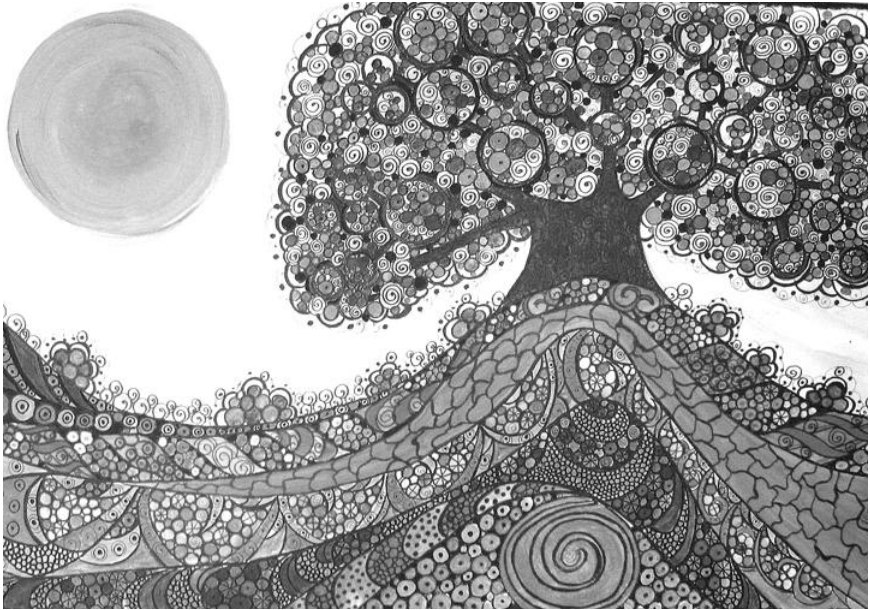


Open To The Light  
**ST Catherines**  
ANGELICAN CHURCH



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 24, 2025  
Service of the Word

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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

*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:**

### **MY LIFE FLOWS ON IN ENDLESS SONG (CP 401)**

**M**y life flows on in endless song;  
Above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
That hails a new creation. [Refrain ]

#### *Refrain:*

**N**o storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that Rock I'm clinging;  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?

**T**hrough all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing;  
It finds an echo in my soul—  
How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

**W**hat though my joys and comforts die?  
I know my Savior liveth;  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night He giveth. [Refrain]

**T**he peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
A fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am His—  
How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

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## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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### FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 1:4-10

*Reader*            *A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

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

*Silent reflection*

### PSALM 71:1-6

**LED BY VIVIAN MCGIE**

*Leader*            In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me  
                         never be ashamed.  
                         In your righteousness, deliver me and set me  
                         free; incline your ear to me and save me.

*People*            **From my mother's womb you have been  
                         my strength.**

*Leader* Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold. Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

*People* **From my mother's womb you have been my strength.**

*Leader* For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young. I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.

*People* **From my mother's womb you have been my strength. Amen.**

## **SECOND READING: HEBREWS 12:18-29**

*Reader* *A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews*

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his

voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken - that is, created things - so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

### *Silent Reflection*

### **GOSPEL HYMN: THE LOVE OF JESUS CALLS US (CP 434)**

The love Jesus calls us  
our joyous praise to sing;  
our deeply felt thanksgivings  
we now together bring,  
for all God's many blessings,  
unmasked yet still received,  
and for the generations  
who faithfully believed.

The love of Jesus calls us,  
that we may always be  
companions on a journey,  
where all the world may see  
that serving Christ is freedom  
which time does not destroy;  
where Christ's command is duty,  
and every duty joy.



## **GOSPEL READING: LUKE 13:10-17**

*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.**

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing

*Presider*      The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **GOSPEL HYMN CONTINUED (CP 434)**

The love of Jesus calls us  
to go where he would go,  
to challenge all their limits,

to change, to learn, to grow,  
to know that Christ has freed us,  
that prisons are no more;  
for those who seek his kingdom,  
Christ opens every door.

The love of Jesus calls us  
in swiftly changing days,  
to be God's co-creators  
in new and wondrous ways;  
that God with men and women  
may so transform the earth,  
that love and peace and justice  
may give God's kingdom birth.

**HOMILY**     The Rev. Sarah Lehman

*Silent Reflection*

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

*Deacon*  
*All*

Let us confess our faith as we say,  
**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* God of Glory  
receive all we offer this day as a symbol  
of our love, and increase in us that true  
and perfect gift. 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.**

***All***

**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**

***Deacon***

**Let us pray.**

***All***

**God of the sabbath,  
this is the day and this is the hour  
when women long oppressed stand with  
dignity, and when your healing escapes  
our desire for control.**

**All**                    **May your joy stretch the fabric of our hearts and inspire us to loosen each other's bonds; through Jesus Christ, the shamer of the powerful and the raiser of the dead. 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!**

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## **SENDING**

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**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:**

### **GOD, WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD** (CP 560)

**G**od, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight:  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the Gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!

**S**aviour, who came to bring,  
on your redeeming wing,  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind:  
now for all humankind  
let there be light!

**G**racious and holy Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
wisdom, love, might!  
Boundless as ocean's tide,  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth, far and wide,  
let there be light!

## **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.***

## **Thank you for ministering this morning:**

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