

Open To The Light  
**ST Catherines**  
ANGLICAN CHURCH



Sunday, March 22, 2026  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

## **St. Catherine's Mission, Vision and Values**

St. Catherine's Church, in 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.

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### **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.** [OBJ]

**THE COLLECT**

*Presider* Let us pray.

**All** **God of all consolation, your Son comforted the grieving sisters, Martha and Mary, for your breath alone brings life to dry bones and weary souls.**

**Pour out your Spirit upon us,  
so that we may face despair and death  
with the hope of the resurrection  
and faith in the One who called Lazarus  
forth from the grave. Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:**

**O GOD, BEYOND ALL FACE AND FORM (CP 412)**

**O** God, beyond all face and form,  
you willed it that creation's night  
should blaze, and chaos still its storm,  
and birth a universe of light.  
All things below, all things above  
are formed of your eternal love.

**T**he glory of the galaxies,  
the beauty of a baby's hand,  
the thundering of restless seas,  
the glory of the forest's stand;  
All things below, all things above  
are formed of your eternal love.

**Y**ou gave us both our form and name,  
and love for us was your intent;  
then to a woman's womb love came,  
and on a cross was wholly spent.  
All things below, all things above  
are formed of this incarnate love.

**O**f this great love all loves are born,  
of self, of neighbour, and of earth.  
By love shall night be turned to morn,  
and death shall never conquer birth.  
All things below, all things above  
are formed of God's eternal love.

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## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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*Please be seated.*

### **FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 37:1-14**

*Reader      A reading from the book of Ezekiel*

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and

you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

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

## **PSALM 130**

*Led by*

*Elizabeth Barratt*

*Leader* Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord;  
**People Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**

*Leader* If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,  
O Lord, who could stand?

**People For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.**

*Leader* I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits for you;  
in your word is my hope.

**People My soul waits for you, O Lord, more than sentinels for the morning, more than sentinels for the morning.**

*Leader* O Israel, wait for the Lord,  
for with the Lord there is mercy;  
**People with whom there is plenteous redemption, and who shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

## **SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:6-11**

*Reader A reading from Romans*

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law. Indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the

Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

**GOSPEL HYMN:  
BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN (CP 621)**

**Before the world began, one Word was there;  
grounded in God he was, rooted in care;  
by him all things were made;  
in him was love displayed;  
through him God spoke and said, "I am for you."**

**Life found in him its source; death found its end;  
light found in him its course, darkness its friend.  
For neither death nor doubt  
nor darkness can put out  
the glow of God, the shout: "I am for you."**

**GOSPEL READING: JOHN 11:1-45**

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

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

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard

it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her

sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

*Presider*  
**People**

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

## **GOSPEL HYMN CONTINUED (CP 621)**

The Word was in the world which from him came;  
unrecognized he was, unknown by name;  
one with all humankind,  
with the unloved aligned,  
convincing sight and mind: "I am for you."

All who received the Word by God were blessed;  
sisters and brothers, they of earth's fond guest.  
So did the Word of Grace  
proclaim in time and space  
and with a human face, "I am for you."

**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.

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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. Amen.**

*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".*

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## COMMUNION

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### **PREPARING THE TABLE: AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE (CP 61)**

**As** we gather at your table,  
as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story  
till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet  
how to make Love's victory known.

**Turn** our worship into witness  
in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you,  
bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image  
in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome  
those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us,  
nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels  
to repeat the sounding joy.

## **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

*Presider* Let us pray.  
*All* **Giver of life,  
your Son has destroyed the power of death  
for all those who believe in him.  
Accept all we offer you this day  
and strengthen us in faith and hope;  
through Jesus Christ,  
the Lord of all the living. Amen.**

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (Supplementary Prayer 3)**

*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* It is indeed right to thank you and praise you,  
holy and gracious God, creator of all things,  
ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life,  
for you are the source of all goodness,  
rich in mercy and abounding in love;  
you are faithful to your people in every  
generation, and your word endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
with the fellowship of saints  
and the company of heaven,  
we glorify your holy name,  
evermore praising you and 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*

We praise you, merciful Father,  
not as we ought, but as we are able,  
because in your tender love  
you gave the world your only Son,  
in order that the world might be saved through  
him. He made you known by taking the form of  
a servant, healing the sick, liberating the  
oppressed, reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,  
he confronted the power of sin  
and disarmed it for ever.  
In his offering of himself,  
he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.  
Redeemed by Christ,  
we have been adopted as your children;

*Presider*

by your pardon you have made us worthy  
to praise you.

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."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts  
we approach your holy table,  
remembering our Saviour's sacrifice,  
and rejoicing in his victory.  
Confident in his sovereign purpose,  
we declare our faith.

***All***

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

*Presider*

Send your Holy Spirit on us  
that as we receive this bread and this cup  
we may partake of the body and blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and feed on him in our hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.

**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. 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 quiet mood. Candle lighting during this time is welcomed.*

*Communion is not recorded or livestreamed for worshippers' privacy.*

### **COMMUNION MUSIC:**

#### **BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD (CP 649)**

**B**reathe on me, breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

**B**reathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with thine  
to do and to endure.

**B**reathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.

**B**reathe on me, breath of God:  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

*Presider*

Let us pray

**All**

**Compassionate God,  
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.  
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage;  
may our fasting be hunger for justice;  
our alms, a making of peace;  
and our prayer, the song of grateful  
hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour  
and Lord. Amen.**

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## SENDING

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**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: GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS (Songs for a Gospel People 95)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, our Father!  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness,  
great is thy faithfulness,  
morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

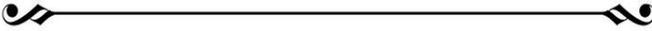
Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. [Refrain]

## **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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