



## Third Sunday in Easter April 14, 2024

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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 Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (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  
Situated on the unceded traditional Coast Salish territory  
of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and səlililwətaʔ (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.*

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### GATHERING

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#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME AND INTENTION: Rev. Laurel Dykstra

*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!**

**Gloria** (*sung*)

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

Presider: Friends, The Light of Christ is among us.

**All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

## **GATHERING HYMN: SEE WHAT A MORNING**

**See**, what a morning, gloriously bright,  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
Folded the graveclothes, tomb filled with light,  
As the angels announce Christ is risen!  
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,  
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
Fulfilled in Christ, the man, for He lives:  
Christ is risen from the dead!

**See** Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;  
It's the Saviour, the Lord raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years, speaking life,  
Stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
Will sound 'til He appears, for He lives,  
Christ is risen from the dead!

**One** with Creator, Ancient of Days,  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise  
To the King crowned with power and authority.  
And we are raised with Him, death is dead,  
Love was won, Christ has conquered.  
And we shall reign with Him, for He lives,  
Christ is risen from the dead!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Presider: O God, your Son

**All:** **made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

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## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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### FIRST READING: ACTS 3:1-12

*After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises have been fulfilled. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.*

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished. When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, saying "Why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"

Leader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 4

*Led by Pauline Barrett*

Leader: Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

**People: You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**

Leader: Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

**People: Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence up-on your bed.**

Leader: Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

**People: Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

Leader: You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

**People: In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure. Amen.**

## SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-7

*God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to free us from sin.*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL HYMN: O LOVE, HOW DEEP**

**O** love, how deep, how broad, how high!  
It fills the heart with ecstasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake!

**God** sent no angel to our race  
of higher or of lower place,  
but wore the robe of human frame  
himself, and to this lost world came.

**For** us he was baptized, for us bore  
his holy fast and hungered sore,  
for us temptation sharp he knew;  
for us the tempter overthrew.

**For** us He prayed; for us he taught;  
for us his daily works he wrought;  
by words and signs, and actions thus  
still seeking not himself, but us.

## **GOSPEL READING: LUKE 24:36b-48**

*In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

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



## **GOSPEL HYMN CONTINUED**

For us he rose from death again,  
for us he went on high to reign  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

**HOMILY** – Rev. Laurel Dykstra

*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.  
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.**

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## **PRAYER**

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### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*We gather together our prayers and concerns.*

## CONFESSION:

Presider: Holy One  
**We long for you  
You know our wounding and our broken  
heartedness.  
You know others have hurt us,  
and how we have hurt others  
you alone have the healing we need.  
yours is the love that changes  
everything. Amen**

Presider: Giver of life, have mercy on us;  
pardon and deliver, receive and strengthen  
and keep us in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

*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.  
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: 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'.*

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## **COMMUNION**

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### **PREPARING THE TABLE: OPEN MY EYES**

**O**pen my eyes, Lord  
Help me to see your face  
Open my eyes, Lord  
Help me to see

**O**pen my ears, Lord  
Help me to hear your voice  
Open my ears, Lord  
Help me to hear

**O**pen my heart, Lord  
Help me to love like you  
Open my heart, Lord  
Help me to love

**A**nd the first shall be last  
And our eyes are opened  
And we'll hear like never before  
And we'll speak in new ways  
And we'll see God's face in places we've never known

I live within you  
Deep in your heart, O Love  
I live within you  
Rest now in me

## **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Presider: Creator of all,

**All: you wash us clean in baptism,  
you give us new birth by the Spirit, and  
redeem us in Christ.  
As we celebrate the resurrection,  
renew your gift of life within us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ  
the risen Lord.**

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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 right to give you thanks and praise,  
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you  
are worthy of glory and praise.

At your command all things came to be:  
the vast expanse of interstellar space,  
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and  
this fragile earth, our island home; by your will  
they were created and have their being.  
From the primal elements you brought forth  
the human race, and blessed us with memory,  
reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of  
creation.

Presider: But we turn against you, and betray your trust,  
and we turn against one another.  
Again and again you call us to return.  
Through the prophets and sages  
you reveal your righteous law.

In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born  
of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was  
wounded for our transgressions, and bruised  
for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us  
the way of freedom and peace.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the  
heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and  
martyrs, and with those in every generation  
who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim  
with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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

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

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us  
Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was  
handed over to suffering and death, took  
bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave  
it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat  
it: this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

Presider: In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he 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 for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations.

We who have been redeemed by him, made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

**All: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised.**

Presider: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

## **LORD'S PRAYER** *(Sung)*:

And now let us pray together the words our Saviour has taught us:

**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 on 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.

## **INVIATION 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: O BREATH OF GOD**

**O** Breath of God come fill this place  
Revive our hearts to know Your grace  
And from our slumber make us rise  
That we may know the risen Christ

**O** Word of God so clear and true  
Renew our minds to trust in You  
And give to us the Bread of Life  
That we may know the risen Christ

**O** love of God so unrestrained  
Refresh our souls in Jesus' name  
Let us reflect Your sacrifice  
That we may know the risen Christ

**May** God the Father God the Son  
And God the Spirit make us one  
In holiness let us unite  
That we may know the risen Christ

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

Presider: Author of life divine,

**All: in the breaking of bread we know the  
risen Lord. Feed us always in these  
mysteries, that we may show your glory  
to all the world. We ask this in the name  
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**



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## SENDING

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS: Wardens**

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. Laurel Dykstra**

### **SENDING HYMN: CHRIST IS RISEN**

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!  
Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:  
All creation is amazed.  
In the desert all surrounding,  
See, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding  
Bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! raise your spirits  
From the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning.  
See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection,  
Not a servant, but a friend,  
Jesus is our strong companion.  
Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven  
Nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation  
Where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:  
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us,  
Sing Hosanna, everyone!

## **DISMISSAL**

Presider: Go in peace rejoicing in the New Life we have  
been given.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



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



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**Thank you for ministering this morning:**

- Music:** Rob Gloor & Choir
- Greeters:** Lori Burns and Bob Paxton
- Coffee Group:** Penny Zuk, Gillian Holland and Alison Watt
- Altar Guild:** Bonnie Grundy
- Readers:** **1)** Tony Dodd **2)** Pauline Barrett
- Intercessor:** Pauline Barrett
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Susana Wensley, Ethan Spence  
Alison Watt
- Sunday Teacher:** Ethan Spence
- Livestream:** Ashkon Vahedi

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# COMMUNITY UPDATE: EVENTS | NEWS | PEOPLE

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~ SAVE THE DATES ~

**Thursday, April 18, 2024 – 1PM to 2:30PM**

Contemplative Walk

You are invited to join Rev. Laurel and the Salal + Cedar community for a time of quiet contemplation in the natural world at Maplewood Conservation Area, 2501 Dollarton Hwy, North Vancouver.

**Friday, April 19, 2024 – 3pm**

Food for the Soul

Bonnie Grundy leads a spiritual group at AMICA once monthly on the third Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the theatre downstairs at AMICA. Kaz, the talented pianist, who played during our Good Friday service will play Classical music after the end of the group session. If you enjoy Classical music and would like to join this lovely opportunity. Please contact Bonnie at [bonnielgrundy@gmail.com](mailto:bonnielgrundy@gmail.com).

**Friday, April 27, 2024 - 7pm**

Book Launch

Come and celebrate the launch of Rev. Laurel's new book about local wildlife and spirituality in a time of climate crisis titled 'Wildlife Congregations'. The book launch is on April 27, Friday at 7pm, at The Learnery, 2643 East Hastings, Vancouver.



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