

Open To The Light
ST Catherines
ANGELICAN CHURCH



Fourth Sunday in Easter
April 21st, 2024

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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
Situating on the unceded traditional Coast Salish territory
of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) and sə́lililwə́təʔ (Tseil-
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: Doug Medley, Fiddle

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:
THAT EASTERTIDE WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT**

That Eastertide with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light,
alleluia, alleluia!
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He bade them see his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide;
alleluia, alleluia!
the tokens true which made it plain
their Lord indeed was risen again.
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus, the king of gentleness,
with constant love our hearts possess,
alleluia, alleluia!
That we may give you all our days
the tribute of our grateful praise.
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Presider: O God of peace,

**All: who brought again from the dead our
Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of
the sheep,
by the eternal covenant, make us perfect
in every good work to do your will,
and work in us that which is well-
pleasing in your sight; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: ACTS 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter filled with the Holy Spirit proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Leader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 – THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
even for his own's name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet I will fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still

My table though had furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.

SECOND READING: The Lamb

Romantic poet and painter William Blake (1757-1827) wrote these words about the nature of Christ as a birthday poem for his three-year-old nephew.

Little Lamb who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life and bid thee feed
By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing woolly bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice:
Little Lamb who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb I'll tell thee,
Little Lamb I'll tell thee:
He is called by thy name,
For he calls himself a Lamb:
He is meek and he is mild,
He became a little child:
I a child and thou a lamb,
We are called by his name:
Little Lamb God bless thee.
Little Lamb God bless thee.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying
People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN: ALLELUIA! GLORY TO GOD

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God who does wondrous things
let all the people God's praises now sing;
all of creation in splendor shall ring:

alleluia

Refrain

See how salvation for all has been won;
up from the grave our new life has begun;
life now perfected in Jesus, the Son:

alleluia

Refrain

Now in our presence the Lord will appear,
shine in the faces of all us here;
fill us with joy and cast all our fear:

alleluia

Refrain

Call us, good Shepherd; we listen for you,
wanting us to see you in all that we do;
we would the gate of salvation pass through:
alleluia

Refrain

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

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.

[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL HYMN CONTINUED

Lord, we are open to all that you say,
ready to listen and follow your way;
you are the potter and we are the clay:

alleluia,

Refrain

If we have love, then we dwell in the Lord;
God will protect us from fire and sword,
Fill us with love and the peace of his word.

alleluia

Refrain

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.

PRAYER

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.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Presider: We look for the war horse;
Jesus comes riding a donkey.
We look for the eagle;
the Holy Spirit descends as a dove.
We want to take up swords;
Jesus takes up the cross.
We want the roaring lion;
Jesus comes as the slaughtered lamb.
We keep trying to arm God;
She keeps disarming us.

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: SPEAK, O LORD

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace, we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith, we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider: God of loving care,

**All: You spread before us the table of life,
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of your Son
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our
shepherd.**

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.

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.

Presider: 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 (sung): **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."

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.

Presider: 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*):

**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:

YOU, LORD, ARE BOTH LAMB AND SHEPHERD

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.

You, Lord, are both prince and slave.

You, peacemaker and swordbringer

Of the way you took and gave.

You the everlasting instant;

You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain,

Stripped of might upon the cross,

Shining in eternal glory,

Beggar'd by a soldier's toss,

You, the everlasting instant;

You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us,
Sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow,
Have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry.
Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our death and life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Presider: God of steadfast love,
**All: watch over the Church redeemed by the
love of your Son.
May we who share in these mysteries
come safely to your eternal kingdom,
where there is one flock and one
shepherd.
We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

SENDING

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: THE RISEN CHRIST

The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet
from garden tomb through darkened city street,
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.

The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,
breathes out his Spirit on them to abide
whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe;
new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.

The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand
the bread for those who fail to understand,
reveals himself, despite their lingering tears,
enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.

May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand
with those oppressed in this and every land,
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,
restored in Christ to true humanity.

POSTLUDE: Doug Medley, Fiddle

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.***

We cannot do our shared ministry together without community members' gifts of time, talent, and treasure. To make a financial gift please make use of an envelope provided for Donations of \$20 or more, tax receipts will be issued if name and address are included; OR



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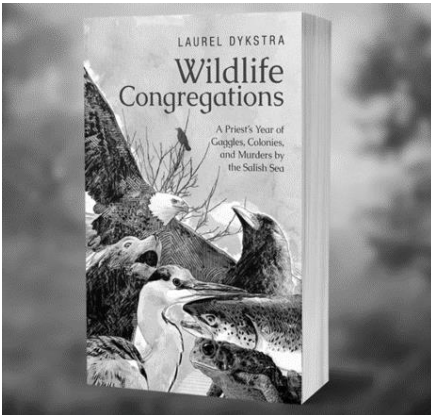
Thank you for ministering this morning:

Music:	Rob Gloor & Choir
Greeters:	Bob Paxton and Julia Hadrill
Coffee Group:	Penny Zuk, Susana Wensley, Ivy Howes
Altar Guild:	Sharon Fedorak
Readers:	1) Vivian McGie 2) Janet Benjamin
Intercessor:	Lynn Spence
Eucharistic Administers:	Gillian Holland, Lynn Spence Vivian McGie
Sunday Teacher:	Ethan Spence
Livestream:	Ashkon Vahedi

SPRING GARDEN CLEAN UP

The **Sacred Spaces Stream** of Parish Council plans a **Spring Clean-up of St Catherine's gardens** on **Saturday, April 27th, 9 to noon.**

Please join us to help sweep the leaves, tidy the flower beds, cut the grass, and prepare the community garden boxes. **Bring tools if you can**, but we should have enough to go around. Please also bring a simple snack or refreshments to share. **All are welcome!**



WILDLIFE CONGREGATIONS 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 **Friday, April 26 at 7pm**, at **The Learnary**,

2643 East Hastings, Vancouver (West of the PNE).



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