



12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 20, 2023 at 10 am

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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 səlililwətaʔ (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.

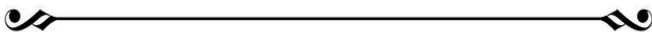
Our **Vision** is to:

- 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 səliilwətaʔ (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 AND INTENTION: *Rev. Sharon Smith*

A moment of silent reflection.

Presider: We gather on the ancestral lands of the
Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh 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

**All: Wind and Flame,
Breathes in us and emboldens us.
Come Holy Spirit, Come!
We gather in the name of God,
Source of all being, Eternal Word and
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: 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 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.

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider: God of the nations,
**All: all are invited to your table,
for in your family no one is a stranger.
Satisfy our hunger and
mercifully extend to all people
the joy of salvation and faith.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Leader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67

Led by Penny Zuk

Leader: May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

**People: Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and
guide all the nations on earth.**

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**People: The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

Leader: May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in
awe. Amen

SECOND READING: ROMANS 11:1-2a, 29-32

*God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God
are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God
has mercy upon all.*

[Paul writes:] I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By
no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of
Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not
rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL 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.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 15: 21-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances.

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 left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

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

GOSPEL HYMN CONTINUED

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.

HOMILY – Rev Sharon Smith

Silent Reflection

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Presider: We believe in God

**All: Who is older than eternity
and younger than our next breath;
who is beyond describing
yet knows us all by name;
who inspires faith
yet cannot be contained by religion.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ;
flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;
He came in the body
to give worth to every human life.
He touched the untouchable,
loved the unlovable and endured slander,
persecution and death.**

**We believe that God's Kingdom
comes on earth
Through Christ's suffering love.
He rose from the grave as living proof
that what is laid down in faith
will be raised in glory.
He ascended to heaven
to be present at all times to all people.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
Who leads us into truth and freedom,
who gives good gifts to all God's children,
who works through prayer and politics,
through justice, care of creation
and the healing of the nations.**

**We celebrate the potential
God has given; the life in our bodies,
the yearning in our souls, the promise of
good things in store for those who love
and serve their maker.**

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: forgive us where we have not touched
but trampled you in creation,
where we have not honoured but avoided
you in one another,
where we have not received but rejected
your goodness.**

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'.*

COMMUNION

PREPARING THE TABLE: LET STREAMS OF LIVING JUSTICE

Let streams of living justice
flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives,
let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading,
the workers claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter,
the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon,
strike down the iron power;
abolish ancient vengeance:
proclaim your people's hour.

For healing of the nations,
for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers,
God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together;
knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enroll us
till our thread of life is run.
O great Weaver of our fabric,
bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance,
light our colours with your sun.

Your city's built to music;
we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language:
we are the words you speak.

Our faith we find in service,
our hope in other's dreams,
our love in hand of neighbour:
our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice;
your way- the path untried;
your truth – the heart of stranger;
your life – the Crucified.

PRAYER OVER GIFTS:

Presider: God of mercy and grace,
**All: the eyes of all wait upon you,
and you open your hand in blessing.
Fill us with good things at your table,
so that we may come to the help
of all in need, through Jesus Christ,
our redeemer and Lord. 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.

Presider: 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:

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. (x3)

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.

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.

Presider: 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 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.**

Presider: Breathe your Holy Spirit,
**All: the wisdom of the universe,
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):

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 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 HYMN: FAIREST LORD JESUS

Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature
O thou the Godhead's human son:
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown

Fair are the meadows,
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer
who makes the troubled heart to sing

Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
And fair the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

All fairest beauty,
heavenly and earthly,
wondrously, Jesus is found in thee,
none can be nearer,
Fairer, or dearer
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

COMMUNION:

All people are welcome to receive Communion of one kind (wafers or fresh bread) at the base of the stairs, or Communion of one or both kinds at the Altar. We receive wine from a common cup. 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Presider: We give you thanks, God,

**All: that you have refreshed us
through the healing power
of this gift of life.**

**In your mercy,
strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love
toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
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

SENDING HYMN: GO TO THE WORLD

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.

Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go see God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
The night of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry, "Amen!" Alleluia!

DISMISSAL:

Presider: Go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude.



**Please join us after the service for coffee
at the back of the church.**

Thank you for ministering this morning:

Music:	Rob Gloor & Singers
Greeters:	Tony Dodd and Sharon Fedorak
Altar Guild:	Sharon Fedorak and Bonnie Grundy
Readers:	1) Penny Zuk 2) Pip Stigger
Intercessor:	Janet Johnston
Eucharistic	Bonnie Grundy, Gillian Holland
Administrators:	Lori Burns
Livestream:	Ashkon Vahedi
Coffee Group:	Penny Zuk, Susana Wensley and Gillian Holland

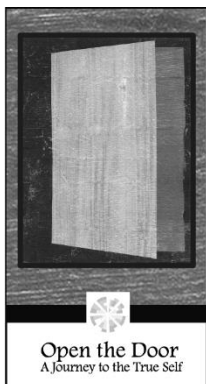
AUGUST CONVERSATIONS 2023

The ‘August Conversations with Rev. Sharon’ are almost over. These events provide an opportunity for the community to come together, share perspectives, and engage in meaningful dialogue.



If you were not able to join our in-person conversation, you may join the online gathering via Zoom on Wednesday, August 30th at 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Kindly RSVP to Natasha in the office (604 985 0666 or scadmin@shaw.ca).



SPIRITUAL PRACTICE STARTS ON SEPT. 12th

You are invited to a 2-part evening for contemplative seekers. Join us for the full two hours or just come for one, according to your need. Both offerings will be on Zoom. Check out the schedule below:

7- 8:00 pm:	Spiritual Practice Group
8:10 - 9 pm:	Contemplative Compline

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NORTH SHORE REGIONAL PILGRIMAGE 2023

After the success of the first-ever Regional Pilgrimage last year, North Shore Anglican Churches will bring all the parishes and their neighbourhoods together for this year's Regional Pilgrimage on September 23rd.

The journey will start at Saint Catherine's Anglican Church in

Edgemont Village, 1058 Ridgewood Dr, North Vancouver, BC V7R 1H8 at 9:15 a.m. to start the journey and finish it at Victory Park, 650 Lonsdale Ave, North Vancouver, BC V7M 2G8 near St. John the Evangelist.

A luncheon in the park will follow to cap off the pilgrimage.

For more information contact Elizabeth Mathers:
mathers@telus.net. To register for the Pilgrimage contact Natasha
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