



Holy Eucharist Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Season of Creation September 21, 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. 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.

ΔII you have created the heavens and the

earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your

works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

# **GATHERING HYMN:** WE PLOUGH THE FIELDS AND SCATTER (CP 258)

**W**e plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand. he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain: All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above: then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all His love.

**H**e only is the maker of all things near and far; he paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star. The wind and waves obey Him, by Him the birds are fed; much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread. [Refrain]

We thank You, our Creator, for all things bright and good: the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food. Accept the gifts we offer for all Your love imparts; and, what thou most desirest, our humble, thankful hearts! [Refrain]

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 8:18-9:1

Reader A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her? ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people, I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Thanks be to God.

# PSALM 79: 1-9 Led By Claire Louie

Leader O God, the heathen have come into your

inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple; they have made Jerusalem a

heap of rubble.

**People** 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.

Leader They have shed their blood like water on

every side of Jerusalem, and there was no

one to bury them.

**People** We have become a reproach to our

neighbours, an object of scorn and

derision to those around us.

Leader How long will you be angry, O Lord?

Will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

**People** Pour out your wrath upon the

heathen who have not known you and upon the dominions that have

not called upon your name.

Leader For they have devoured Jacob

and made his dwelling a ruin.

**People** Remember not our past sins; let your

compassion be swift to meet us; for

we have been brought very low.

All 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 TIMOTHY 2:1-7**

Reader A reading from the first letter to Timothy

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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# **GOSPEL HYMN: O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED** (CP 438)

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend. I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou will be my guide.

**O** let me feel thee near me: the world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear: my foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.

**O** Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee, that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be; and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end! O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

### **GOSPEL READING: LUKE 16:1-13**

Please stand as you are able.

**People** The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke

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

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more

shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?

No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

# **GOSPEL HYMN (continued)**

O let me see thy footmarks and in them plant mine own: my hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone. O Guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end; and then in heaven receive me, my Saviour and my Friend.

**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

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.

Amen.

All

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

Celebrant 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: JESUS, COME, FOR WE INVITE YOU (CP 437)

Jesus, come, for we invite you, guest and master, friend and Lord; now, as once at Cana's wedding, speak, and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or doubting, hope be born and joy restored.

Jesus, come! transform our pleasures, guide us into paths unknown; bring your gifts, command your servants, let us trust in you alone: though your hand may work in secret, all shall see what you have done.

Jesus, come in new creation, heaven brought near in power divine; give your unexpected glory changing water into wine: rouse the faith of your disciples — come, our first and greatest sign!

Jesus, come! surprise our dullness, make us willing to receive more than we can yet imagine, all the best you have to give: let us find your hidden riches, taste your love, believe, and live!

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant Let us pray.

ΔΙΙ God of power,

the glory of your works fills us with

wonder and awe.

Accept our offering this day,

and help us to live in peace and harmony

with all your creation,

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

# THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (Salal and Cedar)

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

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.

#### Celebrant

They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands.

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 singing 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.

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.

ΔII 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 are welcome to receive Communion of one kind (Bread or Wafers), or in both kinds (Bread and Wine).
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:** FAIREST LORD JESUS (CP 619)

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature O thou the Godhead's human son: thee will I cherish, thee will I honor thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer who makes the troubled heart to sing

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, And fair the twinkling, starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels heaven can boast.

All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly, wondrously, Jesus is found in thee, none can be nearer, Fairer, or dearer than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray

All

Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him.

# This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **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** Fr. José Luis Aranda

# SENDING HYMN: HOW GREAT THOU ART (CP 423)

**O** Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

## Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee; How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee; How great thou art! How great thou art!

**W**hen through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

**B**ut when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin. [Refrain]

**W**hen Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]

#### **DISMISSAL**

Deacon
People
Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
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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