



## Pentecost Sunday May 19, 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 Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and səliilwətaʔ (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.

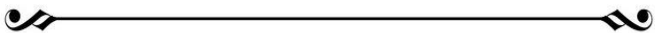
Our **Vision** is to:

- 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 səlililwətaʔ (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.*

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### GATHERING

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#### PRELUDE

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

*A moment of silent reflection.*

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: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ

**All: And the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all, evermore.**

## **GATHERING HYMN: WIND UPON THE WATERS**

**W**ind upon the waters,  
voice upon the deep;  
rouse your sons and daughters,  
wake us from our sleep.  
Breathing life into all flesh,  
breathing love into all hearts,  
Living wind upon the waters of my soul.

**S**howers from the heaven,  
water from the earth;  
Gift so wholly given,  
source of every birth.  
Joy of every living thing,  
making all creation sing,  
Shower down upon the dry earth of my soul.

**R**ock and hill and garden,  
wood and desert sand;  
Prairie, field and meadow,  
shaped by Love's own hand.  
Love that fills the world around,  
springing up from barren ground,  
Grow your love within the garden of my soul.

**B**lazing light of wonder,  
flame that pierces night;  
Burst the dark asunder,  
fill our souls with light.  
Lord of glory, fill the skies,  
make an end to hatred's cries,  
Be the blazing Sun of justice in our lives.

**W**ind upon the waters, rains upon the sand,  
Grace your sons and daughters, newborn by your hand.  
Come, O Spirit and renew  
all the life that comes from you,  
Send your winds upon the waters of my soul.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Presider: Holy Mystery,

**All: You named us into being and inspired us with life, on this day of Pentecost, fan the embers of our faith into flame by the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we may share your love and seek your justice in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen**

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## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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### FIRST READING: ACTS 2:1-21

*On the Jewish festival of Pentecost seven weeks after Passover the Holy Spirit inspires the entire community of believers to bear witness in multiple languages to God's saving power. We read together in many languages.*

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

**All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"**

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the  
heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire,  
and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s  
great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be  
saved.’

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 104:24-34, 35b**

*Led By Tony Dodd*

Reader: How manifold are your works, O LORD!  
In wisdom you have made them all; the  
earth is full of your creatures.

**All: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with  
its swarms too many to number, living  
things both small and great.**

Reader: There go the ships to and fro, and the  
Leviathan, which you made for sport.

**All: All of them look to you to give them  
their food in due season.**

Reader: You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with  
good things.

**All: When you hide your face, they are  
terrified; when you take away their  
breath, they die and return to their  
dust.**

Reader: You send forth your Spirit, and they are  
created; and so you renew the face of the  
earth.

**All: May the glory of the LORD endure  
forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your  
works.**

Reader: You look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

**All: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my  
being.**

Reader: May these words of mine please God.  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

**All: Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Hallelujah! Amen.**

**SECOND READING: WHEN WE BREATHE TOGETHER**  
***A Blessing for Pentecost Day***

*A poem by Jan Richardson attests to the truth that we need one another; the Holy Spirit comes to us in community.*

This is the blessing  
we cannot speak  
by ourselves.

when we gather  
together  
when we turn  
toward one another.

This is the blessing  
we cannot summon  
by our own devices,  
cannot shape  
to our purpose,  
cannot bend  
to our will.

This is the blessing  
that blazes among us  
when we speak  
the words  
strange to our ears

This is the blessing  
that comes  
when we leave behind  
our aloneness

when we finally listen  
into the chaos  
when we breathe together  
at last.

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

**GOSPEL HYMN: GOD SENDS US THE SPIRIT**

**G**od sends us the Spirit to befriend and help us.  
Re-create and guide us, Spirit-Friend.  
Spirit who enlivens, sanctifies, enlightens,  
sets us free, is now our Spirit-Friend.



*Refrain*

Spirit of our Maker, Spirit-Friend.  
Spirit of our Saviour, Spirit-Friend.  
Spirit of God's people, Spirit-Friend.

**D**arkened roads are clearer, heavy burdens lighter,  
when we're walking with our Spirit-Friend.  
Now we need not fear the powers of the darkness:  
none can overcome our Spirit-Friend.

*Refrain*

**GOSPEL READING: JOHN 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

*While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

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

Jesus said,] "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no

longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

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

### **GOSPEL HYMN CONTINUED**

Now we are God's people, bonded by his presence,  
agents of his purpose, Spirit-Friend.  
Lead us forward ever, slipping backward never,  
to your remade world, our Spirit-Friend.

#### *Refrain*

Spirit of our Maker, Spirit-Friend.  
Spirit of our Saviour, Spirit-Friend.  
Spirit of God's people, Spirit-Friend.

**HOMILY** – Rev. Laurel Dykstra

#### *Silent Reflection*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (sung)

I believe in God almighty,  
Father of all things that be,  
maker of the earth and heavens,  
keeper of the sky and sea.

I believe in God's Son, Jesus,  
now for us both Lord and Christ,  
Of the Spirit and of Mary  
born to bring abundant life.

I believe that Jesus suffered,  
scourged and scorned and crucified;  
taken from the cross, was buried  
true life there had truly died.

I believe that on the third day  
Christ was raised up from the grave,  
then ascended to God's right hand.  
He will come to judge and save.

I believe in God's own Spirit,  
bonding all the saints within  
one church, catholic, and holy,  
where forgiveness frees from sin;  
in the body's resurrection,  
for the breaking of death's chain  
given the life that's everlasting;  
this the faith that I have claimed.

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## **PRAYER**

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### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*We gather together our prayers and concerns.*

### **CONFESSION:**

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love  
and infinite in mercy; God welcomes everyone  
and invites us to this table. Let us confess our  
sins, confident in God's forgiveness.  
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: Loving 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 PREPARATION: COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE**

Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

**O** let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

**And** so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till Love create a place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Presider: Giver of life,

**All: receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus**

### **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: 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.

Presider: 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.

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. 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*):

Presider: 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.

## **INVITATION TO THE TABLE:**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God

**All: 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 wafers 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: SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS**

### REFRAIN

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
wind, wind on the sea.

**Y**ou moved on the waters,  
you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains  
from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
"Awake from your slumbers  
and rise on your wings." (Refrain)

**Y**ou swept through the desert,  
you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded  
with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets  
to open their eyes. (Refrain)

You sang in a stable,  
you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence  
when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city  
you called once again,  
when you blew through your people  
on the rush of the wind. (Refrain)

You call from tomorrow,  
you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow  
all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions,  
our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions  
your people arise. (Refrain)

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

Presider: Loving God,

**All: may we who have received this eucharist  
live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, may  
we show forth his gifts to all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus. 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**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:  
SHE COMES SAILING ON THE WIND**

*As we transition from the season of Easter to the season after Pentecost, we move the Christ Candle from its place by the altar. Please join in the procession, a sign that the Spirit calls us to take our fire and our light out into the world.*

*Refrain:*

**S**he comes sailing on the wind,  
her wings flashing in the sun,  
on a journey just begun, she flies on.  
And in the passage of her flight,  
her song rings out through the night,  
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

**S**ilent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,  
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.  
And from the heart of God the Spirit  
moved upon the earth,  
like a mother breathing life into her child.

**M**any were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight  
when the Spirit filled their dreams  
with life and form.  
Deserts turned to gardens,  
broken hearts found new delight,  
and then down the ages still she flew on. *(Refrain)*

**T**o a gentle girl in Galilee a gentle breeze she came,  
a whisper softly calling in the dark;  
the promise of a child of peace  
whose reign would never end,  
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart. *(Refrain)*

Flying to the river, she waited circling high  
above the child now grown so full of grace.  
As he rose up from the water,  
she swept down from the sky,  
and she carried him away in her embrace. *(Refrain)*

Long after the deep darkness  
that fell upon the world,  
after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,  
the Spirit touched the earth again,  
again her wings unfurled,  
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on. *(Refrain)*

## **DISMISSAL**

Presider: Go in peace bringing your fire and your light  
into the world.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



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

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more, tax receipts will be issued if name and address are  
included; OR  
use of this QR code with your device to donate through  
Canada Helps, tax receipts are sent by email.*



**Thank you for ministering this morning:**

<b>Music:</b>	Rob Gloor & Choir
<b>Greeters:</b>	Tony Dodd and Julia Hadrill
<b>Coffee Group:</b>	Penny Zuk, Elizabeth Barratt, Julia Hadrill
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Sharon Fedorak
<b>Readers:</b>	<b>1)</b> Sarah <b>2)</b> Tony Dodd
<b>Intercessor:</b>	Pauline Barrett
<b>Eucharistic</b>	Bonnie Grundy, Pauline Barrett
<b>Administers:</b>	Gillian Holland
<b>Sunday Teacher:</b>	Ethan Spence
<b>Livestream:</b>	Ashkon Vahedi

## Spring Garden Clean Up 2024

Spring is here and with it came the promise of renewal and growth. Saint Catherine's Community had gathered for the spring garden clean-up, armed with gloves, shovels, and an eagerness to breathe life back into our memorial garden.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with our garden clean-up on Saturday, 27th April, from 9 - 12!

Despite the rain, we had nine people turn up to help set up the community planters, weed the Memorial Garden and other flower beds, sweep the pathways, and move the gardening tools to the new shed (beside the gym).

If anyone has a couple of free hours (at any time) to continue weeding the remaining flowerbeds or to help with the gardens, please contact Chris at [cjwensley@gmail.com](mailto:cjwensley@gmail.com). We'd very much appreciate your help!





## **Food Donations for Harvest Project**

If you are one of those wonderful people who continue to contribute food for our Emergency Food Program, a Harvest Project-sponsored food program, to 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).

## **Newsletter Entries/Announcements Deadline**

Our community thrives on the shared experiences and stories that bind us together. We warmly invite each one of you to contribute your stories, reflections, and testimonies.

If you have some announcements or stories to share with our community through our Friday Newsletters and website, kindly send them to Marymil at [community\\_engagement@shaw.ca](mailto:community_engagement@shaw.ca) on or before Wednesday afternoon with the subject 'For Newsletter'. We eagerly await your stories and look forward to sharing them with our community.

### Electricity

As stewards of both our resources and our environment, let's remember to practice energy conservation by turning off electricity after using the chapel, church, or anywhere in the building. Small actions like switching off lights, unplugging devices, and turning off appliances can make a big difference in reducing our carbon footprint and lowering energy bills. Thank you for your cooperation in this important endeavor.

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### The Milleraires Big Band Benefit Concert

The recent Milleraires Big Band benefit concert for the Learning Centre for Children with Dyslexia was a resounding success. The event,

which took place on May 7<sup>th</sup> at Saint Catherine's Anglican Church brought together a diverse crowd of music lovers, all united by their common goal of supporting a worthy cause. About 80 people came to see and dance with the band.



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