



The Season of Creation September 24, 2023 at 10 am

Priest: The Reverend Sharon Smith
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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 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 Situated on the unceded traditional Coast
Salish territory of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and
səlililwətaɣ̓ (Tsleil-Waututh) First Nations

*Votive candles are available to light during communion. Please consider
a donation to the candle fund. We ask that you light candles with care
and extinguish the lighting taper immediately after lighting.*

GATHERING

We welcome Rev. Cameron Gutjahr

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INTENTION: VIVIAN MCGIE

Presider: In this time and place
We gather on the ancestral lands of the
Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and səlililwətaɣ̓
(Tsleil-Waututh) nations

**All: From many places on earth, we come to
this house of prayer.**

Presider: In this time and place
We meet in the presence of the living God

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

Presider: In this time and place
the risen Christ stands in our midst.

**All: The risen Christ whose presence pulses
through all galaxies, felt among us now.**

Presider: In this time and place
God's Spirit breathes in and through us

All: The Spirit who transforms us and all life.

Presider: In this time and place, we bless you, God!

**All: Three in One and One in Three, praising
you for the gift of life in your 'good'
created world. Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:
ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL**

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wide and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

Each radiant flower that opens,
each vibrant bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their lively wings. *Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruit in the garden,
God made them every one. *Refrain*

God gave us eyes to seem them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is the Creator,
who has made all things well. *Refrain*

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.
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.

Kyrie Eleison (Lord Have Mercy)

Leader: Lord Have Mercy

All: Lord Have Mercy

Leader: Christ Have Mercy

All: Christ Have Mercy

Leader: Lord Have Mercy

All: Lord Have Mercy

Presider: O Generous Creator,

**All: the vast ocean teems with life,
the skies are alive with wing and cloud,
and the garden's scents
delight our senses.
All of creation is a window onto your
Divine presence unfolding.
We pray today that we may have eyes to
see the shimmering moments calling
to our hearts to love this beautiful world.
Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: DREAM WORK BY MARY OLIVER

The spirit
likes to dress up like this:
ten fingers,
ten toes,

shoulders, and all the rest
at night
in the black branches,
in the morning

in the blue branches
of the world.
It could float, of course,
but would rather

plumb rough matter.
Airy and shapeless thing,
it needs
the metaphor of the body,

lime and appetite,
the oceanic fluids;
it needs the body's world,
instinct

and imagination
and the dark hug of time,
sweetness
and tangibility,

to be understood,
to be more than pure light
that burns
where no one is –

so it enters us –
in the morning
shines from brute comfort
like a stitch of lightning;
and at night
lights up the deep and wondrous
drownings of the body
like a star.”

PSALM 145:1-8

Led by Sharon Fedorak

Leader: I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**People: Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Leader: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
There is no end to your greatness.

**People: One generation shall praise your works to
another and shall declare your power.**

Leader: I will speak of the glorious splendor of your
Majesty and all your marvelous works.

**People: They shall tell of the might of
your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.**

Leader: They shall publish the remembrance of your
great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

**People: The LORD is gracious and full of
compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast
love. Amen.**

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

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

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

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN: LORD, YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION

Lord, You Give The Great Commission:

“Heal The Sick And Preach The Word.”

Lest The Church Neglect Its Mission
and The Gospel Go Unheard,

help Us Witness To Your Purpose

with Renewed Integrity:

with The Spirit’s Gifts Empower Us

for The Work Of Ministry.

Lord, You Call Us To Your Service:

“In My Name Baptize And Teach.”

That The World May Trust Your Promise,

life Abundant Meant For Each,

give Us All New Fervour, Draw Us

Closer In Community:

with The Spirit’s Gifts Empower Us

for The Work Of Ministry.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 20:1-16

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*)

Lord, You Bless With Words Assuring:

"I Am With You To The End."

Faith And Hope And Love Restoring,

May We Serve As You Intend,

And, Amid The Cares That Claim Us,

Hold In Mind Eternity:
With The Spirit's Gifts Empower Us
For The Work Of Ministry.

HOMILY – Rev. Cameron Gutjahr

Reflective silence follows.

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.**

All: **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: FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for the gifts of every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

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 (*Salal & Cedar Community*)

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: It is right in all times and in all places to thank
and praise you Creator of all.
We praise you here at the foothills of Grouse
Mountain, along the banks of the Capilano
river, where city and farm,
wilderness and industry are side by side.

All: We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again. We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation.

Presider: Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration.

All: They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Presider: Together with angels and ancestors, orca and salmon, bear and raven, salal and cedar we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

**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.**

Presider: We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labour and wages, yeast and bread.

Presider: On the night before he died, Jesus took bread,
food of the poor, the work of field and
hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to
his friends saying:
Take and eat, this is
my body, given for you,
do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine,
fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it
to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is
shed for you.

When you do this,
do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and
resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom,
we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator,

**All: Send your Spirit on these gifts so that we
know Jesus in them and are gathered
together with everyone who shares this
sacred meal of justice and community.**

**Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that we may strive for justice and peace,
respect the dignity of every human being,
and safeguard the integrity of creation.**

Presider: Bring us with all your saints to your
commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and
beggar, which is both now and yet to come.
All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ
and Spirit, 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. Amen.**

FRACTION (BREAKING OF BREAD):

Presider: As Jesus broke bread,

People: **We break bread.**

Presider: As Jesus shared wine,

People: **We share this cup.**

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 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.

**COMMUNION HYMN:
LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE**

Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed;
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
every gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief, we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your spirit, send your power
to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision
till your love's revealing light
in it's height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION:

Presider: We give you thanks, loving 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. Cameron Gutjahr

God the Creation,

give you grace to be wise stewards of nature.

God in Christ,

who redeems the world, inspire you to go out as labourers
serving the earth.

God the Holy Spirit,

whose breath fills the whole creation, help you to bear the
fruit of love, joy and peace. Amen

SENDING HYMN: SENT FORTH BY YOUR BLESSING

Sent forth by your blessing, our true faith confessing,
your people, O God, from your table take leave.
The supper is ended: Oh now be extended
the fruits of your service in all who believe.
The seed of your teaching, our hungry souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for all humankind.
You grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom, your purpose to find.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the task of our everyday life we will face,
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing as neighbors all those of each race.
One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us,
unite us as one in your life that we share.
Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving,
give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.

DISMISSAL:

Presider: Go in peace serving Christ and loving Earth,

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



Please join outside after the service for coffee

Thank you for ministering this morning:

Music:	Rob Gloor and Singers
Coffee Group:	Penny Zuk, Elizabeth Barratt and Lynn Spence
Greeters:	Sharon Fedorak and Gillian Holland
Altar Guild:	Vivian McGie
Readers:	1 Sharon Fedorak 2. Sarah
Intercessor:	Pauline Barrett
Eucharistic	Vivian McGie, Tony Dodd,
Administrators:	Gillian Holland
Livestream:	Ashkon Vahedi
Sunday School	Ethan Spence
Teacher:	

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Welcome Carmeron Gutjahr from St John the Divine, Squamish!

This Sunday, June 24th at 10 am
Cameron Gutjahr will be presiding and
preaching at Saint Catherine's. Rev.
Sharon will be presiding and preaching
at St. John the Divine in Squamish.

Rev. Cameron Gutjahr has been the rector of St. John the Divine in Squamish since 2019. Before completing his Master of Divinity at Huron College in London, Cameron did his undergraduate degree in Biology with a special interest in evolution and ecology. This continues to inform his spirituality, faith and practice as a Christian. Cameron loves to hike, play ukulele and learn about local plants and birds. He is excited to come be with St. Catherine's this month.

SPECIAL VESTRY NEWS

On Sunday September 17th, 2023, 25 people attended a Special Vestry Meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to vote on one motion regarding the hire of a part-time Assistant Priest and receive updates from the Seize the Day Campaign Committee and the Property Committee. More information is available in the September 22 Newsletter.





SEPTEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On September 13th in the evening, the Parish Council members: Rev. Sharon, Vivian

McGie, Linda Robertson, Gordon Lee, Cody Spence, Billy Garton, Elaine Van Horn, Paul Clark, Bob Paxton, Marthe Duncombe Tony Dodd and, Chris Wensley had a meeting for this month's Parish Council Meeting. Also present was Marymil Cabrera to discuss about Community Engagement.

The meeting started with a prayer and a welcome message from Rev. Sharon. It was followed by the approval of minutes of June 28, 2023 meeting, and ministry stream reports.

The June 28, 2023, meeting can be seen in the September 22 Newsletter.

Meal for All: Your Generous Donation Matters

Thanksgiving is a time for gratitude, reflection, and coming together as a community. As we approach this special holiday, we have an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those who may not have the same privileges. By donating to our Thanksgiving meal, you can help provide a warm, nourishing meal to our neighbors who may otherwise go without and them experience the joy of Thanksgiving. Your generosity can make a difference and bring joy to those in need.



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How Your Donation Helps: Your donation will directly contribute to the provision of Thanksgiving meals for our guests this 7th of October. With your support, we can pay for the hot meals including the turkey, stuffing, and mashed potato Tomahawk Restaurant will be preparing for the Thanksgiving meal.

You may donate online or drop it off at Saint Catherine's office. You may also donate your time by volunteering. You may register online or at the registration booth set up in front of the church office. Contact Marymil: community_engagement@shaw.ca

SPOTLIGHT: CAMP ARTABAN

"To challenge children, youth, and adults both spiritually and physically in a camping context so that they may be brought into a closer relationship with God and each other in a loving community." this is Camp Artaban's mission which resonates with Saint Catherine's.



Camp Artban's office has been at Saint Catherine's since the mid 1960s. Camp Artaban is a unique, waterfront, island setting where campers are challenged to be their best in a safe, Christian, inclusive community. It was established in 1923 and it will be celebrating its 100th anniversary this 28th of October.



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