



Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 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 səlililwətaɣ (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:
COME, CHRISTIAN, JOIN TO SING
(GOSPEL PEOPLE 38)**

Come, Christians, join to sing,
Alleluia, Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King,
Alleluia, Amen!
Let all with heart and voice
Before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice;
Alleluia, Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high;
Alleluia, Amen!
Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia, Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end;
Alleluia, Amen!

Praise yet the Lord again;
Alleluia, Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia, Amen!
On Heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forever more,
Alleluia, Amen!

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: 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.**

Silence is kept.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Collect):

Presider: Lord of the mountain peak,

**All: whose light reveals the earth a dwelling
place for love;
Lord of the overshadowing,
whose darkness confounds the lie that
we can possess you:
transform our heart and mind that we
might listen to him who bears the weight
of glory in the lightness of our flesh;
through Jesus the Christ,
the chosen One.
Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: EXODUS 34:29-35

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99

Led by Ethan Spence

Leader: The Lord is king; let the people tremble.
The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let
the earth shake.

**People: The Lord, great in Zion, is high above all
peoples.**

Leader: Let them confess God's name, which is great
and awesome;
God is the Holy One.

**People: O mighty king, lover of justice, you have
established equity; you have executed
justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Leader: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall
down before God's footstool; God is the Holy
One.

**People: Moses and Aaron among your priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon
your name, O Lord, they called upon you,
and you answered them,**

Leader: you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree that
you gave them.

**People: O Lord our God, you answered them
indeed; you were a God who forgave
them, yet punished them for their evil
deeds.**

Leader: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and
worship upon God's holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One. Amen.

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 3:12—4:2

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (VU 315)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before thee,
Who was and is and evermore shall be.

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 9:28-36

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

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.**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

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

GOSPEL HYMN cont... (VU 315)

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and
sea; **Holy, holy, holy!** merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

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
Amen**

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

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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.

PREPARING THE TABLE:

COME, O FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING (VU 559)

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above

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.

Presider: 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.**

**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 wafers 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:

PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND (CP 509)

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn
through the storm, through the night
lead me on to the light
Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home

When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near;
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall:
take me hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears
and the night draws near
and the day is past and gone
at the river, I stand;
guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

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:

SINGING SONGS OF EXPECTATION (CP 536)

Singing songs of expectation,
onward goes the pilgrim band,
through the night of doubt and sorrow,
marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness
Gleams and burns the guiding light:
trusting God we march together
stepping fearless through the night.

One the light of God's own presence,
O'er his ransomed people shed,
Chasing far the gloom and terror,
Bright'ning all the path we tread:
One the object of our journey,
One the faith which never tires,
One the earnest looking forward,
One the hope our God inspires.

One the strain the lips of thousands
Lift as from the heart of one;
One the conflict, one the peril,
One the march in God begun:
One the gladness of rejoicing
On the far eternal shore,
Where the one almighty Father
Reigns in love for evermore.

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



*After the service we gather for coffee and conversation. All
are welcome.*

Next Week: SOUL FOOD SUNDAY

*A Breakfast with Liturgy around the Tables. It is the first
Sunday in Lent, you are invited to this Lenten Feast.*

Thank you for ministering this morning:

Presider and Preacher: Rev. Sharon Smith

Music: Hyejung Jun and Choir

Greeters: Sharon Fedorak and Bob Paxton

Altar Guild: Sharon Fedorak

Readers: Elizabeth Barratt and Ethan Spence

Intercessor: Pauline Barrett

Coffee team: Penny Zuk, Elizabeth Barratt and Ivy Howes

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