



Creation Season
September 13, 2020
10 am Service

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St. Catherine's Church Mission

A contemporary community of Christian seekers that welcomes others to join our 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** at St. Catherine's 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



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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 Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations

As you enter the church, a marshal can assist you as you light a votive candle to remember a person or situation that you carry on your heart. No other candles may be lit during or after the service.

Welcome & safety instructions: Rev. Sharon

Gathering of the Community (*Remain seated*)

Presider: We gather today on the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish peoples, represented by the Squamish and Tsleil-Watuth Nations who have been custodians of these lands since time immemorial.

Let us pray.

Presider: Creator of the cosmos,
Of eternity and time;

All: Be with us in this time.

Presider: Saviour of the world, healer of the nations

All: Be with us in this place.

Presider: Breath of all that lives

All: Stir within our lives.

Presider: Maker-Spirit-Son,
God of here and now,

**All: Be present in our worship, that we may
find new ways to be present in your
world. Amen.**

(From Iona Abbey Worship Book, 2001)

Gathering Hymn: Praise, My Soul

We invite you to remain seated and meditate on the music.

Praise, 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.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our forebears in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
Alleluia, alleluia!
glorious in his faithfulness.

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

Silence is kept.

Please stand as you are able.

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.

Kyrie Eleison (Christ have mercy):

Presider: As we attend to our place in creation,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: As we share Earth with our kin.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Presider: As we care for creatures in danger.

People: Christ, have mercy.

(From Season of Creation: Church of Scotland)

Prayer of the Day:

(By Bishop Susan Johnson, Evang. Lutheran Church in Canada)

Presider: Creator,

All: We pray that you would help us to touch the earth gently.

Turn us from our ways of commodifying the earth and consuming its riches without thought. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Meditations with Hildegard of Bingen

The earth is at the same time mother,
she is mother of all that is natural,
mother of all that is human.

She is the mother of all,
for contained in her are the seeds of all.

The earth of humankind contains all moisture,
all verdancy, all germinating power.

It is in so many ways fruitful.

All creation comes from it.

Yet it forms not only the basic raw materials
for humankind, but also the substance of Incarnation.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103 (NRSV)

Pulpit Side: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Piano Side: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits.

Pulpit Side: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.

Piano Side: Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Pulpit Side: Who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Piano Side: The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

Pulpit Side: The LORD made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

Piano Side: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Pulpit Side: He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

Piano Side: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Pulpit Side: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love towards those who fear him;

Piano Side: As far as the east is from the west, so far are our transgressions removed from us.

All: As a parent has compassion for their children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. Amen

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while [others] eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also, those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

For it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: God is Forgiveness

We invite you to stand and meditate on the music.

God is forgiveness;
Dare to forgive and God will be with you.
God is forgiveness.
Love and do not fear.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his

lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So, the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.

So, my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn *(continued)*

We invite you to remain standing & meditate on the music.

God is forgiveness;
Dare to forgive and God will be with you.
God is forgiveness.
Love and do not fear.

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 neighbor as yourself.
There is no commandment greater
than these.**

All: Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Prayers of the People

Confession

Presider: Let us in silence remember our own faults and failings.

Reflective silence follows.

Presider: In the community of Christ's Church and in the presence of all God's people:

**All: We confess to God that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we
have left undone.**

We have not loved God, cared for God's world, or respected God's people as we should. We own our responsibility and pray for God's pardon.

Presider: May God forgive us,
Christ befriend us, and
the Spirit renew and change our lives.
Amen.

(Adapted from the Book of Alternative Service)

The Passing of the Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The community, remaining at our seats, greet one another saying or gesturing: 'Peace be with you'.

The Preparation of the Table

We invite you to remain standing & meditate on the music.

Where Two or Three Are Gathered (Lawton)

Here in the Bread that is Broken
Here in the bread that is broken,
Here in the cup that is poured,
Here in the word that is spoken: Jesus Christ is Lord!
Here where the poor find their treasure, here where the
greatest are least,
Come find a love beyond measure in this heavenly feast.

Prayers over the Gifts

Presider: Holy God, gracious and merciful,
**All: you bring forth food from the earth and
nourish your whole creation. Turn our
hearts towards those who hunger in any**

**way, so that all may know your care:
and prepare us now to feast on the bread
of life, Christ in and among us, Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer: *(Iona Abbey Worship Book)*

Presider: May God be with you

People: And also with you

Presider: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up

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

**All: For you have brought forth bread from
the earth.**

Presider: Blessed are you O God

All: For you have created the fruit of the vine.

Presider: And so with all our siblings,
before us and beside us,

**All: We praise you from our hearts for your
unending greatness.**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

God of Power and Might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the Highest!

Presider: Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus
took bread and having blessed it, he broke the
bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:
"This is my body which is given for you."

In the same way he took wine, and having
given thanks for it, he poured it out and gave it
to his disciples, saying: "This cup is the new
relationship with God, sealed with my blood."

Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God.”

**and deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Presider: So now, following Jesus’ example.
We take this bread and this wine;
The ordinary things of the world,
through which God will bless us.
And as Jesus offered thanks for the gifts
of the earth, let us also celebrate
God’s goodness.

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ,
**All: Present with us now,
as we do in this place what you did in an
upstairs room,
breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this
bread and this wine.
That they may be heaven’s food and
drink for us,
renewing, sustaining and making us
whole,
and that we may be your body on earth,
loving and caring in the world. Amen.**

Presider: And now as our Saviour taught us, let us pray
in the language of our hearts:

**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**

Fraction (Breaking of Bread):

Presider: Here, in this bread and wine, may we
encounter Christ who calls us to care for the
poor, the earth, and all who are in need.

**People: All who long for Christ are welcome at
this table.**

Invitation to the Table:

Presider: Friends, these are the gifts of God for the
people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Communion:

*All people are welcome to receive Communion of one kind
(Wafers). Gluten free wafer are available upon request.*

*Please wear your mask and sanitize your hands before
receiving. We ask that you wait until you have returned to
your seat before removing your mask and consuming
the wafer.*

*While the communion is being administered, we respectfully
ask that you keep the silence.*

Communion Hymns:

*We invite you to remain standing & meditate on the music
during Communion.*

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees;
when I fall down on my knees

with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees;
when I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees;
when I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Put peace into each other's hand

Put peace into each other's hand
and like a treasure hold it;
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.

Put peace into each other's hand
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.

Put peace into each other's hand
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
Our life is meant for caring.

As at communion, shape our hands
into a waiting cradle.
The gift of Christ receive revere,
united round his table.

Put peace into each other's hand
he is love's deepest measure;

in love make peace, give peace a chance
and share it like a treasure.

Prayer after Communion

Presider: God of steadfast Love,
**All: Create in us a new heart and a new
vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit
may work in us and renew the
face of the earth.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen.**

Blessing: *(by Pip Stigger)*

Presider: Let us go forth into the world,
**All: pondering upon our relation to it in this
time of continuing crisis, both for us
individually and for the world as a whole.
Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Crashing Waters at Creation

*The service continues with two baptisms.
If you are able to stay, please remain at your seats and
enjoy the music, feel free to hum along behind a mask.
If you are unable to stay, please leave through the
Ridgewood doors as directed by a marshal during this final
hymn.*

Crashing waters at creation,
ordered by the spirit's breath,
First to witness day's beginning
from the brightness of night's death.

Parting water stood and trembled
as the captives passed on through,
Washing off the chains of bondage –
channel to a life made new.

Cleansing water once at Jordan
closed around the one foretold,
Opened to reveal the glory
ever new and ever old.

Living water, never-ending,
quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Well-spring, Source of life eternal,
drench our dryness, make us whole.

Thank you for ministering this morning:

Marshals: Marion Porter, Tony Dodd, Susanne Stockdill, and Hugh Crosthwait
Altar Guild: Vivian McGie
Art display: Chosen by Heather Luccock
Readers: **1** Sara **2.** Janet Benjamin
Intercessor: Phil Sunderland
Cantor: Mermi Vouse
Sound: Susanna Valente
Sunday School: Daela Dazell
Livestream: Armin

Cycles of Prayer

In our prayers this morning we pray for the **Worldwide Anglican Communion**, in particular we pray for Anglican Church of South America, The Most Revd Gregory James Venables - Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of South America & Bishop of Argentina

We pray for our **Companion Diocese** The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines, The Right Reverend Brent Alawas, Bishop, and for our companion cluster parish of St. Catherine of Siena in Cervantes and St. Stephen in Bunga, Tadian and the rector Fr. Jerry Sagayo.

In our **Prayer Link** with the Episcopal parish of Christ Church Nazareth in the Galilee, we remember the Reverend Nael Abu Rahmoun, and all Christians, Jews, and Muslims, in the Holy Land.

We pray for the **Anglican Church of Canada**, Linda our Primate, and Bishops Michael Hawkins and Adam Halkett, Bishop Chris Harper, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Saskatoon.

We pray for the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada**, especially Archbishop Melissa Skelton, people, and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon, The staff of the British Columbia Synod

In our **Diocese** we pray for Archbishop Melissa, our bishop and metropolitan, St. Matthew, Abbotsford - The Reverend Allen Doerksen St. Hildegard's Sanctuary – The Reverend Melanie Calabrigo The Deanery of Yale – The Reverend Paul Bowie



Zoom coffee time at NOON

Join us this Sunday after our in-person live streamed service for conversation. Begins promptly at 12 noon following the service so everyone can participate.

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During coffee time we will have two break-out groups, the first will be a check-in (how are you arriving today?), the second will be a discussion of the service (what did you experience today? What are you invited to do or be?).

Email: scadmin@shaw.ca for any help

