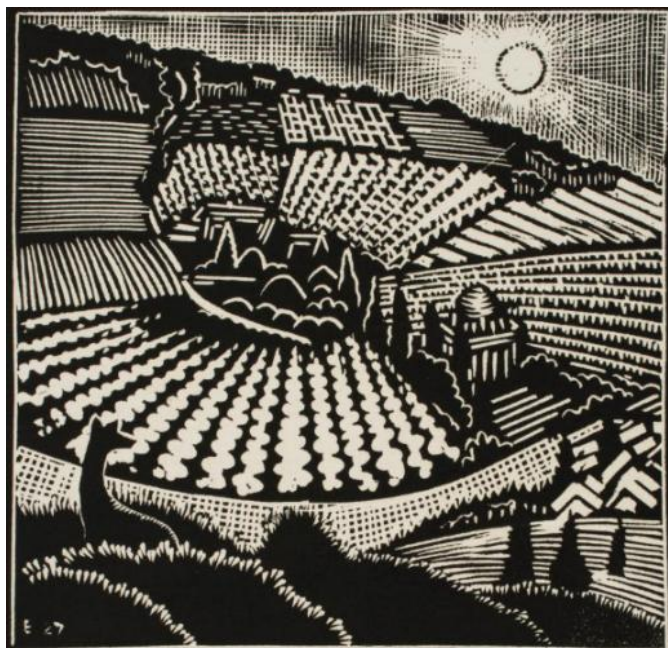


Open To The Light
ST Catherines
ANGELICAN CHURCH



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 2025

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.

GATHERING

Welcome & Intention: The Rev. Sarah Lehman

Deacon 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 the legacies of colonialism. 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.**

Deacon Let us pray.

***All* 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. Amen.**

CONFESSION

Deacon 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.

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. Amen.**

Deacon 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:

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 thou wouldst do.

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

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

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 5:1-7

Reader A reading from the 5th chapter of Isaiah

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove

its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

PSALM 80:1-2, 8-18

LED BY PENNY ZUK

Leader Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.
People **Behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.**

Leader You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
You cast out the nations and planted it.
You prepared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.
The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
People **Behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.**

Leader You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea
and its branches to the River.
Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed
upon it.

***People* Behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.**

Leader Turn now, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.
They burn it with fire like rubbish;
at the rebuke of your countenance let
them perish.

***People* Behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.**

Leader Let your hand be upon the man of your right
hand, the son of man you have made so strong
for yourself. And so will we never turn away from
you; give us life, that we may call upon your
Name. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

***People* Behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 11:29-12:2

Reader A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

GOSPEL HYMN: GUIDE MY FEET (CP 513)

Leader: **Guide my feet**

All while I run this race. (Yes, my Lord!)
Guide my feet while I run this race. (Yes, my Lord!)
Guide my feet while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

2nd verse: Hold my hand...

3rd verse: Stand by me...

4th verse: I'm your child...

5th verse: Search my heart...

6th verse: Guide my feet...

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 12:49-56

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, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it

happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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

HOMILY The Rev. Sarah Lehman

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

Deacon 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

Deacon 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."*

OFFERING

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Deacon Let us pray.

All Loving God,
**you have adopted us to be your heirs.
Accept all we offer you this day
and give us grace to live as faithful
children. We ask this in the name of Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.**

All

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

Deacon

Let us pray.

All

God of restless fire and urgent river's flow: unsettle the false peace which hides our divisions; unfold our hearts to sense your presence; unloose your kingdom and make us one in Jesus Christ, the first of many brothers and sisters. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Deacon 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.

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

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS: A Churchwarden

DOXOLOGY

Deacon 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.

SENDING HYMN:

HOLY SPIRIT, EVER DWELLING (CP 655)

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
in the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
o'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
those of earth to thrones on high;
living, life-imparting Spirit,
you we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever living
as the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
in the Church the mind of Christ;
you we praise with endless worship
for your gracious gifts unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working
through the Church's ministry,
teaching, strengthening, and absolving,
setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
age to age and soul to soul
in communion never ending,
you we worship and extol.

DISMISSAL

Deacon 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.***

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