



**Sunday January 11, 2026**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**

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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.*

*Liturgical Note*

*In the context of Christian liturgy, Israel and Zion do not refer to the modern political state, but either to the historic Hebrews of the ancient Near East or, in Christian theology, to all who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.*

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## **GATHERING**

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### **Welcome**

The. Rev. Sarah Lehman

*Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

*Presider*      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.**

*Presider*      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

*Presider* Let us pray.  
**All** **Eternal Father,**  
**who at the baptism of Jesus**  
**revealed him to be your Son,**  
**anointing him with the Holy Spirit,**  
**keep your children, born of water and the**  
**Spirit, faithful to their calling;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord,**  
**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy**  
**Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **GATHERING HYMN:** **SING OF GOD MADE MANIFEST** (CP 162)

**S**ing of God made manifest  
in a child robust and blest,  
to whose home in Bethlehem  
where a star had guided them,  
magi came and gifts unbound,  
signs mysterious and profound:  
myrrh and frankincense and gold  
grave and God and king foretold.

**S**ing of God made manifest  
when at Jordan John confessed,  
“I should be baptized by you,  
but your bidding I will do.”  
Then from heaven a double sign—  
dove-like Spirit, voice divine—  
hailed the true Anointed One:  
“This is my beloved Son.”

**S**ing of God made manifest  
when Christ came as wedding-guest  
and at Cana gave a sign,  
turning water into wine;  
further still was love revealed  
as he taught, forgave, and healed,  
bringing light and life to all  
who would listen to God's call.

**S**ing of God made manifest  
on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,  
where both voice and vision waned  
until Christ alone remained;  
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,  
given as Jesus set his face  
towards the waiting cross and grave,  
sign of hope that God would save.

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### **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

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*Please be seated.*

#### **FIRST READING: ISAIAH 42:1-9**

*Reader      A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the

people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

*Reader*      Holy word, holy wisdom.

**All**            **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 29

*Led By Penny Zuk*

*Leader*      Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
                  ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**People**       **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due the divine  
                  name; worship the Lord in the beauty of  
                  holiness.**

*Leader*      The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
                  the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the  
                  mighty waters.

**People**       **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
                  the voice of the Lord is a voice of  
                  splendour.**

*Leader*      The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
                  the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon,

**People**       **and makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
                  and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

*Leader*      The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
**People**       **The voice of the Lord shakes the  
                  wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness  
                  of Kadesh.**

*Leader* The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

**People** **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign for evermore.**

*Leader* The Lord shall give strength to this people; the Lord shall give this people the blessing of peace.

## **SECOND READING: ACTS 10:34-43**

*Reader* *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Peter began to speak to the Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

*Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

**GOSPEL HYMN:  
DOWN GALILEE'S SLOW ROADWAYS (CP 45)**

Down Galilee's slow roadways  
a stranger travelled on  
from Nazareth to Jordan  
to be baptized by John.  
He went down to the waters  
with soldier, scribe, and slave,  
but there within the river  
the sign was birth and grave.

Arising from the river,  
he saw the heavens torn;  
it seemed the sky was open  
to show the Spirit's form.  
The holy dove descended;  
he heard a glorious voice:  
"You are my own beloved--  
my child, my heart, my choice."

**GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 3:13-17**

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

**People**      **And also with you.**

*Presider*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
                          according to Matthew

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

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw

the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

## **GOSPEL HYMN CONTINUED ( CP 45)**

We too have found a roadway;  
it led us to this place.

We all have had to travel  
in search of hope and grace.  
But now beside this water  
again a voice is heard:  
"You are my own, my chosen,  
beloved of your Lord."

**HOMILY**      The Rev. Sarah Lehman

*Silent Reflection*

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## **REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

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### **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

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

*Presider*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People**      **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider*      We give you thanks, almighty God and Father,  
for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain  
all living things.  
**All**      **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Presider* We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

**All** **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Presider* We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

**All** **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Presider* We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with holy gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

**All** **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Presider* Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that all your servants who are washed in and blessed by it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. Anoint them with your Holy Spirit and keep them in the family of your Church, that they may be inheritors of your kingdom.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?

**People** **I believe in God,  
The Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Presider* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
**People** **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.**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
**People** **I believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Presider* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
**People** **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
**People** **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?  
**People** **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?  
**People** **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People** **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

**People** **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Friends in Christ, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you always in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

*The congregation is sprinkled with water from the font as a symbol and reminder of their baptismal vows.*

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## PRAYER

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### RECONCILIATION

*Presider* 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.*

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* 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**

*Presider* 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: O LOVE, HOW DEEP, HOW BROAD (CP 628)**

**O** love, how deep, how broad, how high!  
It fills the heart with ecstasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

**God** sent no angel to our race,  
of higher or of lower place,  
but wore the robe of human frame  
for us, and to this lost world came.

**For** us he was baptized, and bore  
his holy fast, and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew;  
for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed; for us he taught,  
for us his daily works he wrought;  
by words and signs and actions, thus  
still seeking not himself, but us

For us by wickedness betrayed,  
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death;  
for us at length gave up his breath.

For us he rose from death again,  
for us he went on high to reign,  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen and to cheer.

To God whose boundless love has won  
salvation for us through the Son,  
to God the Father, glory be  
both now and through eternity.

### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

*Presider*      Let us pray.

**All**              **God of life and freedom,  
we celebrate the revelation of Jesus  
as the Christ who makes all creation new.  
Accept all we offer you this day  
and make us new in him,  
who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 2 (S2)**

*Presider*      May God be with you.

**People**              **And also with you.**

*Presider*      Lift up your hearts.

**People**              **We lift them up to God.**

*Presider*      Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**People**              **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

*Presider*

Eternal God, Source of all being,  
we give you thanks and praise  
for your faithful love.  
You call us into friendship  
with you and one another  
to be your holy people,  
a sign of your presence in the world.  
When those we trust betray us,  
unfailingly you remain with us.  
When we injure others,  
you confront us in your love  
and call us to the paths of righteousness.

You stand with the weak,  
and those, broken and alone,  
whom you have always welcomed home,  
making the first last, and the last first.  
Therefore we raise our voices  
with angels and archangels,  
forever praising you and saying [singing]:

*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.**

*Presider*

Blessed are you, O Holy One:  
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness  
you followed her and gave her hope.  
When Joseph was sold into bondage,  
you turned malice to your people's good.  
When you called Israel out of slavery,  
you brought them through the wilderness  
into the promised land.  
When your people were taken into exile  
you wept with them by the river of Babylon  
and carried them home.

**People**

**Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

*Presider*

At the right time you sent your Anointed One  
to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the  
oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick,  
and healed them.  
He accepted water from a woman of Samaria  
and offered her the water of new life.  
Christ knew the desolation of the cross  
and opened the way for all humanity  
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed,  
Jesus, at supper with his friends,  
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,  
gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

*Presider* Loving and Holy One,  
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,  
we offer you these gifts,  
longing for the bread of tomorrow  
and the wine of the age to come.  
Therefore we proclaim our hope.

***People*** **Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*Presider* Pour out your Spirit on these gifts  
that through them you may sustain us  
in our hunger for your peace.  
We hold before you  
all whose lives are marked by suffering,  
our sisters and brothers.  
When we are broken and cast aside,  
embrace us in your love.

***People*** **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

*Presider* Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O Source of all life, 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**

*Presider*      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.**

*Presider*      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.*

*The Communion is not recorded or live-streamed for worshippers' privacy.*

## **COMMUNION MUSIC: ON JORDAN'S BANK, THE BAPTIST'S CRY (CP 103)**

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within,  
Prepare we in our hearts a home,  
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away,  
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent doth thy people free,  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Presider*      Let us pray  
***All***            **Gracious God, lover of all,  
by this sacrament  
you make us one family in Christ your Son,  
one in the sharing of his body and blood,  
one in the communion of his Spirit.  
Help us to grow in love for one another  
and come to the full maturity of the Body  
of Christ.  
We ask this in his name. Amen**

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## SENDING

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS: A Churchwarden

### DOXOLOGY

*Presider*      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

#### SENDING HYMN: THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION (CP 525)

The Church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ our Lord;  
we are his new creation  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought us  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought us,  
and for our life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
our charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one glorious name we hallow,  
partake one holy food,  
and to one hope we follow  
with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation  
and tumult of our war,  
we wait the consummation  
of peace for evermore,  
till with the vision glorious  
our longing eyes are blessed,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

Yet we on earth have union  
with God the Three-in-One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

## **DISMISSAL**

*Presider*      Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

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***Please join us after the service for coffee  
at the back of the church.***

## **Thank you for ministering this morning:**

Presider:	The Rev. Sarah Lehman <a href="mailto:rev.sarah@saint-catherines.org">rev.sarah@saint-catherines.org</a>
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<b>Greeters:</b>	Bob Paxton and Marion Porter
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<b>Intercessor:</b>	Lynn Spence
<b>Readers:</b>	Elizabeth Barratt and Penny Zuk
<b>Coffee Group:</b>	Penny Zuk, Alison Watt and Ivy Howes
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Shaunti Bains
<b>Livestream:</b>	Ashkon Vahedi
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