



On the Eve of All Souls Day,
Sunday November 1, 2020:

We welcome you to a

Service of Remembrance



SAINT CATHERINE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Anglican Church of Canada - Diocese of New Westminster

Situated on the unceded traditional Coast Salish territory
of the Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations

St. Catherine's Church Mission

A contemporary community of Christian seekers that
welcomes others to join our 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** at St. Catherine's 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

***Cover Art by Lynn Spence*

*Welcome to St Catherine's Memorial Garden. We invite you
to enter into stillness as you enjoy instrumental music.
This is a time to remember.*

Welcome – Rev. Sharon

Priest: In the name of the Holy One, the Giver of Life
who creates and loves us all.
May God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Lord, you have blessed us with feelings and
emotions, allowing us to love as you love, and
grieve as you grieve. We bring to you this day
the many emotions within us and ask you to
bless them to be a source of strength for us.

All: Amen

Silence is kept.

Reading 1: Curve - by Annette Allen

Wherever I look these days
something is leaving.
The wispy ash grass, its green
lost to sun, sinks back to earth;
maples open handfuls of yellow and rust,
toss their farewell under bushes,
across sidewalks still shiny from dew withdrawing its shawl,
on a limb a nest breaks apart,
disappears at the tough time makes
on the way from on loss to another.

Now words are clusters of dry weeds
without nourishment or sense,
their sounds mimic melodies once
known, forgotten like a baby's babble,

pleasure's inflection outgrown,
worn by the world's season's.
At night starlight leaves little
of its dim past in a sky slowly
weathering black. Even in
my dreams since your death,
I meet myself running away.

Psalm 121 *Read responsively*

Priest: I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?

**People: My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

Priest: He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

**People: He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Priest: The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**People: The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

Priest: The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

**All: The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.
Amen**

Reading 2: From The Inner Voice of Love,
by Henri Nouwen

Do not hesitate to love and to love deeply. You might be
afraid of the pain that deep love can cause.
When those you love deeply reject you, leave you, or die,
your heart will be broken.

But that should not hold you back from loving deeply. The pain that comes from deep love makes your love ever more fruitful. It is like a plow that breaks the ground to allow the seed to take root and grow into a strong plant. Every time you experience the pain of rejection, absence, or death, you are faced with a choice. You can become bitter and decide not to love again, or you can stand straight in your pain and let the soil on which you stand become richer and more able to give life to new seeds.

The more you have loved and have allowed yourself to suffer because of your love, the more you will be able to let your heart grow wider and deeper. When your love is truly giving and receiving, those whom you love will not leave your heart even when they depart from you. They will become part of your self and thus gradually build a community within you.

Those you have deeply loved become part of you. The longer you live, there will always be more people to be loved by you and to become part of your inner community. The wider your inner community becomes, the more easily you will recognize your own brothers and sisters in the strangers around you. Those who are alive within you will recognize those who are alive around you.

The wider the community of your heart, the wider the community around you. Thus the pain of rejection, absence, and death can become fruitful. Yes, as you love deeply the ground of your heart will be broken more and more, but you will rejoice in the abundance of the fruit it will bear.

Silent Reflection

Spoken Gratitude

You are invited to name in your heart or aloud the person/s you are remembering.

There may be a memory that is particularly strong today that you wish to briefly express in a word or two.

Prayer of Gratitude

Priest: We thank you for giving
these women and men to us;
To know and to love as companions
in our pilgrimage on earth.
In your boundless compassion console us as
we remember, mourn and give thanks.

Grant us that we may see in death the
doorway to life and continue walking in faith,
though Jesus the Christ,
who showed us the way. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As Jesus taught us, let us pray:
**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 for ever. Amen.**

Laying of Leaves

Priest: As we remember those who have died and affirm that they are in God's keeping, we invite you to lay a leaf in the garden as we prepare the soil for winter.

You are invited to scatter some leaves in the garden as we remember the place where they were laid to rest.

Closing Prayer (New Zealand Prayer Book)

Priest: Be present, Spirit of God,
Within us, your dwelling place and home,
that this house
may be one where all darkness is penetrated
by your light
all troubles calmed
by your peace,
all evil redeemed
by your love,
all pain transformed,
by your suffering,
and all dying glorified
in your risen life.

All: Amen.

The Dismissal

Priest: Let us now depart in peace.

People: Thanks to be God.

Participants in the service:

Presider: Rev. Sharon Smith

Greeter: Marion, Mermi, Sara, Armin

Musicians: Joy Wee (2pm), Marc Kaiser (3pm,4pm,5pm)

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