



May 15th, 2022 The Fifth Sunday of Easter 10 am Traditional Service

Priest: The Reverend Sharon Smith Interim Musician: Rob Gloor Administration: Natasha Stegemann Wardens: Robb Watt, Linda Robertson, Chris Wensley

St. Catherine's Mission, Vision and Values

St. Catherine's Anglican Church, at the heart of Edgemont Village in North Vancouver on the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish peoples, including the Squamish and 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:

Welcoming to All Spiritual Seekers * Explorative

Sustainability * Care of the Earth * A Caring Community

Opportunities and Equality For All

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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, we invite you to light a votive candle to remember a person or situation that you carry on your heart. Candles are also available during communion.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Intention: Rev Sharon Smith

A moment of silent reflection.

Presider:	Alleluia Christ is Risen!
People:	Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia.

- Presider: As we gather on the unceded and ancestral lands of Coast Salish nations, let us pray that Christ's grace and peace will be with us.
- All: May we be ministers of the reconciling love of the Risen Christ. May our hearts be filled with joy. Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn: Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)

Let us build a house where love can dwell And all can safely live A place where saints and children tell How hearts learn to forgive Built of hopes and dreams and visions Rock of faith and vault of grace Here the love of Christ shall end divisions All are welcome, all are welcome All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where prophets speak And words are strong and true Where all God's children dare to seek To dream God's reign anew Here the cross shall stand as witness And a symbol of God's grace Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus

All are welcome, all are welcome All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where love is found In water, wine and wheat A banquet hall on holy ground Where peace and justice meet Here the love of God, through Jesus Is revealed in time and space As we share in Christ the feast that frees us

All are welcome, all are welcome All are welcome in this place

Prayer of the Day:

Presider: God of glory, All: whose Beloved took the shadowed road of death and found life in the darkness: may this love be our law, so that, undimmed by fear, we may witness to the power of new birth, through Jesus the Christ, the first-born from the dead. Amen.

Gloria (sung)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of followers of Jesus who were not already part of First Century Judaism, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love everyone is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the welcome of people of all cultures, creeds and religions is officially authorized.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and

bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Leader:	Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.
People:	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

Led By Gordon Lee

- Leader: Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.
- People: Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.
- Leader: Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.
- People: Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.
- Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,
- People: who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.

- Leader: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
- People: fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;
- Leader: mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
- People: wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;
- Leader: sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
- People: young men and maidens, old and young together.
- Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
- People: The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Amen.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader:	Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.
People:	Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: In Loving Partnership We Come

In loving partnership we come, seeking, O God, your will to do. Our prayers and actions now receive; we freely offer them to you.

We are the hands and feet of Christ, serving by grace each other's need. We dare to risk and sacrifice with truthful word and faithful deed.

Loving community we seek; your hope and strength within us move. The poor and rich, the strong and weak are brought together in your love.

Gospel Reading: John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of 'glory'. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

Presider:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Presider:	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
	according to John.
People:	Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Presider:	The Gospel of Christ.
People:	Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn cont:

In loving partnership, O God, help us your future to proclaim. Justice and peace be our desire, we humbly pray in Jesus' name.

Homily: Rev. Sharon

Reflective silence follows.

Affirmation of Faith

Presider: All:	Moses said, 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.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

PRAYER

Prayers of the People

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.

- All: 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.
- Presider: Almighty 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. All: 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

Communion Hymn: A New Commandment

Refrain

A new commandment I give unto you: that you love one another as I have loved you, that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall all know that you are my disciples: if you have love one for another. By this shall all know that you are my disciples: if you have love one for another. (*Refrain*) You are my friends if you do what I command you. Without my help you can do nothing. You are my friends if you do what I command you. Without my help you can do nothing.

Refrain

A new commandment I give unto you: that you love one another as I have loved you, that you love one another as I have loved you.

True love is patient, nor arrogant nor boastful; Love bears all things, love is eternal. True love is patient, nor arrogant nor boastful; Love bears all things, love is eternal. (*Refrain*)

Prayer over the Gifts:

Presider: Blessed are you, O God, All: ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus the Christ, Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer (Supplementary Prayer 2)

Presider:	May God be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Presider:	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to God.
Presider:	Let us offer thanks to God our Creator.
People	It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Presider: Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory singing:

Sanctus (Argentina)

Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart, my heart adores you! My heart is glad to say the words; you are holy Lord.

In God's name is coming the One whom we call blessed. Hosanna in the highest. Praise and thanks to God.

Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart, my heart adores you! My heart is glad to say the words; you are holy Lord.

Presider: Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you. Presider: Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." And now we gather at this table in response to Presider: his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith. All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Breathe your Holy Spirit, Presider: the wisdom of the universe, All: upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

- Presider: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever.
- People: 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 the Bread):

Presider:	Lord, we died with you the cross.	
All:	Now we are raised to new life.	
Presider:	We were buried in the tomb.	
All:	Now we share in your resurrection	
Presider:	Live in us, that we may live in you.	

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 of one kind (Wafers), or Communion of one or both kinds at the Altar. 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 Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven; there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

Foolish hearts, why will you scatter like a crowd of frightened sheep? Fainting souls, why will you wander from a love so true and deep?

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind, and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

Prayer after Communion:

Presider: Life-giving God,

All: in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses of Christ's resurrection, so that we may show your love to all the world, through the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

SENDING

Announcements – Rev. Sharon

Presider: Glory to God,

All: 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.

Blessing:

Presider: Beloveds, may God's love flow through you, God's heart beat in yours, The Spirit breathe in you, that you may love as you have been loved: entering life with gentleness, forgiveness and offering others grace. May we love as God has loved us; live gently, love deeply, forgive freely, give generously, bless boldly, and offer ourselves humbly, All for God's glory! Amen.

Sending Hymn: Love Divine

All:

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us your humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown. Jesus, you are all compassion, pure, unbounded love impart; visit us with your salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all your grace receive; suddenly return, and never, never more your temples leave. We would always give you blessing, serve you as your hosts above, pray, and praise you without ceasing, glory in your perfect love.

Finish then your new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see your great salvation, perfect in eternity: Changed from glory into glory till in heaven we take our place, there to sing salvation's story lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Dismissal:

People:	Thanks be to God.	
	fragmented world.	
	And be instruments of peace in our	
	Live as you were created	
Presider:	Go – love wholeheartedly	

Postlude

Thank you for ministering this morning:

Presider: Music: Greeters: Eucharistic Ministers: Altar Guild: Readers:	Rev. Sharon Smith Rob Gloor and Singers Tony Dodd and Pip Stigger Susana. Wensley; Linda Robertson Heather Luccock 1) Elizabeth Barratt 2) Gordon Lee
Intercessor:	Lynn Spence
Sound & Livestream:	Chris Wensley & Mermi
Sunday Teacher:	Daela Dalzell

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Reminder: Special Vestry

Sunday May 29, 2022 Service starts at 10 am Ends no later than 12:30 pm. In person and on Zoom.

Reserve your spot!! Email, call or drop by the office <u>scadmin@shaw.ca</u>, 604-985-0666





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