

Open To The Light
ST Catherines
ANGLICAN CHURCH



Pentecost
May 28, 2023
10 am

Priest: The Reverend Sharon Smith
Musician and Choir Director: Rob Gloor
Administration: Natasha Stegemann
Wardens: Vivian McGie, 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 səliilwətaʔ (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 Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) and səliilíwətaʔ (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: We gather on the ancestral lands of the
Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish), and səliilíwətaʔ
(Tsleil-Watuth) nations,

All: from distanced places we come to pray.

Presider: We meet in the presence of the living God,

**All: the living God who creates us
and all that is.**

Presider: The risen Christ stands in our midst.

**All: The risen Christ who accompanies us
and all people.**

Presider: God's Holy Spirit comes in wind and flame,
breathes in us and emboldens us.

All: The Holy Spirit, transforms us and all life.

**We gather in the name of God,
Source of all being, Eternal Word and
Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: Wind Upon the Waters

Wind upon the waters,
voice upon the deep;
rouse your sons and daughters,
wake us from our sleep.
Breathing life into all flesh,
breathing love into all hearts,
Living wind upon the waters of my soul.

Showers from the heaven,
water from the earth;
Gift so wholly given,
source of every birth.
Joy of every living thing,
making all creation sing,
Shower down upon the dry earth of my soul.

Rock and hill and garden,
wood and desert sand;
Prairie, field and meadow,
shaped by Love's own hand.
Love that fills the world around,
springing up from barren ground,
Grow your love within the garden of my soul.

Blazing light of wonder,
flame that pierces night;
Burst the dark asunder,
fill our souls with light.
Lord of glory, fill the skies,
make an end to hatred's cries,
Be the blazing Sun of justice in our lives.

Wind upon the waters,
rains upon the sand,
Grace your sons and daughters,
newborn by your hand.

Come, O Spirit and renew
all the life that comes from you,
Send your winds upon the waters of my soul

Prayer of the Day:

Presider: In the glow of the Spirit's light,
**All: in the presence of the undying flame,
we gather to hear stories
come alive again.**

Presider: As women and men received
the gift of the Spirit,
**All: freeing voices long divided,
we gather to share what
is common to all. Amen**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival.

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked,

“Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

Leader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Led by Sharon Fedorak

Leader: How manifold are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth
is full of your creatures.

**People: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with
its swarms too many to number, living
things both small and great.**

Leader: There go the ships to and from, and Leviathan,
which you made for the sport of it.

**People: All of them look to you to give them their
food in due season.**

Leader: You give it to them; they gather it; you open
your hand, and they are filled with good
things.

**People: When you hide your face, they are
terrified; when you take away their
breath, they die and return to their dust.**

Leader: You send forth your Spirit, and they are
created; and so you renew the face of the
earth.

**People: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

Leader: You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

**People: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my
being.**

Leader: May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

**All: Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Hallelujah! Amen**

**Second Reading: By Richard Wagamese,
Embers, One Ojibways Meditations**

“This is Creator’s fire, this match that flares. This is Creator’s medicine that curls, plumes and rises with the touch of flame. This is Creator’s morning, the light spreading outward, easing shadow to rest. This is Creator’s world, this pure and perfect Creation. And as the smoke rises, my mind empties, my heart opens, my spirit soars, and the prayer I offer allows this morning energy to enter me. I am become it—and it becomes me. I am alive.”

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: God sends us the Spirit

God sends us the Spirit to befriend and help us.

Re-create and guide us, Spirit-Friend.

Spirit who enlivens, sanctifies, enlightens,

sets us free, is now our Spirit-Friend.

Spirit of our Maker, Spirit-Friend.

Spirit of our Saviour, Spirit-Friend.

Spirit of God's people, Spirit-Friend.

Darkened roads are clearer, heavy burdens lighter,
when we're walking with our Spirit-Friend.

Now we need not fear the powers of the darkness:
none can overcome our Spirit-Friend.

Spirit of our Maker, Spirit-Friend.

Spirit of our Saviour, Spirit-Friend.

Spirit of God's people, Spirit-Friend.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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 it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn Continued

Now we are God's people, bonded by his presence,
agents of his purpose, Spirit-Friend.
Lead us forward ever, slipping backward never,
to your remade world, our Spirit-Friend.
Spirit of our Maker, Spirit-Friend.
Spirit of our Saviour, Spirit-Friend.
Spirit of God's people, Spirit-Friend.

Homily – Rev. Sharon Smith

Silent Reflection

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.**

**All: 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 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.

Presider: 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.

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

Preparing the Table: Come Down, O Love Divine

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illumine.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Prayer over the Gifts:

Presider: Giver of life,

All: receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer - ELCIC - Prayer D - Pentecost

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the
witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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 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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

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.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With 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.

Fraction (Breaking the Bread):

Presider: Fill us afresh with your Spirit today,
**All: revive your Church,
and renew the face of the earth.**

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 Music: Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings." *(Refrain)*

You swept through the desert,
you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded
with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes. *(Refrain)*

You sang in a stable,
you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;
and down in the city
you called once again,
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind. *(Refrain)*

You call from tomorrow,
you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow
all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions,
our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions
your people arise. *(Refrain)*

Prayer after Communion:

Presider: Our God,
**All: you have not made us to cower in fear
and self-doubt; you have made us to be
fully alive, strong and brave in the centre
of your heart. May your blessing fan into
flame what you have shared with our
soul. Amen.**

SENDING

Announcements – Vivian McGie

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 Smith

Sending Hymn: She Comes Sailing on the Wind

Refrain:

She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun,
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.
And from the heart of God the Spirit
moved upon the earth,
like a mother breathing life into her child.

Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight
when the Spirit filled their dreams
with life and form.

Deserts turned to gardens,
broken hearts found new delight,
and then down the ages still she flew on. (*Refrain*)

To a gentle girl in Galilee a gentle breeze she came,
a whisper softly calling in the dark;
the promise of a child of peace
whose reign would never end,
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.

Flying to the river, she waited circling high
above the child now grown so full of grace.
As he rose up from the water,
she swept down from the sky,
and she carried him away in her embrace. *(Refrain)*

Long after the deep darkness
that fell upon the world,
after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,
the Spirit touched the earth again,
again her wings unfurled,
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on. *(Refrain)*

Dismissal:

Presider: Go in peace to live a life of service

People: Thanks be to God.



***Please join us after the service
at the back of the church for Coffee,
or around the fire pit for Smores.***

***Ethan will be sharing photos and stories from
his Israel pilgrimage.***

Thank you for ministering this morning:

- Music:** Rob Gloor & Choir
- Greeters:** Sharon Fedorak and Gillian Holland
- Coffee Group:** Penny Zuk, Lynn Spence and Elizabeth Barratt
- Altar Guild:** Susana Wensley
- Readers:** **1)** Sharon Fedorak **2)** Vivian McGie
- Intercessors:** Linda Robertson, Hugo Lago, Marthe Duncombe, Susana Wensley, Sarah
- Eucharistic Administrators:** Bob Paxton, Vivian McGie, Linda Robertson
- Sunday Teacher:** Shaunti Bains
- Livestream:** Ashkon Vahedi

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

- June 4, 2023 **Soul Food Sunday:** The Divine Dance
- June 11, 2023 **Mission to SeaFarers** Sunday
- June 25, 2023 **Indigenous Sunday**
10 am Service at St. Catherine's
Noon Tseil-Waututh Water Blessing
- July 2nd, 2023 Morning Prayer and **Canada Day BBQ**

**Summer Garden Parties
Dates and Venues Coming Soon**



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