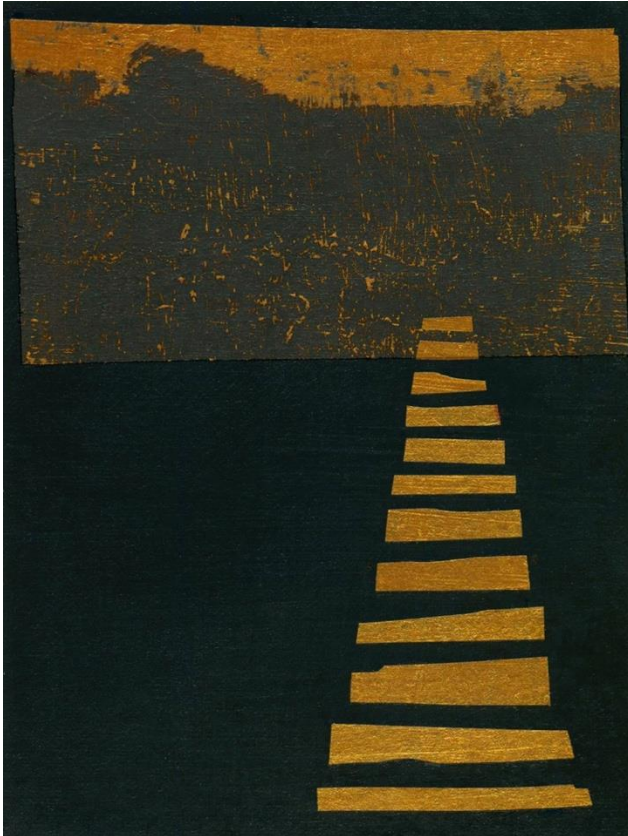


Open To The Light  
**ST Catherines**  
ANGLICAN CHURCH



Final Sunday of Epiphany - Transfiguration Sunday  
February 19, 2023 at 10 am

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

## **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.

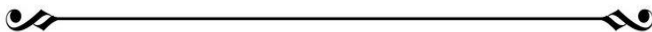
Our **Vision** is to:

- 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  
Situating on the unceded traditional Coast Salish territory  
of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and səlililwətaʔ (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 one candle per person with a fresh lighting stick and extinguish it in the sand.*

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### **GATHERING**

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#### **Welcome & Intentions: Rev Sharon Smith**

Presider: For thousands of years, indigenous people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We are gathered on the traditional territory of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and (səlililwətaʔ) Tseil Waututh peoples.

**All: We acknowledge their stewardship of this land.**

Presider: We who come from other lands express our gratitude for the blessing of living, working, playing, laughing and loving on this beautiful land.

**All: Thanks to be God**

#### **Gathering Hymn: Today I awake**

Today I awake  
and God is before me.  
At night, as I dreamt,  
he summoned the day;  
for God never sleeps,  
but patterns the morning  
with slithers of gold  
or glory in grey.

Today I arise  
and Christ is beside me.  
He walked through the dark  
to scatter new light,  
Yes, Christ is alive,  
and beckons his people  
to hope and to heal,  
resist and invite.

Today I affirm  
the Spirit within me  
at worship and work,  
in struggle and rest.  
The Spirit inspires  
all life which is changing  
from fearing to faith,  
from broken to blest.

Today I enjoy  
the Trinity round me,  
above and beneath,  
before and behind;  
The Maker, the Son,  
the Spirit together  
they called me to life  
and call me their friend..

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.**

Presider:     Loving God,  
**All:         to you all hearts are open,  
               all desires known,  
               and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**All:            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.**

*Silence is kept.*

**Prayer of the Day (Collect):**

Presider:     Lord of the mountain peak,

**All:            whose light reveals the earth to be a  
                  dwelling place for love;  
                  Lord of the overshadowing,  
                  whose darkness confounds the lie that  
                  we can possess you:  
                  transform our hearts and minds,  
                  so that we may listen to him who bears  
                  the weight of glory  
                  in the lightness of our flesh,  
                  Jesus the Christ, Amen.**

**Gloria**

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

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**Proclamation of the Word**

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**First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18**

*At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the LORD" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses and gave Moses the ten commandments.*

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for

their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 99** (*paraphrase by Nan Merrill*)

*Led by Penny Zuk*

Leader: Awaken, O you people! Entrust your hearts to Love.

For the Beloved reigns supreme;  
let all the earth give thanks!

**People: Your unseen Presence is great in the land;  
You sit with the leaders of nations.**

Leader: Let them be silent and guided by your Voice! Holy are You!

**People: You are mighty and love justice,  
You establish equity;  
Out of the Silence, your Word can be heard in the land  
inviting the nations to live in peace.**

Leader: Listen O you people! Open your hearts  
to the Beloved, that Truth may be born anew!

**People: Many who have gone before you followed  
the Beloved's Voice,  
the unknown saints of all generations.**

Leader: They surrendered themselves into  
the Beloved's hands,  
and walked with confidence.

**People: They were guided through difficult times,  
keeping to Love's way,  
and trusting in Love's promises.**

Leader: O Heart of all hearts, You answered  
their prayers;  
With mercy, You forgave them their  
wrongdoings, always inviting them to new life.

**People: Sing praises to the Beloved, and  
aspire to ascend the holy mountain.**

Leader: Holy are You, O Giver of Life!

**All: Amen.**

## **Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21**

*At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring  
Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy  
Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard.*

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made  
known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he  
received honor and glory from God the Father when that  
voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying,  
"This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."  
We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we

were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Hymn: Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour**

Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor,  
first-begotten from the dead,  
Thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up Thy people's head.

Alleluia

Jesus, true and living Bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we;  
here in loving reverence bow;  
here for faith's disccrment pray we,  
last we fail to know thee now.

Alleluia,

Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
as of old in Behlehem  
here as there thine angels hail thee,  
branc and flower of Jesse's stem.

Alleluia

we in worship join with them



## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9**

*Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience called the transfiguration.*

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 took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Gospel Hymn cont:**

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  
once for all when thou wast slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall for evermore remain,  
alleluia,  
cleansing souls from every stain.

Life imparting heavenly Manna,  
stricken Rock with streaming Side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
alleluia,  
risen, ascended, glorified

## **Homily: Rev Sharon Smith & Ros Jackson**

*Reflective silence follows.*

**Affirmation of Faith:** One Woman's Creed  
*Frances Somerville (1916 – 2007)*

I believe in God,  
creator of the universe dwelling forever  
beyond time and space.

I believe in Jesus Christ  
who came to live among us  
and let us see what God is like.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
sent from God through Jesus  
to be our guide and comforter.  
Therefore I believe in love,  
in hope, compassion, joy and faith,  
and forgiveness and eternal life.

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## Prayer

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### 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.

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.**

Presider: Loving God have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us 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'.*

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## **Communion**

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### **Preparing the Table: Let There Be Light**

Let there be light,  
let there be understanding,  
let all the nations gather,  
let them be face to face.

Open our lips,  
open our minds to ponder,  
open the door of concord  
opening into grace.

Perish the sword,  
perish the angry judgment,  
perish the bombs and hunger,  
perish the fight for gain.

Let there be light,  
open our hearts to wonder,  
perish the way of terror,  
hallow the world God made.

Thy kingdom come,  
thy spirit turn to language,  
thy people speak together,  
thy spirit never fades;

Let there be light,  
open our hearts to wonder ,  
perish the way of terror,  
hallow the world God made.

## **Prayer over the Gifts:**

Presider: God of steadfast love,

**All: may our offering this day,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
renew us for your service.  
We ask this in the name of  
Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer** (*Supplemental Prayer 3*)

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is indeed right to thank you and praise you,  
holy and gracious God,  
creator of all things,  
ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life,  
for you are the source of all goodness,  
rich in mercy and abounding in love;  
you are faithful to your people in every  
generation, and your word endures for ever.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
with the fellowship of saints  
and the company of heaven,  
we glorify your holy name,  
evermore praising you and singing,

## **Sung Sanctus (St Brides setting)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full  
Are full of your glory.**

**Blessed is the One who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: We praise you, merciful  
Mother and Father,  
not as we ought, but as we are able,  
because in your tender love  
you gave the world your only Son,  
in order that the world might be saved through  
him. He made you known by taking the form of  
a servant, healing the sick, liberating the  
oppressed, reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,  
he confronted the power of sin  
and disarmed it for ever.  
In his offering of himself,  
he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.  
Redeemed by Christ,  
we have been adopted as your children;  
by your pardon  
you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed,  
Jesus, at supper with his friends,  
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,  
gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and  
when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this all of  
you:

Presider: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour’s sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

**All: Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.  
Send your Holy Spirit on us  
that as we receive this bread  
and this cup we may partake of the body  
and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and feed on him in our hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.**

Presider: May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, 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.**

## **Fraction (Breaking of Bread):**

Presider:       We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ

**All:**           **We, being many, are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

## **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 (Fresh Bread or Wafers) at the station below the stairs, or Communion of one or both kinds at the Altar. Wine is administered from a common cup. 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 Hymn: Open My Eyes

Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth you have for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unlock and set me free.

### *Refrain:*

Silently now, on bended knee,  
ready I wait your will to see;  
open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth you send so clear;  
and while the message sounds in my ear,  
everything false will disappear.   *Refrain*

Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart, and let me prepare  
love with your children thus to share.   *Refrain*

## Prayer after Communion:

Presider:   O God, our life, our strength, our food,

**All:           we give you thanks for sustaining us with  
the body and blood of your Son.  
By your Holy Spirit,  
enliven us to be his body in the world,  
so that more and more we will give you  
praise and serve your earth  
and its many peoples,  
through Jesus the Christ, Amen.**

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**Sending**

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**Community Announcements – Linda Robertson**

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: Rev. Sharon**

**Sending Hymn: Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise**

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.

**Dismissal:**

Presider: Go forth in the way of love,  
as instruments of peace.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Please join us at the back of the church  
for coffee and conversation.



**Thank you for ministering this morning:**

- Music:** Rob Gloor & Choir
- Greeters:** Sharon Fedorak and Tony Dodd
- Altar Guild:** Heather Luccock
- Coffee Group:** Penny Zuk, Roslyn Jackson and Susana Wensley
- Readers:** Penny Zuk and Pip Stigger
- Intercessor:** Linda Robertson
- Reflection:** Roslyn Jackson
- Eucharistic Administrators:** Linda Robertson, Robb Watt and Ethan Spence
- Livestream:** Chris Wensley
- Sunday Teacher:** Ethan Spence

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Tuesday**

**February 21<sup>st</sup>  
5:30 – 7pm**

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
Highlands United Church**

**Wednesday**

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Noon; 5:30 pm**

**Ash Wednesday Services**

**Wednesday**

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
7 – 8 pm**

**Zoom 2023 Budget info session**

**Sunday**

**February 26<sup>th</sup>  
10 – 1 pm**

**VESTRY MEETING  
Light lunch provided**

**Friday**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
5-7:30pm**

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