



Lent 4

March 30, 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 Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) and səliilíwətaɣ̓ (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.

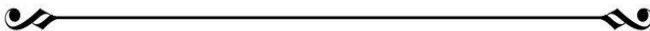
Our **Vision** is to:

- 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
səlililwətaɣt (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. Angus Stuart

Silence is kept.

Presider: In this holy time of Lent,
we acknowledge that we gather on the
ancestral lands of the Coast Salish peoples and
raise our hands to elders past and present as
we seek reconciliation amongst all people who
call Canada home.

**All: May the living Christ lead us all on
pathways of reconciliation and peace.**

Presider: Let us bless the Holy One
who forgives all our wrong doings.

All: God's mercy endures forever.

PRAYER OF PURITY:

(Book of Alternative Services)

Presider: Ever-present 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.**

CONFESSION:

Presider: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes all and invites us to this table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Presider: Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have sinned against
you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we
have left undone. We have not loved you
with our whole heart; we have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Kyrie (Lord Have Mercy)

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison, Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Presider: All Loving God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE (CP 393)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting nor wasting, you rule in great might;
your justice like mountains high soaring above,
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all things life giving, to both great and small,
in all you are living, the true life of all:
we blossom and flourish, uncertain and frail;
we wither and perish, but you never fail.

Great Source of glory and wisdom and light,
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
you only are hidden by splendour of light.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Collect):

Presider: Undignified God,

**All: Spirit of dangerous feasts,
inviting the unclean to your table:
find us in the far country of hopelessness
and greed: free us from the prison of
resentment and envy and bring us back
to life: through Jesus the Christ, Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: JOSHUA 5:9-12

*The following takes place after the people of Israel have crossed
the Jordan at Gilgal . . .*

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.*

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Gilgal means "rolling" or "wheel."*

PSALM 32

Led By Vivian McGie

Leader: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

People: Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

Leader: While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

People: For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

People: Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

Leader: You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

People: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

Leader: Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

People: Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

Leader: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

In Christ all things are made new again.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN:

OUR FATHER, WE HAVE WANDERED (CP 611)

Our Father, we have wandered
And hidden from your face;
In foolishness have squandered
Your legacy of grace.
But now, in exile dwelling,
We rise with fear and shame,
As distant but compelling,
We hear you call our name.

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 15:1-3, 11b-32

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.

A story about forgiveness and unforgiveness . . .

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his

slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL HYMN cont... (CP 611)

And now at length discerning
The evil that we do,
Behold us, Lord, returning
With hope and trust to you.
In haste you come to meet us
And home rejoicing bring,
In gladness there to greet us
With calf and robe and ring.

HOMILY: Rev. Angus Stuart

Reflective silence follows.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Iona Community)

Presider: We believe in God

**All: Who is older than eternity
and younger than our next breath;
who is beyond describing
yet knows us all by name;
who inspires faith
yet cannot be contained by religion.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ;
flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;
He came in the body
to give worth to every human life.
He touched the untouchable,
loved the unlovable and endured slander,
persecution and death.**

**We believe that God's Kingdom
comes on earth Through Christ's
suffering love.
He rose from the grave as living proof
that what is laid down in faith
will be raised in glory.
He ascended to heaven
to be present at all times to all people.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
Who leads us into truth and freedom,
who gives good gifts to all God's children,
who works through prayer and politics,
through justice, care of creation
and the healing of the nations.**

**We celebrate the potential
God has given; the life in our bodies,
the yearning in our souls, the promise of
good things in store for those who love
and serve their maker.**

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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:
JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS, (VU 142)**

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream,
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain:
In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.

**Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star
Shed His beams around me. [Refrain]**

**Near the cross! O lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadow o'er me. [Refrain]**

**Near the cross! I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever;
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river. [Refrain]**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider: God our provider,
**All: you have not fed us with bread alone,
but with words of grace and life. Bless
us and these your gifts, which we
receive from your bounty, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: (ELCIC – option D)

Presider: May God be with you

People: And also with you

Presider: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to God

Presider: Let us give thanks to God our Creator

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Presider: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
Praise to you for creating
the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving
the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing
the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading
your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of
Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death
and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit
poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave
thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This
cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and
for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death
to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

**O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.**

Presider: Reveal yourself to us in the
breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

With Saint Catherine and your holy ones of all
times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
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:
OUR FATHER, WE HAVE WANDERED (CP 611)**

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And hidden from your face;
In foolishness have squandered
Your legacy of grace.

But now, in exile dwelling,
We rise with fear and shame,
As distant but compelling,
We hear you call our name.

And now at length discerning
The evil that we do,
Behold us, Lord, returning
With hope and trust to you.
In haste you come to meet us
And home rejoicing bring,
In gladness there to greet us
With calf and robe and ring.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider: Compassionate God,

**All: you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage;
may our fasting be hunger for justice;
our alms, a making of peace;
and our prayer, the song of grateful
hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour
and Lord. Amen**

**Presider: Glory to God,
whose power working in us,
can do infinitely more than
we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from
generation to generation, in the Church
and in Christ Jesus, for ever and
ever. Amen.**

SENDING

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Wardens

BLESSING – Rev. Angus Stuart

CLOSING HYMN:

**WHEN WE SURVEY THE WONDOROUS CROSS
(VU 149)**

When we survey the wondrous cross
On which the Lord of glory died,
Our richest gain we count but loss,
And pour contempt on all our pride.

Our God forbid that we should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, our Lord;
All the vain things that charm us most,
We'd sacrifice them to His blood.

There from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flowed mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson, from His head
Spreads o'er His body on the tree;
To all the world then am I dead,
And all the world is dead to me.

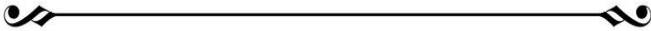
Were the whole realm of nature ours,
That were an offering far too small;
Love that transcends our highest pow'rs,
Demands our heart, our life, our all.

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Join us after the service for:
Coffee

Thank you for ministering this morning:

Presider and Preacher: Rev Angus Stuart

Music: Hyejung Jun and Choir

Greeters: Lori Burns and Gillian Holland

Altar Guild: Bonnie Grundy

Readers: Vivian McGie and Cathy Davidson

Intercessor: Prayers Written by Bev London and spoken by Hugo Lago

Coffee team: Penny Zuk, Marthe Duncombe and Ivy Howes

Eucharistic Administrators: Gillian Holland,
Ethan Spence and Susana Wensley

Livestream: Ashkon Vahedi

Sunday School: Shaunti Bains

Dates for Lent:

April 6th:

Lent 5 traditional service + Lent Study

April 13:

Palm Sunday – Holy WEEK begins



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