



Holy Eucharist

November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent

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 rise, in body or in spirit.

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.**

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.**

THE COLLECT

Deacon Let us pray.

All **Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness, so that we may be ready
to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus
Christ. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: WHEN THE KING SHALL COME AGAIN (CP 109)

When the King shall come again,
all his power revealing,
splendour shall announce his reign,
life and joy and healing;
earth no longer in decay,
hope no more frustrated,
this is God's redemption day
longingly awaited

In the desert, trees take root,
fresh from God's creation;
plants and flowers and sweetest fruit
join the celebration;
rivers spring up from the earth,
barren lands adorning.
Valleys, this is your new birth;
Mountains, greet the morning.

Strengthen feeble hands and knees;
fainting hearts be cheerful!
God, who comes for such as these,
seeks and saves the fearful.
Deaf ears, hear the silent tongues
sing away their weeping;
blind eyes, see the injured come
walking, running, leaping!

There God's highway shall be seen
where no roaring lion,
nothing evil or unclean
walks the road to Zion:
ransomed people homeward bound
all your praises voicing,
see your Lord with glory crowned,
share in His rejoicing.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 2:1-5

Reader *A reading from the book of Isaiah*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

PSALM 122

Led By Gordon Lee

Leader I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

***People* Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Leader Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;

***People* To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of
Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**

Leader For there are the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.

***People* Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.**

Leader Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.

***People* For my kindred and companions' sake,
I pray for your prosperity.**

Leader Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good."

SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:11-14

Reader *A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans*

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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All **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN: O COME, O COME EMANEUL (CP 89)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 24:36-44

Please rise, in body or in spirit.

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

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew

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

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one

will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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

GOSPEL HYMN (continued)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

HOMILY The Rev. Margaret Marquardt

Silent Reflection

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

Deacon Let us affirm our faith, saying,

All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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.
All **Amen.**

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

*The community, standing at our seats in body or in spirit,
greet one another saying or gesturing: "Peace be with you".*

COMMUNION

PREPARING THE TABLE:

COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE (CP 100)

Comfort, comfort ye my people;
speak ye peace: thus says your God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness
bowed beneath oppression's load;
speak ye to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them:
tell her that her sins I cover,
and her warfare now is over.

Hark, the herald's voice is calling
in the desert far and near,
calling us to new repentance
since the reign of God is here.
Oh, the warning call obey!
Now prepare for Christ a way:
let the valleys rise to meet him
and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked;
make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble
as befits Messiah's reign.
For the glory of the Lord
now o'er earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token
that God's Word is never broken.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 3

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 Blessed are you, gracious God,
Creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who in the fullness of time
came among us in our flesh,
and opened to us the way of salvation.
Now we watch for the day
when he will come again in power
and great triumph to judge this world,
that we, without shame or fear,
may rejoice to behold his appearing.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices
with angels and archangels

and with all the company of heaven,
who for ever sing this hymn
to proclaim the glory of your name:

All

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full,
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
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 thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer
of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his
command,

All

**we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant

and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and
daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
almighty Father, now and for ever.

People

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.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

Celebrant God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All **Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb,**

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.

For worshippers' privacy, the administration of Communion is not included in the livestream.

Candle lighting during this time is welcomed.

COMMUNION MUSIC:

WAIT FOR THE LORD, WHOSE DAY IS NEAR (CP 94)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Repeat

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant
All

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS: A Churchwarden

Celebrant
All

Glory to God,

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 The Rev. Margaret Marquardt

SENDING HYMN:

THERE'S A VOICE IN THE WILDNERNESS (CP 106)

There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where the Lord our God may go!

O Zion, give voice to good tidings,
ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.
The works of pride all perish,
like flowers they shall decay,
the power and pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away.

But Your word, O God, is faithful,
your arm, O Lord, is strong;
you stand in the midst of nations,
and you will right the wrong.
You will feed your flock like a shepherd,
and fold the lambs to your breast;
in pastures of peace you'll lead them,
and give to the weary rest.

There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where the Lord our God may go!

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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