



Holy Eucharist  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Season of Creation  
September 7, 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 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. 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)

**All**                **Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!**  
**Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

## **THE COLLECT**

*Deacon*        Let us pray.  
**All**                **Stir up, O Lord,**  
**the wills of your faithful people,**  
**that richly bearing the fruit of good works,**  
**we may by you be richly rewarded;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord,**  
**who is alive and reigns with you and the**  
**Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

## **GATHERING HYMN:**

### **ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING** (CP 355)

**All** creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voices, let us sing:  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Bright burning sun and golden beams,  
pale silver moon that gently gleams,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Great** rushing winds and breezes soft,  
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,  
O sing now, alleluia!  
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,  
stars nightly shining, find a voice,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Swift** flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,  
you give to us both warmth and light,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Earth ever fertile, day by day  
unfold your blessings on our way,  
O sing now, alleluia!  
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,  
God's glory let them also show:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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### **FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 18:1-11**

*Reader            A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: "Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: 'Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.'"

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

## **PSALM 139: 1-5, 12-17**

*Led By Hugo Lago*

*Leader:* Lord, you have searched me out and known me.  
**People: You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

*Leader* You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
**People Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**

*Leader* You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.  
**People Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as  
bright as the day; darkness and light to  
you are both alike.**

*Leader* For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
**People I will thank you because I am marvellously  
made; your works are wonderful, and I  
know it well.**

*Leader* My body was not hidden from you,  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.  
**People Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished  
in the womb; all of them were written in  
your book; they were fashioned day by  
day, when as yet there was none of them.**

*Leader*            How deep I find your thoughts, O God!  
*People*            **How great is the sum of them! Amen.**

## **SECOND READING: PHILEMON 1-21**

*Reader*                      *A reading from Paul's letter to Philemon*

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.

I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do more than I say

**GOSPEL 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!

**S**pirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy Dove,  
speed on your flight!  
Move on the water's face  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light!



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

### **GOSPEL READING: LUKE 14:25-33**

*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.**

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

*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.**

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

**F**or the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
gifts bestowed on every nation,  
thanks be to God;  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.

**I**n the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will is done.  
In our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

**F**or 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.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
**All** **Great and holy God,**  
**accept our offering of labour and love.**  
**May we bring you true and spiritual**  
**worship and be one with you.**  
**We ask this in the name of**  
**Jesus Christ the Lord.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (Salal and Cedar)

*Celebrant* May God be with you  
**People** **And also with you**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
**People** **We lift them up.**

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

*Celebrant* It is right at all times and in all places to  
thank and praise you, Creator of all. We  
praise you here on this Coast Salish land  
where the Fraser and the Capilano Rivers  
meet the sea, where city and farm,  
wilderness and industry are side by side.  
We praise you at a time when the body of  
earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story  
of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with  
you in creation and migration. They  
depended on the land, were displaced  
from the land and displaced others from  
their lands.

*Celebrant*

They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, orca and salmon, bear and raven, salal and cedar, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

**All**

**Holy, holy, holy One,  
God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your  
glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the  
name of Our God.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant*

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized into the Jordan and tested in the wilderness. He travelled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labour and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth. He gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

*Celebrant*

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with Saint Catherine and all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.

**All**

**Amen**

**LORD'S PRAYER** (*Sung*):

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**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 of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

**All            God is here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

*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 both kinds at the Altar.  
Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

*Please sanitize your hands before receiving.*

*Please do not instinct (dip) the Bread or Wafer in the cup.*

*While the Communion is being administered, we respectfully  
ask that you keep the silence.*

*Candle lighting during this time is welcomed.*

## **COMMUNION MUSIC:**

### **I AM THE BREAD, THE BREAD OF LIFE (CP 56)**

**I am the bread, the bread of life;  
who comes to me will never hunger.  
I am the bread, the bread of heaven;  
who feeds on me, will never die.**



**And** as you eat, remember me –  
my body broken on the tree:  
my life was given to set you free.  
and I'm alive for evermore.

**I** am the vine, the living vine:  
apart from me you can do nothing.  
I am the vine, the real vine;  
abide in me and I in you.

And as you drink, remember me –  
my blood was shed upon the tree;  
my life was given to set you free,  
and I'm alive for evermore.

**So** eat this bread, and drink this wine,  
and as you do, receive this life of mine,  
All that I am, I give to you,  
That you may live for evermore.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray
<b>All</b>	<b>Father,</b> <b>your word and sacrament give us food and</b> <b>life. May we who have shared in holy</b> <b>things bear fruit to your honour and glory,</b> <b>in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.</b>

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## **SENDING**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** A Churchwarden

<i>Celebrant</i>	Glory to God,
<b>All</b>	<b>whose power, working in us,</b> <b>can do infinitely more than we can ask or</b> <b>imagine. Glory to God from generation to</b> <b>generation, in the church and in Christ</b> <b>Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.</b>

**BLESSING** Fr. Jose Luis Aranda

**SENDING HYMN:**

**GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH (CP 565)**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

**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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Deacon-in-Charge & Preacher: The Rev. Sarah Lehman  
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