



Sixth Sunday of Epiphany February 16, 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 səliilíwətaɣ (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 (Tsleil-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) Tsleil 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:
STAND UP AND BLESS THE LORD (CP 350)

Stand up and bless the Lord,
you people of God's choice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.

Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear God's holy name
and laud and magnify?

O for the living flame
from God's own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought!

God is our strength and song,
who makes salvation ours;
then be God's love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless the glorious name
henceforth for evermore.

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: God of blessing and woe,

**All: disturbing the deadly order of the world:
give us faith tested in poverty, hunger for
what really satisfies, eyes softened by
tears and hearts ready to laugh at all that
is false and pompous that we might be
witnesses to the dignity of life; through
Jesus Christ, who turns the world upside
down. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 17:5-10

These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life.

Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

Led by Heather Luccock

Leader: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

People: Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

People: It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Leader: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

People: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed. Amen.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 5:12-20

For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL HYMN:
FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE (CP 614)**

'Forgive our sins as we forgive,'
you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 6:17-26

After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.

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.

Jesus came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL HYMN cont... (CP 614)

In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,
and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love,
our lives will spread your peace.

HOMILY: Rev Sharon Smith

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

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.

PREPARING THE TABLE: CREATOR SPIRIT, BY WHOSE AID (CP 641)

Creator Spirit, by whose aid
The world's foundations first were laid,
come, visit every humble mind;
come, pour your joys on humankind;
from sin and sorrow set us free,
and make us temples worthy thee

O Source of uncreated light,
The Father's promised Paraclete
thrice holy fount, thrice holy fire,
our hearts with heavenly love inspire;
come, and thy sacred unction bring
to sanctify us while we sing.

Plenteous of grace, descend from high
rich in they sevenfold energy;
make us eternal truths receive
and practice all that we believe,
give us thyself, that we may see
the Father and the Son by thee,

Immortal honor, endless fame,
attend the almighty Father's name;
the Savior-Son be glorified,
who for the world's redemption died;
and equal adoration be,
eternal Paraclete, to thee

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.

Presider: 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,

“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.

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:

YE WATCHERS AND YE HOLY ONES (CP 320)

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

○ higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word.
most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia...

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Forebears in faith and prophets blest,
alleluia, alleluia!

Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise in song,
Alleluia, Alleluia...

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
alleluia, alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three-in-One,
Alleluia, Alleluia...

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:

TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE (CP 435)

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Join us after the service for:
Coffee, Cake, and Budget Conversations !

Thank you for ministering this morning:

Presider and Preacher: Rev. Sharon Smith

Music: Ruth Enns

Greeters: Marion Porter and Gillian Holland

Altar Guild: Sharon Fedorak

Readers: Vivian McGie and Heather Luccock

Intercessor: Pauline Barrett

Coffee team: Penny Zuk, Susana Wensley and Ivy Howes

Eucharistic Administrators: Gillian Holland,
Lynn Spence, and Pauline Barrett

Livestream: Ashkon Vahedi

Sunday School: Ethan Spence

Dates for Lent:

Sunday March 2 nd	Traditional Service - Transfiguration
Tuesday March 4 th :	Shrove Tuesday at Highlands
Wed. March 5 th :	Ash Wednesday Services (noon and 5:30 pm) at St. Catherine's

SUNDAYS:

March 9 th :	SOUL FOOD SUNDAY (Lenten Feast)
March 16 th :	Lent 2 traditional service + Lent Study
March 23 rd :	Lent 3 traditional service + Lent Study
March 30 th :	Lent 4 traditional service + Lent Study
April 6 th :	Lent 5 traditional service + Lent Study
April 13:	Palm Sunday – Holy WEEK begins



Vestry Meeting (Parish AGM)

Follows the Sunday Service – Sunday, February 23, 2025

All are invited to gather following the 10 am service for a meeting of the parish. We will be reviewing the ministry plan, and voting in leaders for worship, Parish Council, and the 2025 budgets.

Sandwiches will be provided by donation after the service.

PLEASE NOTE:

AFTER CHURCH ON SUNDAY TODAY THERE WILL BE A PRESENTATION ON FROM THE TREASURER AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, IN PREPARATION FOR VESTRY.



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