

Open To The Light
ST Catherines
ANGLICAN CHURCH



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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 Tseil-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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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

Welcome & Intention: Rev Sarah Lehman

Presider We acknowledge that we live, work, and worship on the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary lands of the Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. We are grateful to the Indigenous communities who live here, we mourn those who were forcibly removed, we grieve our complicity in the legacy of colonialism. In sharing this acknowledgement, we seek to hold ourselves accountable to the needs and rights of Indigenous peoples and to take up the work of truth and reconciliation ever more meaningfully, day by day.

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.**

Presider Let us pray.
We thank you, O God, that you have brought us together to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing.

Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord,

People **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Presider Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with our
neighbour.

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. Amen.**

Presider Merciful God,
grant to us, your faithful people, pardon and
peace, that we may be cleansed from all our
sins and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

**GATHERING HYMN:
FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION (CP 259)**

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
gifts bestowed on every nation,
thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.

In our worldwide 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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: 2 KINGS 5:1-14

Reader A reading from the Second Book of Kings

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and

would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches
People **Thanks be to God**

Silent reflection

PSALM 30

Led By Sharon Fedorak

Leader I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me. O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health. You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

People ***You have brought me up, O Lord from the dead.***

Leader Sing to the Lord, you servants of God give thanks for the remembrance of the holiness of God. For the wrath of God endures but the twinkling of an eye, the divine favour for a lifetime. Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning.

People ***You have brought me up, O Lord from the dead.***

Leader While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. You, Lord, with your favour, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

People ***You have brought me up, O Lord from the dead.***

Leader I cried to you, O Lord; I pleaded with the Lord, saying, "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness? Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper."

People ***You have brought me up, O Lord from the dead.***

Leader You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy. Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

People ***You have brought me up, O Lord from the dead.***

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.
Amen.**

SECOND READING: GALATIANS 6:7-16

Reader *A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians*

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in

doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised - only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silent Reflection

GOSPEL HYMN:
GOD WHO GIVES TO LIFE ITS GOODNESS (CP 428)

God who gives to life its goodness,
God creator of all joy,
giver of all human freedom,
God who blesses tool and toy:
teach us know to laugh and praise you,
deep within your praises sing,
till the whole creation dances
for the goodness of its King.

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 10:1-11, 16-20

Please stand, as you are able.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and

over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Presider The Gospel of Christ
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

GOSPEL HYMN CONTINUED (CP 428)

God who fills the earth with beauty,
God who binds each friend to friend,
giver of all human talent,
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 loved refined.

HOMILY – Rev. Sarah

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed
Please stand, as you are able.

Presider Let us confess our faith as we say,
All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord. He was conceived by the power of
the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again to judge the
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE

Presider We are the body of Christ;
in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one
body. Let us then pursue all that makes for
peace and builds up our common life.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*The people, standing at our seats, greet one
another in the name of Christ, saying or
gesturing "Peace be with you."*

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

OFFERING

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

All **Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is
yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all you have done for us. We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider Healing God,
like your prophet Elisha and the seventy
disciples, make us agents of your transforming
power and heralds of your reign of justice and
peace, so that all may know the wholeness you
bring through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us, singing:

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.**

Presider Let us bless the Lord! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

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.**

DISMISSAL: Rev. Sarah

SENDING HYMN:

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY (CP 577)

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power:
now fulfill your church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail his ways.
Fears and doubts too long have bound us:
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to your control,
Shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places;
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christ-like graces
in the fight for liberty.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we fail ourselves and thee.

DISMISSAL

Presider May the God of hope fill us with all joy and
peace in believing through the power of the
Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Thank you for ministering this morning:

Presider & Preacher: Rev. Sarah Lehman

Musician: Hyejung Jun and Choir

Altar Guild: Vivian McGie

Greeters: Marion Porter and Sharon Fedorak

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