



Third Sunday of Epiphany January 26, 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.

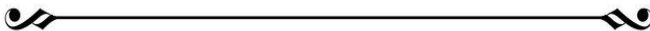
Our **Vision** is to:

- 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:

The Rev. Margaret Marquardt

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:
AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD (CP 160)**

As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright,
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee whom Heav'n and Earth adore,
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
raising voices pure and strong,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

In the heavenly country bright
need they no created light:
thou it's light, it's joy, its crown.
thou its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing
alleluias to our king.

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: God of freedom,

**ALL: you break the seals and let the Spirit
flow: make us impatient to greet the time
fulfilled, the poor lifted up, the oppressed
set free and your love made manifest in
Jesus Christ, the Anointed Servant.
Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for

the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that "the joy of the Lord is your strength."

All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19

Led by Sharon Fedorak

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

**People: One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to
another.**

Leader: Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

**People: their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the
world, where God has pitched a tent for
the sun.**

Leader: It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his
chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its
course.

**People: It goes forth from the uttermost edge of
the heavens and runs about to the end of
it again; nothing is hidden from its
burning heat.**

Leader: The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives
the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and
gives wisdom to the simple.

**People: The statutes of the Lord are just and
rejoice the heart; the commandment of
the Lord is clear and gives light to the
eyes.**

Leader: The fear of the Lord is clean and endures
forever; the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

People: **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

Leader: By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

People: **Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Leader: Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

People: **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were

an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL HYMN:
THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS JUSTICE AND JOY
(CP 631)**

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share;
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 4:14-21

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

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.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the

blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL HYMN cont... (CP 631)

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
and all things cry "Glory!" to God All in All.

HOMILY: The Rev. Margaret Marquardt

Reflective silence follows.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: ONE WOMAN'S CREED

Frances Somerville (1916 – 2007)

I believe in God,
creator of the universe dwelling forever
beyond time and space.

I believe in Jesus Christ
who came to live among us
and let us see what God is like.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
sent from God through Jesus
to be our guide and comforter.
Therefore I believe in love,
in hope, compassion, joy and faith,
and forgiveness and eternal life.

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:

JESUS THE JOY OF LOVING HEARTS (CP 70)

Jesus, the joy of loving hearts,
true source of life, our lives sustain;
from the best bliss that earth imparts,
we turn unfilled to you again.

Your truth unchanged has ever stood;
you rescue those who on you call:
to those yet seeking, you are good;
to those who find you, all in all

We taste of you, the living bread,
and long to feast upon you still.
We drink from you, the fountainhead:
our thirsty souls from you we fill.

Our restless spirits long for you,
however, may our lot be cast,
glad when your gracious smile we view,
blessed when our faith can hold you fast.

Jesus, forever with us stay,
make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away;
shed through the world your holy light.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider: 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.**

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.
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,

Presider: "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."

Presider: 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.**

**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.**

OFFERTORY

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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:

JESUS, JOY OF OUR DESIRING (CP 514)

Jesus, joy of our desiring,
holy wisdom, love most bright;
drawn by thee, our souls aspiring
soar to uncreated light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
with the fire of life impassioned,
striving still to truth unknown,
soaring, dying round thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding,
hark, what peaceful music rings;
where the flock, in thee confiding,
drink of joy from deathless springs.

Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure;
theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.

Thou dost ever lead thine own
in the love of joys unknown.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider: 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. Margaret Marquardt

CLOSING HYMN: BE THOU MY VISION (CP 505)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that thou art.
thou my best thought by day and by night;
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou my great Father, thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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. Margaret Marquardt

Music: Hyejung and Choir

Greeters: Sharon Fedorak and Gillian Holland

Altar Guild: Susana Wensley

Readers: Sharon Fedorak and Janet Benjamin

Intercessor: Linda Robertson

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Livestream: Ashkon Vahedi

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