



## Morning Prayer – Vestry Sunday February 23, 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*

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## **GATHERING**

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### **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: YOU SERVANTS OF GOD - SGP 94**

You servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;  
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

**G**od rules in the height, almighty to save;  
though hid from our sight, his presence we have;  
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

**"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"**  
let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;  
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right:  
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
all honor and blessing with angels above  
and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

### **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: All 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.**

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## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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### PSALM 37, 1-11, 39-40

*Led by Penny Zuk*

Leader: Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**People: For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**

Leader: Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and <sup>1</sup> find safe pasture.

**People: Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.**

Leader: Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.

**People: The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

Leader: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

**People: Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

Leader: For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

**People: In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there.**

Leader: But the lowly shall possess the land;  
they will delight in abundance of peace.

**People: But the deliverance of the righteous  
comes from you, O Lord;  
you are their stronghold  
in time of trouble.**

Leader: You, O Lord, will help them and rescue them;  
you will rescue them from the wicked and  
deliver them, because in you they seek  
refuge. Amen.

### **FIRST READING: GENESIS 45: 3-11, 15**

*Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph continues the process of forgiveness.*

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Leader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15: 35-38, 42-50**

*In the Apostles' Creed, we speak of the "resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." Using the metaphor of a planted seed and the story of Adam, Paul preaches about the mystery of following Christ into eternity.*

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual.

The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL HYMN: PRAISE, MY SOUL (CP 381)**

**P**raise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King!

**P**raise him for his grace and favor  
to his people in distress.  
Praise him, still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!



## **GOSPEL READING: LUKE 6: 27-38**

*Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.*

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 said: "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned.

Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**GOSPEL HYMN cont... (CP 381)**

Father like he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Widely yet his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;  
you behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

**HOMILY: Rev Sharon Smith**

*Reflective silence follows.*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

Presider: Moses said,

**All: Hear, O Israel,  
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

Presider:

And Jesus affirmed:

**All:**

**Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.  
This is the first and the great  
commandment. The second is like it:  
Love your neighbour as yourself.  
There is no commandment  
greater than these.**

**Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

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## PRAYER

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Following specific prayers the leader will pray:*

Leader: We remember those who we have loved and lost in 2024.

Margaret Macdonald, Anne Jackson, Ken Brookfield, David Clark, Ruth Gaisford, David Kilbey, Elizabeth Robinson and Brenda McDonald.

We commend into your hands, O Lord.  
Those whom we have loved.  
You gave them breath,  
And loved them through their lives.  
Receive them now in your infinite tenderness,  
And give them peace.

Leader: We are grateful that in the circle of life, we also welcome new life, for Sara and Armin and baby Darian.

Leader: And we give thanks for the lives of Elizabeth, Emily, Robbie, Will, Colleen, Hyejung and Jamie who we have welcomed into this place. 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**

**HYMN: HOLY SPIRIT, EVER DWELLING (CP 655)**

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling  
in the holiest realms of light,  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding  
o'er a world of gloom and night,  
Holy Spirit, ever raising  
those of earth to thrones on high,  
living, life-imparting Spirit,  
you we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever living  
as the Church's very life,  
Holy Spirit, ever striving  
through us in a ceaseless strife,  
Holy Spirit, ever forming  
in the Church the mind of Christ,  
you we praise with endless worship  
for your gracious gifts unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working  
through the Church's ministry,  
teaching, strength'ning, and absolving,  
setting captive sinners free,  
Holy Spirit, ever binding  
age to age and soul to soul  
in communion never ending,  
you we worship and extol.

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## SENDING

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### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: WARDENS

#### 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*

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY (Collect):

Presider: God of kindness, interrupting our vicious cycles of resentment and revenge:

**All: teach us to walk the way of forgiveness beyond all accounting and to love the gift that has no measure; through Jesus Christ, who died for all. Amen.**

**BLESSING: Rev. Sharon Smith**

**CLOSING 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 outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;  
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

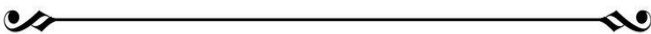
The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:  
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:  
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

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.

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**



***Join us after the service for:***  
*Light Lunch is available at the back of the church, while the  
room is reconfigured for Vestry.*

**Thank you for ministering this morning:**

**Presider and Preacher:** Rev. Sharon Smith

**Music:** Hyejung Jun and Choir

**Greeters:** Sharon Fedorak and Gillian Holland

**Altar Guild:** Bonnie Grundy

**Readers:** Ethan Spence and Penny Zuk

**Intercessor:** Lynn Spence

**Livestream:** Ashkon Vahedi

**Coffee team:** Penny Zuk, Alison Watt and Lynn Spence

**Sunday School:** Shaunti Bains



## Ash Wednesday and Lent Dates

Sunday March 2nd Traditional Service – Transfiguration

Tuesday March 4th: Shrove Tuesday at Highlands

Wed. March 5th: Ash Wednesday Services

(noon and 5:30 pm) at St. Catherine's

### SUNDAYS:

March 9th: SOUL FOOD SUNDAY (Lenten Feast)

March 16th: Lent 2 traditional service + Lent Study

March 23rd: Lent 3 traditional service + Lent Study

March 30th: Lent 4 traditional service + Lent Study

April 6th: Lent 5 traditional service + Lent Study

April 13: Palm Sunday – Holy WEEK begins



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