



Baptism of our Lord
January 12, 2025, 10 am

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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 səliilwətaɣ (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
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

Presider: For thousands of years, indigenous people
have walked on this land; their relationship
with the land is at the centre of their lives and
spirituality. We are gathered on the traditional
territory of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and
(səlililwətaʔ) Tseil Waututh peoples.

**All: We acknowledge their stewardship of
this land.**

Presider: We who come from other lands express our
gratitude for the blessing of living, working,
playing, laughing and loving on this
beautiful land.

All: Thanks to be God

**GATHERING HYMN:
SING OF GOD MADE MANIFEST (162)**

Sing of God made manifest
in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem
where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound,
signs mysterious and profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold
grave and God and king foretold.

Sing of God made manifest
when at Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by you,
but your bidding I will do."
Then from heaven a double sign—
dove-like Spirit, voice divine—
hailed the true Anointed One:
"This is my beloved Son."

Sing of God made manifest
when Christ came as wedding guest
and at Cana gave a sign,
turning water into wine;
further still was love revealed
as he taught, forgave, and healed,
bringing light and life to all
who would listen to God's call.

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.

GLORIA

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Collect):

Presider: Presider: Lord of the desert river, you search
our depths and call us by name:

**All: may your flame-born Spirit open
the heavens that we might recognize
you in the one born of earth,
Jesus Christ, the Gift of Peace.
Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 43:1-7

Near the end of the exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people of Ancient Israel home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems and declares them precious.

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," And to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

Led By Sharon Fedorak

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**People: The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

People: the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

Leader: The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

People: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Leader: The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying,
"Glory!"

**People: The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.**

Leader: O Lord, give strength to your people;
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace. Amen.

SECOND READING: ACTS 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the news of Christ through the preaching of Philip.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.

The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN:

DOWN GALILEE'S SLOW ROADWAYS (CP 45)

Down Galilee's slow roadways
a stranger traveled on
from Nazareth to Jordan
to be baptized by John.
He went down to the waters
like soldier, scribe, and slave,
but there within the river
the sign was birth and grave.

Arising from the river
he saw the heavens torn;
it seemed the sky so open
revealed the Spirit's form.
The holy dove descended
amid a glorious voice:
"You are my own beloved,
my child, my heart, my choice."

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the long-expected Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to One who is coming. Jesus is named as God's beloved Son, the Christ.

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.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL HYMN cont... (CP 45)

We too have found a roadway;
it led us to this place.
We all have had to travel
in search of hope and grace.
But now beside this water
again a voice is heard.
"You are my own, my chosen,
beloved of your Lord."

HOMILY: Rev Sharon Smith

Reflective silence follows.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM VOWS

In the traditional language of the Church from the 4th and 5th Centuries we affirm the faith.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Creator of all?

People: I believe in God, creator of heaven and earth.

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

People: 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.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: 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.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

The water is poured into the font.

Presider: At the beginning of time, you blessed Mother earth with water. And during each pregnancy, you nurture new life in the waters of the womb. In the fullness of time, Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan, repenting for the sin of the world and restoring to water its healing work in all creation.

Presider: Breathe your Spirit, O God, upon this water that everything that is washed and anointed may share with Christ in his death and resurrection.

Presider: May there be spiritual renewal in this place,
**All: healing us from victimhood to freedom,
from fear to trust, from division to unity.**

Presider: May this church be a sanctuary
for all who seek.

**All: May we become a sign and
foretaste of your Kingdom,
a diverse people,
open to the light. Amen.**

*Water is sprinkled on the congregation as we remember
our Baptism vows.*

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION:

Presider: You bring our fear into the light of love;

All: We prefer to hide in the shadows.

Presider: Lord have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

Presider: You promise healing for the earth;

All: we turn our backs on our common world.

Presider: Christ have mercy

All: Christ have mercy

Presider: You come near in the vulnerable word made
flesh;

**All: we worship distant idols of celebrity
and power.**

Presider: Lord have mercy
All: Lord have mercy

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:

WORD OF GOD, COME DOWN TO EARTH (CP 446)

Word of God, come down on earth,
living rain from heaven descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty we revere you;
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heaven to die,
crucified for our salvation,
saving Word, the world restoring,
speak to us, your love outpouring.

Word that caused blind eyes to see,
speak and heal our mortal blindness;
deaf we are: our healer be;
loose our tongues to tell your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken;
heal the world, by our sin broken.

Word that speaks your Father's love,
one with him beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us,
Word of life, with one Bread feed us.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider: God of steadfast love,

**All: may our offering this day,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
renew us for your service.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
the Lord. Amen**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *(Supplemental Prayer 3)*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider: It is indeed right to thank you and praise you,
holy and gracious God, creator of all things,
ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life,
for you are the source of all goodness,
rich in mercy and abounding in love;
you are faithful to your people in every
generation, and your word endures for ever.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,
with the fellowship of saints
and the company of heaven,
we glorify your holy name,
evermore praising you and singing,

SANCTUS (719)

**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!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Presider: We praise you, merciful
Mother and Father,
not as we ought, but as we are able,
because in your tender love
you gave the world your only Son,
in order that the world might be saved through
him. He made you known by taking the form of
a servant, healing the sick, liberating the
oppressed, reaching out to the lost.
Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,
he confronted the power of sin
and disarmed it for ever.
In his offering of himself,
he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.
Redeemed by Christ,
we have been adopted as your children;
by your pardon
you have made us worthy to praise you.

Presider: On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and
when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant which is
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness
of sins. Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts
we approach your holy table,
remembering our Saviour's sacrifice,
and rejoicing in his victory.
Confident in his sovereign purpose,
we declare our faith.

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

**All: Send your Holy Spirit on us
that as we receive this bread
and this cup we may partake of the body
and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and feed on him in our hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.**

Presider: May we be renewed in his risen life,
filled with love, and strengthened in our will to
serve others; and make of our lives, we
pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to
you, knitting us together as one in your Son
Jesus Christ, to whom,
with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and forever.

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 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.

OFFERTORY

To make a donation to the ministry of St. Catherine's, please use an envelope provided. For Donations of \$20 or more, tax receipts will 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:

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: GOD THE CREATOR (CP445)

God the Creator, you in love made me
Who once was nothing but now have grown.
I bring the best of all my life offers;
for you I share whatever I own.

○ Christ the Saviour, you in love called me.
who once was no one, lost and alone.
I pledge to go wherever you summon,
making your will and purpose my own.

○ God the Spirit, you in love move me
who once was nowhere and felt unknown.
I know my need of you for companion:
all things can change when not on my own.

And with the people summoned together
to be the church in which faith is sown,
I make my promise to live for Jesus
and let the world know all are his own.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider: O God, our life, our strength, our food,
**All: 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 give
you praise and serve your earth and its
many peoples, through Jesus the Christ,
our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Wardens

BLESSING – Rev. Sharon Smith

CLOSING HYMN:

MY SOUL PROCLAIMS YOUR GLORY (CP 363)

My soul proclaims your glory, Lord.
my spirit sings with thankful voice,
for you my lowly prayer have heard:
in you, my Saviour, I rejoice.

Nations unborn will bless your name,
giver of boundless grace to me,
in every age you are the same:
you make the humble whole and free.

You have made bare your mighty arm
to break the yoke of selfish power,
and lift your broken ones from harm,
bursting the gates of greed's proud tower.

You fill the hungry mouths with food,
and show the poverty of wealth.
Your ancient vow you have made good,
And raised your children to new health.

DISMISSAL

Presider: Go forth, open to the dawning Light of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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. Sharon Smith

Music: Ruth Enns

Greeters: Bob Paxton and Lori Burns

Altar Guild: Vivian McGie

Readers: Elizabeth Barratt and Sharon Fedorak

Intercessor: Lynn Spence

Eucharistic Administrators: Elizabeth Barratt,
Ethan Spence and Alison Watt

Livestream: Ashkon Vahedi

Coffee team: Penny Zuk, Alison Watt and Lynn Spence

Sunday School: Ethan Spence