



Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2020

Priest: The Reverend Sharon Smith
Music Director: Siiri Rebane
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Wardens: Robb Watt, Gordon Lee, Heather Peacock

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



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****Bulletin Cover and Left Side of the Church:***

"Whether Awake Or Asleep" by Jan Richardson

****Right Side of church:*** He Hid His Lord's Money, Stained Glass from The Church of St. Edward, King and Martyr, Corfe Castle, UK

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

As you enter the church, a marshal can assist you as you light a votive candle to remember a person or situation that you carry on your heart. No other candles may be lit during or after the service.

Prelude: Suite No.6 in D -2. Allemande (J.S.Bach)

Welcome & safety instructions: Rev. Sharon

Gathering of the Community *(Remain seated)*

Presider: We gather today on the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish peoples, represented by the Squamish, and Tsleil-Watuth Nations who have been custodians of these lands since time immemorial.

Let us pray.

Presider: We light a light in the name of the Maker,
All: Who lit the world and breathed the breath of life for us.

Presider: We light a light in the name of the Son,
All: Who saved the world and stretched out his hand to us.

Presider: We light a light in the name of the Spirit
All: Who encompasses the world And blesses our souls with yearning.

Presider: We light three lights for the trinity of love,
All: God above us, God beside us, God beneath us, the beginning, the end, the everlasting One. Amen

(Opening prayer- Iona Community Prayer book 2011)

Opening Hymn: We Praise You O God

We invite you to remain seated and meditate on the music.

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name: glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.

With voices united our praises we offer,
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day: *(The Corrymeela Community)*

Prsider: God of Promises,

All: Sometimes we wait generations for the dawn from on high. Sometimes only years. We wait for justice and hope and light and kindness to mingle in the tangle of our days. Amen.

Gloria *(Abby of the Arts, Doxology)*

Said by all: Glory to the Maker, Lover, and Keeper; as ago, in this breath, and will be ever. Amen, Amen

(Second time: sung by cantor)

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: A Testament of Devotion.

by Thomas R. Kelly

Deep within us all there is an amazing inner sanctuary of the soul, a holy place, a Divine Center, a speaking Voice, to which we may continually return. Eternity is at our hearts, pressing upon our time-torn lives, warming us with intimations of an astounding destiny, calling us home unto Itself.

Yielding to these persuasions, gladly committing ourselves in body and soul, utterly and completely, to the Light Within, is the beginning of true life. It is a dynamic center, a creative Life that presses to birth within us. It is a Light Within that illumines the face of God and casts new shadows and new glories upon the human face. It is a seed stirring to life if we do not choke it. It is the Shekinah of the soul, the Presence in the midst.

Here is the Slumbering Christ, stirring to be awakened, to become the soul we clothe in earthly form and action. And [Christ] is within us all.

You who read these words already know this inner Life and Light. For by this very Light within you is your recognition given. In this humanistic age we suppose we are the initiators and God is the responder. But the Living Christ within us is the initiator, and we are the responders...

The basic response of the soul to the Light is internal adoration and joy, thanksgiving and worship, self-surrender and listening. The secret places of the heart cease to be our noisy workshop. They become a holy sanctuary of adoration and of self-oblation, where we are kept in perfect peace, if our minds be stayed on [God] who has found us in the inward springs of our life... Powerfully are the springs of our will moved to an abandon of singing love toward God; powerfully are we moved to a new and overcoming love toward time-blinded human beings and all creation. In this Center of Creation all things are ours, and we are Christ's and Christ is God's.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-8, 12 *((Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006))*

Pulpit Side: So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

Piano Side: Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

Pulpit Side: You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth"

Piano Side: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;

Pulpit Side: You sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:

Piano Side: In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

Pulpit Side: For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

Piano Side: Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

All: So, teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. Amen.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NRSV)

The first century church was expecting the imminent return of Christ. This letter invites them, and now us, to live faithfully in the here and now.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love,

and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: Wait for the Lord

We invite you to stand and meditate on the music.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30 (NRSV)

Jesus tells a parable that describes that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who are given gifts, are invited to make good use of their God-given gifts.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time, the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So, take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Presider: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel Hymn (continued)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Homily: Rev Sharon

A time of 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.**

All: Spirit of God, search our hearts

Prayers of the People

O God our Father,
who sent your Son to be King of kings and Prince of Peace;
grant that all the kingdoms of this world may become the
kingdom of Christ and learn from him the way of peace.
Send forth among all people the spirit of good will and
reconciliation. In the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen

(From the Book of Worship (Methodist))

Confession *(adapted from the Book of Alternative Service)*

Presider: Let us in silence remember our own faults and failings.

Reflective silence follows.

Presider: In the community of Christ's Church and in the presence of all God's people:

All: We confess to God that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved God, cared for God's world, or respected God's people as we should. We own our responsibility and pray for God's pardon.

Presider: May God forgive us, Christ befriend us, and the Spirit renew and change our lives. Amen.

The Passing of the Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

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

Preparation of the Table: Lead Kindly Light*

We invite you to remain standing & meditate on the music.

Lead, Kindly Light, amidst the encircling gloom
Lead Thou me on!

The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead Thou me on!

Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou
Shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path, but now
Lead Thou me on!
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will. Remember not past years!

So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on.
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!
Lead Thou me on,
to my God.

** "Lead, Kindly Light" is a hymn with words written in 1833 by Saint John Henry Newman, an English theologian and poet, who was canonized as a saint in the Catholic Church in 2019. At the Canonization Mass Pope Francis referenced St. Newman's famous hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light," while praying that all Christians would be "'kindly lights' amid the encircling gloom."*

Prayers over the Gifts

Presider: Merciful God,

All: As grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus the Christ, now and for ever. Amen.

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006))

The Eucharist: *(Wednesday Contemplative Prayers based on Iona Prayers, 2011)*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up 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 indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, for you are the source of all goodness; rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever. You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will and to be filled with your love, so we thank you saying;

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Presider: You sent your Son to be for us the way of truth and life. You sent your Holy Spirit to strengthen and guide us. Blessed are you, God of grace. You are known to us in Jesus, your Son, who washed his disciples' feet, and said: "I am among you as one who serves".

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

Presider: After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks and said: "Drink this all of you. For this is my blood of the new covenant, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me."

All: Therefore, with this bread and wine we recall your goodness. Send your Holy Spirit, that we may be nourished by your presence. May we know your peace and live centred in your salvation. Amen.

Presider: And now as our Saviour taught us, let us pray in the language of our hearts:

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 of bread):

Presider: He whom the universe could not contain

People: is present to us in this bread.

Presider: He who redeemed us and called us by name

People: now meets us in this meal.

Invitation:

Presider: Friends, these are 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). Gluten free wafer are available upon request. Please wear your mask and sanitize your hands before receiving. We ask that you wait until you have returned to your seat before removing your mask and consuming the wafer.

If you would like a blessing, please bow your head.

While the communion is being administered, we respectfully ask that you keep the silence.

Communion Music: Nocturne in D minor (Tschaikovsky)

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Giving God,

All: Bless all who have gathered round this table. May we know the fullness of your presence at every meal and in all our sharing. Amen.

(Iona Community, Worship Book 2011)

Closing Hymn: Go Light Your World

Please remain at your seats and enjoy the music, feel free to hum along behind a mask.

There is a candle in every soul
Some brightly burning some dark and cold
There is a Spirit who brings a fire
Ignites a candle and makes His home

So carry your candle run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless confused and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle and go light your world
Take your candle and go light your world

Frustrated brother see how he's tried to
Light his own candle some other way
See now your sister she's been robbed and lied to
Still holds a candle without a flame

So carry your candle run to the darkness
Seek out the lonely the tired and worn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle and go light your world
Take your candle and go light your world

We are a fam'ly whose hearts are blazing
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky
Praying to our Father in the name of Jesus
Make us a beacon in darkest times

So carry your candle run to the darkness
Seek out the helpless deceived and poor
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle and go light your world
Carry your candle run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless confused and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle and go light your world
Take your candle and go light your world

Blessing: (By Jan Richardson)

Presider: Let us bless the light

All: and the One who gives the light to us.

Presider: Let us open ourselves

All: to the illumination it offers.

Presider: Let us blaze

All: with its generous fire. Amen

Dismissal:

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

During the Postlude, we invite you to leave from the back of the Sanctuary, row by row out the Ridgewood doors, as instructed by a marshal.

Please do not linger in the Sanctuary or form groups in the parking lot.

See you at Zoom Coffee Time at Noon - see back page.

Thank you for ministering this morning:

Marshals: Marion Porter, Tony Dodd, Sara and Linda Robertson
Altar Guild: Bonnie Grundy and Nancy Sunderland
Readers: **1** Elizabeth Barratt **2.** Gordon Lee
Intercessor: Hugh Crosthwait
Cantor: Derek Barratt
Cello: Marc Kaiser
Sound: Susanna Valente
Sunday School: Daela Dazell
Livestream: Armin and Gordon Lee

Cycles of Prayer

In our prayers this morning we pray for the **Worldwide Anglican Communion**, in particular we pray for the Church of Ceylon (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury)
The Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey - Bishop of Colombo
The Rt Revd Keerthisiri Fernando - Bishop of Kurunegala.

We pray for our **Companion Diocese**, the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines, The Right Reverend Brent Alawas, Bishop, and for our companion cluster parish of St. Catherine of Siena in Cervantes and St. Stephen in Bunga, Tadian and the rector Fr. Jerry Sagayo.

In our **Prayer Link** with the Episcopal parish of Christ Church Nazareth in the Galilee, we remember the Reverend Nael Abu Rahmoun, and all Christians, Jews, and Muslims, in the Holy Land.

We pray for the **Anglican Church of Canada**, Linda our Primate, and The members of the Council of General Synod.

We pray for the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada**, especially for Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, and The members of the National Church Council.

In our **Diocese** we pray for Archbishop Melissa, our bishop and metropolitan; our coadjutor bishop elect: Rev John Stephens. We also pray for St. Hilda, Sechelt - The Reverend Ayoob Adwar, The Venerable Bruce Morris; St. Clement, North Vancouver - The Reverend Andre Stephany, The Reverend Elizabeth Mathers, The Reverend Peggy Trendell-Jensen; and the Deanery of Oakridge – The Reverend Marion Wong, Regional Dean.

Zoom coffee time at NOON

Every Sunday you are invited to join us for a Zoom Gathering by video: <https://zoom.us/j/93034140745>

Or by phone: (778) 907 2071, with the Meeting ID:
930 3414 0745

Email: scadmin@shaw.ca for help.

Christmas Eve Services

3 pm Christmas Pageant - We invite adults and children to become a character in our pageant (costumes and props available from St Catherine's Preschool).

4 pm & 6 pm: A one-hour family service in the church with music, candlelight & holy communion.
Services will be livestreamed.

In person attendance for all services will be by registration only. Information about pre-registering is on the St Catherine's website.

<https://www.saint-catherines.org/events>

