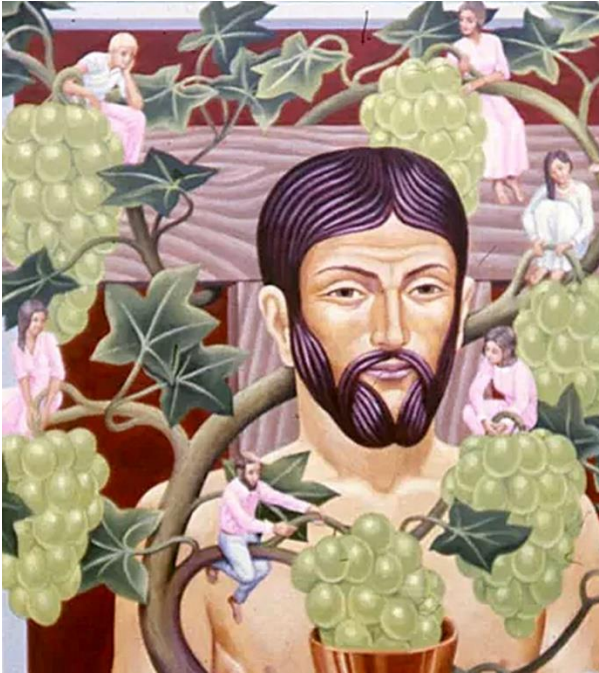


Open To The Light  
**ST Catherines**  
ANGELICAN CHURCH



Fifth Sunday in Easter  
April 28th, 2024

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Priest: The Reverend Sharon Smith  
Assistant Priest: The Reverend Laurel Dykstra  
Presiding Priest: The Reverend Sharon Salomons  
Musician/Choir Director: Rob Gloor  
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Wardens: Vivian McGie, Rhonda Garton

## **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 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.*

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### GATHERING

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#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME AND INTENTION: Rev. Sharon Salomons

*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: LET US BUILD A HOUSE**

**L**et 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

**L**et us build a house where prophets speak  
And words are strong and true  
Where all God's children dare to seek  
To dream God's reign anew  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
And a symbol of God's grace  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus

**A**ll are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place

**L**et 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

**A**ll are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Presider: Almighty God,

**All: your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.**

**Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

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## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

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### **FIRST READING: ACTS 8:26-40**

*Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip and the traveler connect through scripture despite their differences and the court official is baptized.*

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, So he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away

from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Leader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 22:25-31**

*Led by Penny Zuk*

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

**People: The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

**People: For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

Leader: Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

**People: Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

Leader: They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!" Amen.

**SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 4:7-21**

*We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others.*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment,

because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL HYMN: LORD, WE HEAR YOUR WORD**

Lord, we hear your Word with gladness:  
you have spoken--we rejoice:  
words of love and life and freedom--  
help us make their truth our choice!  
Now in holy celebration  
for your Word we worship you;  
spoken, written, known in Jesus  
ours today to prove anew.

**May** we hear with understanding,  
by your Spirit taught and led;  
may the springs of all our being  
by your Living Word be fed;  
may our hearts accept with meekness  
all the grace your light makes known;  
may obedience mark our footsteps  
till we make each word our own!

### **GOSPEL READING: JOHN 15:1-8**

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.*



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 true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **GOSPEL HYMN CONTINUED**

You have spoken--yours the fulness,  
ours the wealth of this your Word:  
debtors, then, as living letters  
we must make your Gospel heard!  
By your Spirit's power transform us;  
shed your saving Light abroad  
till our lives by love in action  
show our world the truth of God!

## **HOMILY** – Rev. Sharon Salomons

### *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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### TABLE HYMN: 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.

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider: Gracious God,

**All: you show us your way and give us your  
divine life. May everything we do be  
directed by the knowledge of your truth.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ**

## 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: **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.

We who have been redeemed by him, made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts.

Presider: 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.

## **INVATATION 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:**

### **I AM THE BREAD, THE BREAD OF LIFE.**

I am the bread, the bread of life;

who comes to me will never hunger.

I am the bread, the bread of heaven;

who feeds on me, will never die.

And as you eat, remember me –

my body broken on the tree:

my life was given to set you free.

and I'm alive for evermore.



**I** am the vine, the living vine:  
apart from me you can do nothing.  
I am the vine, the real vine;  
abide in me and I in you.  
And as you drink, remember me –  
my blood was shed upon the tree;  
my life was given to set you free,  
and I'm alive for evermore.

**So** eat this bread, and drink this wine,  
and as you do, receive this life of mine,  
All that I am, I give to you,  
That you may live for evermore.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

Presider: God of love,  
**All: in this eucharist we have heard your  
truth and shared in your life.  
May we always walk in your way,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.**

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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. Sharon Salomons**

## **SENDING HYMN: ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS**

**Alleluia!** Sing to Jesus!  
His the scepter, his the throne;  
alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

**Alleluia!** Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
alleluia! he is near us;  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

**Alleluia!** Bread of heaven,  
thou on earth our food, our stay;  
alleluia! Hear the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me.  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

**Alleluia!** King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high Priest:  
thou on earth both priest and victim  
in the Eucharistic feast

## POSTLUDE

## 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.***

*Make use of an envelope provided for  
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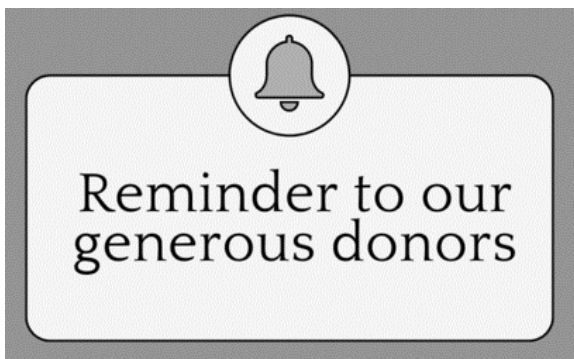
**Thank you for ministering this morning:**

<b>Music:</b>	Rob Gloor & Choir
<b>Greeters:</b>	Gillian Holland and Marion Porter
<b>Coffee Group:</b>	Penny Zuk, Lynn Spence and Elizabeth Barratt
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Susana Wensley
<b>Readers:</b>	<b>1)</b> Penny Zuk <b>2)</b> Ethan Spence
<b>Intercessor:</b>	Lynn Spence
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Vivian McGie, Bonnie Grundy, Elizabeth Barratt
<b>Sunday Teacher:</b>	Ethan Spence
<b>Livestream:</b>	Ashkon Vahedi

### What Languages Do You Speak?

German, Farsi, Mandarin, Tagalog, Hebrew, Oji-Cree, French and Samoan...to name a few

As we prepare to celebrate Pentecost (May 19), one of the great feasts of the church year, Rev. Laurel is looking for as many of us as possible -no matter how new or confident you are with the language to contribute to the great chorus of voices “speaking in their own languages about God’s deeds of power.” If you speak a language in addition to English (even your forgotten high school French or Latin) and will be in church on May 19, please send Rev. Laurel and email at [stcathLaurel@shaw.ca](mailto:stcathLaurel@shaw.ca) with “Pentecost Languages” in the subject line.



If you are one of those wonderful people who continue to contribute food for our Emergency Food Program, a Harvest Project-sponsored food program into our container in the foyer, thank you.

Please only drop off items that are safely sealed for our clients, in either cans, jars or bottles. (Other wraps such as plastic, cellophane, paper, and cardboard are not safe).

### **What Are Intercessions? They are the Prayers of the People**

Intercession is a prayer, when we ask God's help or support, usually for someone else. In our church, our Prayers of the People combine giving thanks and intercession (asking for what we need) for the community and the world. We ask God to intervene on behalf of others, the universal church, its members and its mission, the nation and all in authority, the welfare of the world, concerns of the local community, those who are suffering, and the departed.

### **St. Catherine's is inviting YOU to Participate in this Ministry**

Please come forward if you would like to be an Intercessor. You can write a new prayer, modify a template, or use the Anglican Book of Prayer or another source. Current intercessors are happy to guide and mentor anyone who is interested in this role.

If you find it meaningful and enjoyable, you might like to do it again, or join our roster.... If this sounds interesting to you, please email Rev. Laurel at [scathLaurel@shaw.ca](mailto:scathLaurel@shaw.ca) with "Prayers of the People" in the subject line.

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On May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 am, we will gather around the breakfast table for Soul Food Sunday. We eat, we listen, we share and we pray. We



listen to the music of local musicians. We listen to stories of people who lived lives with courage, strength and faith. We share our own joys and challenges. We pray for the needs of the neighbourhood and in the world, and we share communion, breaking bread in memory of Christ. All are welcome.

## Hearts United for Ukraine: A Celebration of Culture and Compassion"

On May 11, Gloria Dei is hosting "Hearts United for Ukraine: A Celebration of Culture and Compassion" fundraising dinner from 6-9pm for humanitarian aid for Ukraine.

The fundraising dinner was conceived by the newcomer Ukrainian women of Gloria Dei. The evening will feature authentic Ukrainian cuisine, cash wine/beer bar, bandura music and folk songs by vocal ensemble Družba (Friendship).

Canadian actor and activist, Andrew Petriew will be our guest speaker. He will bring us a fresh perspective on the situation in Ukraine from his recent trip where he led a therapeutic Spring camp for child victims of the war. This special event will not only be an evening of cultural celebration but also a powerful demonstration of solidarity and support for those affected by the ongoing war in Ukraine. Together, we can make a difference and provide much-needed aid and assistance to those in need. All proceeds will go to support The Canada Ukraine Surgical Aid Program – CUSAP providing post-trauma reconstruction to both civilian and military casualties of war in Ukraine, and Help to Help summer camp programs for Ukrainian orphaned children. Join us as we come together to show our compassion and generosity for the people of Ukraine. For tickets, scan the QR code in the poster.



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## A Letter from Rev. Sharon

“A beautiful morning pilgrimage:

God of pilgrims who share this journey,

God of travelers upon this road:

This path changes us.

The conversations we have, and the views we’ve gained; the hurt we’ve endured,

and the muscles we’ve trained:

they bring us to a new place,

and to a newer sense of us.

As we unpack the things we’ve carried and recount the things we’ve lost,

may we marvel again

at the journey itself,

the gift of walking with others along a path that takes us into and beyond ourselves.

Amen.”



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