



Holy Eucharist  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Season of Creation  
September 14, 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 Almighty God,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
was lifted high upon the cross  
that he might draw the whole world to  
himself, may we who rejoice in the  
mystery of our redemption,  
have grace to take up our cross and follow  
him,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.**

## **GATHERING HYMN:**

### **ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL (CP 415)**

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.

**E**ach radiant flower that opens,  
each vibrant bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colours,  
God made their lively wings. (Refrain)

**T**he cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruit in the garden,  
God made them, every one. (Refrain)

The rocky mountain splendour,  
the loon's wild, haunting call,  
the great lakes and the prairies,  
the forest in the fall. (Refrain)

God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is the Creator,  
who has made all things well. (Refrain)

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## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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### FIRST READING: NUMBERS 21:4B-9

*Reader            A reading from the book of Numbers*

The people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

## PSALM 79

*Led by*

*Leader*

O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;

***People***

**they have profaned your holy temple; they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.**

*Leader*

They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

***People***

**They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them.**

*Leader*

We have become a reproach to our neighbours, an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

***People***

**How long will you be angry, O Lord? Will your fury blaze like fire for ever?**

*Leader*

Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you and upon the dominions that have not called upon your name.

***People***

**For they have devoured Jacob and made his dwelling a ruin.**

*Leader*

Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; for we have been brought very low.

***People***

**Help us, O God our Saviour, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name's sake. Amen.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-24**

*Reader*

*A reading from Paul's letter to Corinthians*

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

### **GOSPEL HYMN:**

#### **WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDOROUS CROSS ( CP 386)**

**W**hen I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

**F**orbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the cross of Christ, my God!  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them through his blood.

**S**ee, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small.  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

### **GOSPEL READING: JOHN 3:13-17**

*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 John

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

Jesus said, "No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

*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,



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**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*

**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*

**People**

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**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:

#### **IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE GOD ONLY WISE** (CP 393)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting nor wasting, you rule in great might;  
your justice like mountains high soaring above,  
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all things life giving, to both great and small,  
in all you are living, the true life of all:  
we blossom and flourish, uncertain and frail;  
we wither and perish, but you never fail.

Great Source of glory and wisdom and light,  
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
you only are hidden by splendour of light.

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

**All**

**Merciful God,  
through the death of your beloved Son  
you transformed an instrument of shame  
into a sign of hope and glory.  
Receive all we offer you this day,  
and renew in us the mystery of his love;  
through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of  
glory.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (Salal and Cedar)

*Celebrant*

**People**

*Celebrant*

**People**

May God be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up.**

*Celebrant*

**People**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**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 famers 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.

*Celebrant*

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*):

**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 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:

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

**My 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:*

**No 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?**

Through 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]

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

The 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]

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray
<b>All</b>	<b>Almighty God,</b> <b>we give thanks that you have made us</b> <b>partakers of the body and blood of your</b> <b>Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took our</b> <b>nature upon him and suffered death upon</b> <b>the cross for our redemption;</b> <b>who lives and reigns with you and the Holy</b> <b>Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</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:**

**JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE** ( CP 425)

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love.  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father and our Mother,  
All who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

## 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:**

Celebrant: Fr. Jose Luis Aranda  
Deacon-in-Charge & Preacher: The Rev. Sarah Lehman  
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