Statherines open To The Light



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St. Catherine's Mission, Vision and Values

St. Catherine's Anglican Church, at the heart of Edgemont Village in North Vancouver on the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish peoples, including the Squamish and 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 səlililiwəta? (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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Welcome & Intention: Rev Angus Stuart

A moment of silent reflection.

Presider People	Alleluia Christ is Risen! 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 (CP 376) Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia

PresiderFriends, The Light of Christ is among us.AllAlleluia! Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN: CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS (CP 378)

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne. hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save; His glories now we sing who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified; no angels in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends their burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time, creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PresiderAlmighty and eternal God,Allthe strength of those who believe
and the hope of those who doubt,
may we, who have not seen, have faith
and receive the fullness of Christ's
blessing, who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
ever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

The apostles are put on trial for proclaiming that Jesus is risen

When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

ACTS 5:27-32

ReaderLet us hear what the Spirit is saying.PeopleThanks be to God.

PSALM 150

Led by Penny Zuk

Leader People	Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.
Leader People	Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Leader People	Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.
Leader People	Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.
Leader People	Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.
Leader	Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.
People	Praise ye the Lord.

SECOND READING: A Reading from the Book of Revelation

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

REVELATION 1:4-8

ReaderLet us hear what the Spirit is sayingPeopleThanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN: BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD (CP 649)

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 20:19-31

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

People	Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
	according to John.
Presider	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
People	And also with you.
Presider	The Lord be with you.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

JOHN 20:19-31

PresiderThe Gospel of Christ.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL HYMN CONTINUED

Breathe on me, breath of God, til I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine **B**reathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with you the perfect life for all eternity.

Homily – Beth Bailey, Children's Ministry Coordinator, St. Clement's Anglican Church, North Vancouver

Silent Reflection

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Presider All	Moses said, Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Presider	And Jesus affirmed:
All 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

CONFESSION

PresiderDear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes all
and invites us to this table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Presider Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against A// 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*

THE PEACE

Presider	The peace of Christ be always with you.
People	And also with you.

The community, standing at our seats, greet one another saying or gesturing: 'Peace be with you".

COMMUNION

PREPARING THE TABLE GOD, WHO GIVES TO LIFE ITS GOODNESS (VU 260)

God who gives to life its goodness, God creator of all joy, God who gives to us our freedom, God who blesses tool and toy; Teach us now to laugh and praise you, Deep within your praises sing, Till the whole creation dances For the goodness of its King.

God who fills the earth with beauty, God who binds each friend to friend, God who names us co-creators God who wills that chaos end; Grant us now creative spirits, Minds responsive to your mind, Hearts and wills your rule extending All our acts by Love refined."

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Presider	The Lord is here!
People	The Spirit of God is with us!

Presider People	Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Presider People	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Presider	It is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.
	You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us. When we turn away from you, you called us back to yourself.
Presider:	You gave your Son to share our human nature. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. By his victory over death, a new age has dawned, a broken world restored and we are made whole once more. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Presider:	Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, ever praising you and singing:
	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, hosanna in the highest.
	All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.
Presider:	After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.
All	Christ has died; Christ is risen – alleluia! Christ will come again. Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

Presider	Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.
	Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.
Presider:	United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.
All	Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer (Sung):

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. All: 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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

Presider	Lord, we died with you the cross.
A//	Now we are raised to new life.
Presider:	We were buried in the tomb.
A//	Now we share in your resurrection.
Presider	Live in us,
A//	that we may live in you.

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: JESUS, THE JOY OF LOVING HEARTS (CP 70)

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts, true source of life, our lives sustain from the best bliss that earth imparts, we turn unfilled to Thee again. **Y**our truth unchanged hath ever stood; you rescue those who on you call: to those yet seeking. you are good to them that find Thee all in all.

We taste Thee, O Thou living Bread, and long to feast upon Thee still; we drink of Thee, the Fountain-head, and thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast; glad when Thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright; chase the dark night of sin away; shed o'er the world Thy holy light.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS: A Churchwarden

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. Angus Stuart

SENDING HYMN: REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING (VU 213)

Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, The God of truth and love; When He has purged our stains, He took his seat above; Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n: Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! **R**ejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come And take His servants up To their eternal home: Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go in the peace of the risen Christ, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!



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

Thank you for ministering this morning:

Presider:	Rev. Angus Stuart
Preacher:	Beth Bailey
Musician:	Hyejung Jun and Choir
Greeters:	Gillian Holland and Marion Porter
Eucharistic Administrators:	Vivian McGie and Bonnie Grundy
Intercessor:	Lynn Spence
Readers:	Ethan Spence and Penny Zuk
Coffee Group:	Penny Zuk, Lynn Spence and Elizabeth Barratt
Livestream:	Ashkon Vahedi
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