

Open To The Light  
**ST Catherines**  
ANGLICAN CHURCH



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 10, 2025

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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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*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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**Welcome & Intention:** The. Rev. Sarah Lehman

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*Deacon* We acknowledge that we live, work, and worship on the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary lands of the Squamish and Tseil-Waututh Nations. We are grateful for and will advocate for Indigenous communities, we mourn those who were forcibly removed, and we grieve the legacies of colonialism. In sharing this acknowledgment, we seek to hold ourselves accountable to taking up the work of truth and reconciliation ever more meaningfully, day by day.

***All* May we be ministers of the reconciling love of the Risen Christ.  
May our hearts be filled with joy. Alleluia!**

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

***All* And also with you.**

**GLORIA** (CP 376)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

**THE COLLECT**

*Curate*      Let us pray.

**All**

Almighty God,  
you sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church.  
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love, joy, and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**GATHERING HYMN:**

**JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE** (CP 504)

*Refrain:* Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

**K**neels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them.      *Refrain*

**N**eighbours are rich and poor,  
varied in colour and race,  
neighbours are near and far away.      *Refrain*

**T**hese are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neighbours to us and you.      *Refrain*

**L**oving puts us on our knees,  
serving as though we are slaves;  
this is the way we should live with you.      *Refrain*

**K**neel at the feet of our friends,  
silently washing their feet;  
this is the way we should live with you.      *Refrain*

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## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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### **FIRST READING: ISAIAH 1:1, 10-20**

*Reader*      *A reading from the book of Isaiah*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation - I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

**PSALM 50:1-8, 23-24**

**LED BY CLAIRE LOUIE**

*Leader* The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken  
and has called the earth from the rising of the  
sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,  
God reveals the divine glory.

**All** ***Our God will come and not keep silence.***

*Leader* Our God will come and will not keep silence;  
before whom there is a consuming flame, and  
round about whom a raging storm.  
God calls the heavens and the earth from above  
to witness the judgement of this people.

**All** ***Our God will come and not keep silence.***

*Leader* "Gather before me my loyal followers,  
those who have made a covenant with me and  
sealed it with sacrifice."

Let the heavens declare the rightness of the  
divine cause;

for God, God alone, is judge.

**All** ***Our God will come and not keep silence.***

*Leader* "Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
O Israel, I will bear witness against you;  
for I am God, your God.

I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;  
your offerings are always before me."

**All** ***Our God will come and not keep silence.***

*Leader* "Consider this well, you who forget God,  
lest I rend you and there be none to  
deliver you. Whoever offers me the sacrifice of  
thanksgiving honours me; but to those who keep  
in my way will I show the salvation of God."

**All** ***Our God will come and not keep silence.***

## **SECOND READING: HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16**

*Reader*

*A reading from Hebrews*

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old and Sarah herself was barren because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, God has prepared a city for them.*

*Reader*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

**All**

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL HYMN: THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS JUSTICE AND JOY (CP 631)**

The kingdom of God is justice and joy,  
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,  
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;  
the captives are freed, the sinners find place.  
The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share,  
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:  
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,  
our crisis of judgement for gain and for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,  
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.  
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer the call,  
and all things cry "Glory!" to God All-in-All.

### **GOSPEL READING: LUKE 12:32-40**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Deacon*           The Lord be with you.

*People*           **And also with you.**

*Deacon*           The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke

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

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there

your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**HOMILY**      The Rev. Sharon Salomons

*Silent Reflection*

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*Deacon*        Let us affirm our faith of our baptism,  
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.**

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## **PRAYER**

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### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **CONFESSION**

*Deacon* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Deacon* 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.**

*Celebrant* 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** **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* 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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### **PREPARING THE TABLE:**

### **HOLY SPIRIT, COME WITH POWER (CP 643)**

**H**oly Spirit, come with power:  
breathe into our aching night.  
We expect you this glad hour,  
waiting for your strength and light.  
We are joyful, we are eager,  
yearning for your gracious deed;  
rest upon your congregation:  
give us power of God, we plead.

**H**oly Spirit, come with fire.  
Burn us with your presence new.  
Let us as one mighty choir  
sing our hymn of praise to you.  
Burn away our wasted sadness  
and enflame us with your love;  
burst upon our congregation.  
Give us gladness from above.

**H**oly Spirit, bring your message;  
burn and breathe each word anew  
deep into our tired living  
till we strive your work to do.  
Teach us love and trusting kindness;  
bare our arms to those who hurt;  
breathe upon your congregation  
and inspire us with your Word)

## **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
**All** **Loving God,**  
**receive all we offer you this day,**  
**and grant that in this eucharist**  
**we may be enriched by the gifts of the**  
**Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus**  
**Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
**People** **And also with you**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,  
for the gift of a world full of wonder,  
and for our life which comes from you.  
By your power you sustain the universe.  
**People** **Glory to you forever and ever.**

*Celebrant* You created us to love you with all our heart,  
and to love each other as ourselves,  
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son,  
you bring healing to our world  
and gather us into one great family.  
Therefore, with all you serve you  
on earth and in heaven,  
we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

***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,  
hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,  
Because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us,  
You showed us how much you love us.  
He cares for the poor and the hungry  
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back  
but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he  
defeated the power of sin and  
death.

By raising him from the dead  
you show us the power of your love  
to bring new life to all your people.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* On the night before he gave up his life for us,  
Jesus, at supper with his friends,  
took bread, gave thanks to you,  
broke it, and gave it to them,  
saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it:  
this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,  
said the blessing, gave it to his friends,  
and said, "Drink this, all of you:  
this is the cup of my blood,  
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many,  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me."

***People* Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* Gracious God,  
with this bread and wine  
we celebrate the death and resurrection of  
Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.  
Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,  
that we may know the presence of Jesus  
in the breaking of the bread,  
and share in the life  
of the family of your children.

***People* Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* Father, you call us to be your servants;  
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,  
that all the world may gather in joy  
at the table of your kingdom.  
We sing your praise, almighty Father,  
through Jesus, our Lord,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever.

***People* Glory to you for ever and 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.  
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**

*Celebrant*    We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**All**            **We, being many, are one body,  
for we all share in one bread.**

*Celebrant*    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 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:**

**BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD (CP 649)**

**B**reathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love the way you love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

**B**reathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with thine  
to do and to endure.

**B**reathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of e  
glows with thy fire divine.

**B**reathe on me, breath of God:  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Celebrant*     Let us pray  
**All**             **Eternal God,**  
**grant to your Church the unity and peace**  
**that we have tasted in this eucharist,**  
**the fruit of your life-giving Spirit.**  
**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the**  
**Lord. Amen.**

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## SENDING

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** A Churchwarden

*Celebrant*      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**    The Rev. Sharon Salomons

**SENDING HYMN:  
HALLELUJAH! WE SING YOUR PRAISES (CP 82)**

*Refrain (sing twice):* **Hallelujah! We sing your praises!**  
All our hearts are filled with gladness!  
**Hallelujah! We sing your praises!**  
All our hearts are filled with gladness!

Christ the Lord to us said, "I am wine, I am bread,  
I am wine, I am bread. Give to all who thirst and hunger."  
*(repeat verse, then Refrain)*

**Now he sends us all out, Strong in faith, free of doubt,  
Strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel!**  
*(repeat verse, then Refrain)*

**DISMISSAL**

*Deacon*            Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**People**            **Thanks be to God.**



***Please join us after the service for coffee***

*at the back of the church.*

**Thank you for ministering this morning:**

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