

ST Catherines ANGLICAN CHURCH



**Sunday, February 22, 2026
First Sunday in Lent**

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.

GATHERING

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 Almighty God,
 **whose Son fasted forty days in the
 wilderness,
 and was tempted as we are but did not sin,
 give us grace to discipline ourselves
 in submission to your Spirit,
 that as you know our weakness,
 so we may know your power to save;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
 Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

GATHERING HYMN:

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS (CP 386)

When 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.

Forbid 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.

See, 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 an offering far too small.
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' 'But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32

Led by

Gordon Lee

Leader Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven and whose sin is put away!

People **Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

Leader While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

People **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Leader Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

People **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

Leader You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

People **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.**

Leader Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

People **Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

Leader Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:12-19

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

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned, sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING (CP 354)

Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious measure,
sung by flaming tongues above.
O the vast, the boundless treasure
of my God's unchanging love.

Here I make faith's affirmation:
thus far by thy help I've come,
and I hope, by thy compassion,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 4:1-11

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 was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to

him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN CONTINUED (CP 354)

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness now like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
take my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

HOMILY The Rev. Sarah Lehman

Silent Reflection

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

Presider Let us affirm our faith, saying,

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

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.

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".

COMMUNION

PREPARING THE TABLE: THERE IS A REDEEMER

There is a redeemer:
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

Refrain

Thank you, oh my Father
for giving us Your Son
and leaving Your Spirit
'til the work on Earth is done.

Jesus my redeemer,
name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
hope, for sinners slain. *(Refrain)*

When I stand in Glory,
I will see His face
and there I'll serve my King forever
in that Holy Place. *(Refrain)*

OFFERTORY

*We do not pass a collection plate at St. Catherine's.
Giving stations are near the front of the church and by the
greeter's desk by the door to the parking lot.*

*If this is your first time visiting us,
there is no need to make a gift.
Notice your blessings and make a thanksgiving offering online
or when you return.*

COMMUNION

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider Let us pray.
All **God our refuge and our strength,
receive all we offer you this day,
and through the death and resurrection of
your Son transform us to his likeness.
We ask this in his name. Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (Supplemental Prayer 1)

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

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Presider Holy God, Lover of creation,
we give you thanks and praise
for in the ocean of your steadfast love
you bear us
and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love
and defile the earth,
You do not abandon us.
Your Spirit speaks
through prophets, sages, and saints
in every age, to confront our sin
and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe
we proclaim your glory 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 the One
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider

Gracious God, in the fullness of time
you sent Jesus the Christ
to share our fragile humanity.
Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection
you open the path
from brokenness to health,
from fear to trust,
from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world
that could not bear the Gospel of life,
Jesus knew death was near.
His head anointed for burial
by an unknown woman,
Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread,
gave thanks to you,
broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, “
Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
gave you thanks,
and said "Drink this all of you,
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table
in response to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup
of Christ's undying love,
and to proclaim our faith:

All
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Presider Breathe your Holy Spirit,
the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love
for all the world
and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever. **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

Presider We break this bread,
All **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

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).
Please sanitize your hands before receiving.
Please do not intinct (dip) the Bread or Wafer in the cup.*

*While Communion is being shared, please keep the silence.
Communion is not recorded or livestreamed for worshippers' privacy.*

Candle lighting during this time is welcomed.

COMMUNION MUSIC: O BREATH OF GOD

O Breath of God, come fill this place;
revive our hearts to know your grace
and from our slumber make us rise,
that we may know the Risen Christ.

O Word of God, so clear and true,
renew our minds to trust in you;
and give to us the Bread of Life,
that we may know the Risen Christ.

O Love of God, so unrestrained,
refresh our souls in Jesus' name.
let us reflect your sacrifice,
that we may know the Risen Christ.

May God the Father, God the Son
and God the Spirit make us one;
in holiness let us unite,
that we may know the Risen Christ.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray
All **Faithful God,**
 in this holy bread
 you increase our faith and hope and love.
 Lead us in the path of Christ
 who is your Word of life.
 We ask this in his name.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS: A Churchwarden

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: PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND (CP 509)

Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I'm worn;
through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light
take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When my way grows drear,
precious Lord linger near
when my life is almost gone;
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall;
take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When the darkness appears
and the night draws near
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand;
take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

DISMISSAL

Presider 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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