,**
Leader: Tell me about her? What does she do?

All: **She helps us remember what Jesus said.
She lets us know how much God loves us.
She helps us to love other people.
She's someone we can't see but feel
Like the wind blowing in our hair
Like the warmth of a candle flame.**

All: **We believe in the Church.**
Leader: This church here?

All: **Every church, all of them together.
Not the buildings,
But all the people who love God.
All of us working together with God
To make the world beautiful.**

Leader: **We believe God calls us.**
To do what?

All: **To love all people.
To forgive them when they hurt us.
To trust and not be afraid.
To help make the world the place
God wants it to be.
To care for the world and enjoy it. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

All: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

All: 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Warden

OFFERTORY:

If you wish to give a gift to support the ministry of St. Catherine's Church, offertory plates are available in the front of the church and at the entrances/exit.



Make use of an envelope provided. For donations of \$20 or more, tax receipts will be issued; OR

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

CLOSING PRAYER:

Leader: Look at your hands:
see the touch and the tenderness.

All: God's own for the world.

Leader: Look at your feet:
see the path and the direction.

All: God's own for the world.

Leader: Look at your heart:
see the fire and the love.

All: God's own for the world.

Leader: Look at the cross:
see God's Son and our Saviour.

All: God's own for the world.

Leader: This is God's world.

All: And we will serve God in it.

BLESSING: Rev Sharon

SENDING SONG:

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY (143)

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star: [Refrain]
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Dismissal:

Presider: Go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thank you for ministering this morning:

Presider:	Rev. Sharon Smith
Music:	Hyejung Jun and Choir
Greeters:	Peter Adams and Sharon Fedorak
Readers:	Sharon Fedorak and John McGie
Reflections:	Shaunti Bains
Story Teller:	John Luccock
Closing Prayer:	Vivian McGie
Altar Guild:	Vivian McGie
Livestream:	Ashkon Vahedi
Coffee Group:	Penny Zuk, Marthe Duncombe,

COMMUNITY UPDATE: EVENTS | NEWS | PEOPLE

2025 SAVE THE DATES

February 23, Sunday - Vestry Sunday

March 4, Tuesday - Pancake Tuesday^[1]_[SEP]

March 9, Sunday - Soul Food Sunday (Lenten Feast)

April 13, Sunday - Palm Sunday

April 30, Sunday - Easter Sunday

EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM RESUMES

We are excited to announce that our Emergency Food Program will resume on **January 8, Wednesday**. If you have extra grocery bags that you would like to donate, please feel free to drop them off at our office. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps us continue providing essential resources to those in need.

Thank you for your generosity and ongoing commitment to our community!



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