



Creation Season
September 20, 2020
10 am Service

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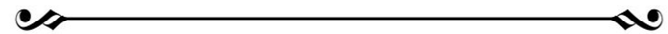
St. Catherine's Church Mission

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)

Opening Hymn: Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

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

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, unchanging, 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.

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 Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, The Episcopal Church)

Presider: Liberating lifegiving God,

All: Help us to know that we and the world you have created are truly the work of your hands. Give us knowledge and wisdom to care for your handiwork now and for future generations. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Meditations with Julian of Norwich

I saw that God was everything that is good and encouraging.

God is our clothing
that wraps, clasps, and encloses us
so as never to leave us.

God showed me in my palm
a little thing round as a ball
about the size of a hazelnut.

I looked at it with the eye of my understanding
and asked myself

“What is this thing” ?

And I was answered “It is everything that is created”

I wondered how it could survive since it seemed so little
it could suddenly disintegrate into nothing.

The answer came: “it endures and even will endure”
because God loves it”

And so everything has being because of God’s love.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105

Refrain is sung by a cantor, Verses are said by cantor and congregation alternating.

Refrain (sung by the cantor)

O Lord, still guide us on our way;
Be our hope and stay.

Cantor: Give thanks to the Lord and call God's name aloud.

Tell all the people what God has done. The Lord is our God.

God will keep the covenant made with Abraham
and the promise given to Isaac and Jacob.

The covenant was a promise to Israel
that the land of Canaan would become their
inheritance *(Refrain)*

**People: God sent a famine against the land
and cut off all food supply.**

**Joseph was sold as a slave and imprisoned in
Egypt.**

**Then the king released him and put him in
charge of his household.**

**Israel came to Egypt and the Lord made them
stronger than their oppressors. *(Refrain)***

Cantor: God sent Moses and Aaron, who performed miracles in Egypt.

Moses brought Israel out and none of the people faltered.

There was sent a cloud for a covering by day and fire to give them light by night. *(Refrain)*

All: God fed them food from heaven and opened a rock, and water gushed out. God's holy promise to Abraham was kept. Israel was given lands where others had lived on the condition that they would keep God's commands. Praise the Lord!

Refrain *(sung by cantor)*

O Lord, still guide us on our way;

Be our hope and stay.

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect the gospel.

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of

the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

We invite you to stand and meditate on the music.

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten,
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

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.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.'

So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn (continued)

We invite you to stand and meditate on the music.

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten,
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.

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.

Take, O take me as I am:
Summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart
And live in me.

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!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the
Lord. 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.

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

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 Hymn: How Great Thou Art

We invite you to meditate on the music during Communion.

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;
How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]

Prayer after Communion

Presider: God of steadfast Love,

All: Create in us a new heart and a new vision, 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 Janet Morris)*

Presider: For you my friends,

All: As you leave this place and return to your lives among your families, friends, colleagues and neighbours, may all be well, and all manner of things be well. And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you. Amen.

Closing Hymn: For Everyone Born

Please remain at your seats and enjoy the music, feel free to hum along behind a mask.

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

Refrain:

And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, (Refrain)

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, (Refrain)

Dismissal:

Presider: Go in peace to love as Christ loves,

People: Thanks be to God.

During the Postlude, we invite you to leave from the back of the Sanctuary, row by row out the Ridgewood doors, as instructed by a marshal.

Please do not linger in the Sanctuary or form groups in the parking lot.

See you at Zoom Coffee Time at Noon – info on back page.

Thank you for ministering this morning:

Marshals: Bob Paxton, Susanne Stockdill, Tony
Dodd, Mermi
Altar Guild: Heather Luccock
Art display: Chosen by Heather Luccock
Readers: **1** Elizabeth Barratt **2.** Gordon Lee
Intercessor: Heather Peacock
Cantor: John Luccock
Sound: Susanna Valente
Sunday School: Ethan Spence
Livestream: Armin

Cycles of Prayer

In our prayers this morning we pray for the **Worldwide Anglican Communion**, in particular we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan: The Most Revd Justin Badi Arama – Bishop of Juba and Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

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.

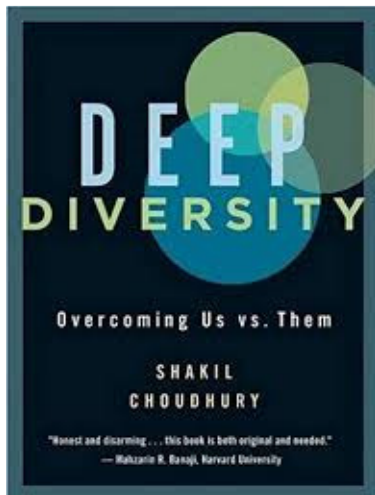
We pray for the **Anglican Church of Canada**, Linda our Primate, and Bishops Michael Hawkins and Adam Halkett, Bishop Chris Harper, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Saskatoon.

We pray for the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada**, especially The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon, The dean, council, and congregations of the Southern Interior Region of the British Columbia Synod

In our **Diocese** we pray for Archbishop Melissa, our bishop and metropolitan, Mission to Seafarers – The Reverend Peter Smyth, St. Jude Anglican Home – The Reverend Clare Morgan, Vancouver General Hospital – The Reverend Bryan Rivers; College and University Campus Ministries; and Chaplains to the Retired Clergy – The Reverend Karin Fulcher, The Reverend Neil Gray.

Will you seek and serve Christ
in all persons, loving your
neighbour as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and
peace among all people, and
respect the dignity of every
human being?
I will, with God's help.



Deep Diversity is a spiritual practice because it helps us as we walk in the peace-making way of Jesus. Deep Diversity helps us *see* those who are marginalized, *hear* others' stories and *mature* our own participation in social justice.

Rev. Sharon and Dr. Jessica Motherwell McFarlane (a beloved member of the Wednesday Contemplative Group), are inviting you to travel with them on an exhilarating journey to *Love* in its deepest sense.

Details

Path 1: Gearing up : Four Tuesdays in October (starting on October 6th)

Path 2: Staying the course: Four Tuesdays in November (starting on November 3rd)

Path 3: Keep on keepin' on: Four Tuesdays in December (starting on December 1st)

(Sign up online <https://www.saint-catherines.org/events/> or Email/phone the office: scadmin@shaw.ca, 604 985 0666).

You are welcome to sign up for all three paths - or just one.



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.

Join Zoom Meeting by video: <https://zoom.us/j/93034140745>

Or using your Zoom App by in putting the Meeting ID:
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Or by phone: (778) 907 2071, with the Meeting ID:
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During coffee time we will have two break-out groups:

(1) to check in: How are you arriving today?

(2) A discussion of the service: Was there something in this morning's liturgy, music, prayers that supported your worship today? Did a theme stand out for you in the readings or sermon? How does that speak to your life this week? Has the Holy Spirit touched your heart through our worship this morning? In what way?

Email: scadmin@shaw.ca for any help



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