

Open To The Light
ST Catherines
ANGELICAN CHURCH



Holy Eucharist
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 31, 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

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 Tsleil-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.

**A// 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.

A// And also with you.

GLORIA (CP 376)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

THE COLLECT

Deacon

Let us pray.

Author and Giver of all good things,

All graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us in all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

SINGING SONGS OF EXPECTATION (CP 536)

Singing songs of expectation,
onward goes the pilgrim band,
through the night of doubt and sorrow,
marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness
gleams and burns the guiding light:
trusting God we march together
stepping fearless through the night.

One the light of God's own presence,
O'er his ransomed people shed,
chasing far the gloom and terror,
brightening all the path we tread:
one the object of our journey,
one the faith which never tires,
one the earnest looking forward,
one the hope our God inspires.

One the strain the lips of thousands
Lift as from the heart of one;
one the conflict, one the peril,
one the march in God begun:
one the gladness of rejoicing

on the far eternal shore,
where the one almighty Father
reigns in love for evermore.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 2:4-13

Reader A reading from the book of Jeremiah

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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

PSALM 81:1, 10-16

LED BY Janet Benjamin

Leader Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

All ***Sing with joy to God our strength.***

Leader And yet my people did not hear my voice, and Israel would not obey me.
So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, to follow their own devices.

All ***Sing with joy to God our strength.***

Leader Oh, that my people would listen to me! That Israel would walk in my ways! I should soon subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes.

All ***Sing with joy to God our strength.***

Leader Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their punishment would last for ever.
But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

All ***Sing with joy to God our strength.***

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be

kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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GOSPEL HYMN: COME WE LOVE THAT LOVE (CP 714)

Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
and thus surround the throne.

Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heav'nly King
may speak their joys abroad.

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 14:1, 7-14

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.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

HOMILY The Rev. Sarah Lehman

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.**

PRAYER

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

All

Most merciful God,
**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".*

COMMUNION

PREPARING THE TABLE:

HALLELUJAH! WE SING YOUR PRAISES (CP 82)

Refrain:

Halleluya! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Halleluya! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness. 2x

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. [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. [Refrain]

OFFERING

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

Merciful God,

receive all we offer you this day.

Give us grace to love one another

that your love may be made perfect in us.

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
(Bread or 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:
NOW THE SILENCE (CP 53)

Now the silence
Now the peace
Now the empty hands uplifted
Now the kneeling
Now the plea
Now the Father's arms in welcome
Now the hearing
Now the power
Now the vessel brimmed for pouring
Now the body
Now the blood
Now the joyful celebration
Now the wedding
Now the songs
Now the heart forgiven leaping
Now the Spirit's visitation
Now the Sun's epiphany
Now the Father's blessing
Now Now Now

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray
All	Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

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 OF STUDENTS & EDUCATORS, BACKPACKS & BICYCLES

The Rev. Sharon Salomons
Eternal God, father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our great teacher
and savior, bless these your servants as they begin a new
school year. Your Son was once himself a child learning and
teaching in the temple. Grant that all who enter into places of
learning as students and educators this year be filled with
your grace – that all their efforts be directed by your Holy
Spirit, and work to your praise and glory.

Almighty God, we bring before you these instruments of
teaching and of learning. We pray that your Spirit of wisdom
would go forth with all bearers of bookbags and backpacks on
their journeys to and from places of learning. May their gears
be smooth, their brakes be strong, and may each journey be
fruitful and other road users hospitable.

I bless you in the name of The Father, The Son and The Holy
Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN:

O CHRIST THE GREAT FOUNDATION (CP 524)

O Christ the great foundation
on which your people stand
to preach your true salvation
in every age and land:
pour out your Holy Spirit
to make us strong and pure,
to keep the faith unbroken
as long as worlds endure.

Baptized in one confession,
one church in all the earth,
we bear our Lord's impression,
the sign of second birth:
one fellowship united
in love beyond our own
by grace we were invited,
by grace we make you known.

Where tyrants' hold is tightened,
where strong devour the weak,
where innocents are frightened
and righteous fear to speak,
there let your church awaking
attack the powers of sin
and, all their ramparts breaking,
with you the victory win.

This is the moment glorious
when he, who once was dead,
shall lead his church victorious,
their champion and their head.
The Lord of all creation
his heavenly kingdom brings:
the final consummation

the glory of all things.

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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Tony Dodd & Janet Benjamin
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