



Lent 3

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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 Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish) and
səlililwətaɣ̓ (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

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 neighbours 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: GOD THE CREATOR (CP 445)

God the Creator, you in love made me
who once was nothing but now have grown.
I bring the best of all my life offers;
for you I share whatever I own.

● **C**hrist the Saviour, you in love called me
Who once was no one, lost and alone.
I pledge to go wherever you summon,
making your will and purpose my own.

● **G**od the Spirit, you in love move me
who once was nowhere and felt unknown.
I know my need of you for companion:
all things can change when not on my own.

And with the people summoned together
to be the church in which faith is sown,
I make my promise to live for Jesus
and let the world know all are his own.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Collect):

Presider: Living Mystery,

**All: Your way is not our way,
your name cannot be bought or sold:
lead us from justice without compassion
and sacrifice without mercy
to a love which nurtures
and a grace without price:
through Jesus the Christ, the true Bread.
Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:1-9

An invitation to life in all its fullness...

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
Let them return to the Lord,
that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 63:1-8

Led By Sharon Fedorak

Leader: O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People: Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

Leader: For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

People: So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

Leader: My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

People: when I remember you up on my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.

Leader: For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I
will rejoice

**People: My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

SECOND READING: HOPING AGAINST HOPE

By Jan Richardson

from *Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons*

Hope nonetheless.
Hope despite.
Hope regardless.
Hope still.

Hope where we had ceased to hope.
Hope amid what threatens hope.
Hope with those who feed our hope.
Hope beyond what we had hoped.

Hope that draws us past our limits.
Hope that defies expectations.
Hope that questions what we have known.
Hope that makes a way where there is none.

Hope that takes us past our fear.
Hope that calls us into life.
Hope that holds us beyond death.
Hope that blesses those to come.

**GOSPEL HYMN:
COME WE LOVE THAT (CP 714)**

Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
and thus surround the throne.

Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heav'nly King
may speak their joys abroad.

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 13:1-9

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.

Make the change now, before it's too late...

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So, he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I

find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL HYMN cont... (CP 714)

The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heav'nly fields,
or walk the golden streets.

Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground
to fairer worlds on high.

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



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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:

MY SHEPHERD IS THE LIVING LORD (SGP 75)

My Shepherd is the living Lord
nothing therefore I need;
in pastures fair, near pleasant streams
he setteth me to feed.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back
when I forsake his ways,
and leads me for his mercy's sake
in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death,
thy presence is my stay;
a word of thy supporting breath
drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
doth still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows,
thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;
O may thy house be mine abode,
and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come--
no more a stranger or a guest,
but like a child at home.

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: 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.

Presider: 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.**

**All: 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.

**All: 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. 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:

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, GIVE THANKS (SGP 34)

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth;

He is the King of creation: (Refrain)

Spread the good news o'er all the earth;

Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)

We have been crucified with Christ;

Now we shall live forever. (Refrain)

Come, let us praise the living God,

Joyfully sing to our Saviour. (Refrain)

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:

**O LOVE, HOW DEEP, HOW BROAD, HOW HIGH
(CP 628)**

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
It fills the heart with ecstasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!

God sent no angel to our race
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame
Himself, and to this lost world came.

For us baptized, for us He bore
His holy fast and hungered sore,
For us temptation sharp He knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.

For us He prayed; for us He taught;
For us His daily works He wrought;
By words and signs and actions thus
Still seeking not Himself, but us.

To You whose boundless love has won
Salvation for us through Your Son,
To God, Creator, glory be
Both now and through eternity.

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***

Thank you for ministering this morning:

Presider and Preacher: Rev. Angus Stuart

Music: Hyejung Jun and Choir

Greeters: Gillian Holland and Lori Burns

Altar Guild: Susana Wensley

Readers: Sharon Fedorak and John Luccock

Intercessor: Linda Robertson

Coffee team: Penny Zuk, Lynn Spence and
Marthe Duncombe

Eucharistic Administrators: Bob Paxton, Marthe
Duncombe and Janet Benjamin

Livestream: Ashkon Vahedi

Sunday School: Shaunti Bains

Dates for Lent:

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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