

Open To The Light
ST Catherines
ANGLICAN CHURCH



Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday
March 29, 2026 at 10 a.m.

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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GATHERING

WELCOME

Opening chant: HOSANNA

Hosanna, hosanna!
(Hosanna, hosanna!) x2

Come, ye people, come!
(Come, ye people, come!) x2

Blessed is the one who comes, Hosanna!
(Blessed is the one who comes, Hosanna!)

In the name of the Lord, Hosanna!
(In the name of the Lord, Hosanna!)

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Presider Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.

All **Hosanna in the Highest.**

Dear friends in Christ, as we gather this day on the unceded, ancestral, and contemporary territory of Coast Salish nations, we enter Holy Week and continue our journey to the Resurrection of Easter through the Passion, and Crucifixion of the Way of the Cross.

During Lent, we have been preparing for the remembrance of Christ's death and the celebration of his resurrection. On this day, our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death.

Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death.

United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

Let us pray.

We keep a moment of silence.

Presider Assist us mercifully with your help,
Lord God of our salvation,
that we may enter with joy into the celebration
of those mighty acts
whereby you give us life and immortality;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PALM GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21: 1-11

Please stand, in body or in spirit, for the Gospel.

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

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

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Everyone holds their palm branches or palm crosses in the air and the presider says,

Presider O God, our heavenly Father,
 whose Son Jesus entered Jerusalem
 as Messiah to suffer and to die,
 let these palms be for us signs of his victory.
 May we, carrying these emblems,
 go forth to meet him and follow him in the way
 of truth and life.

All **Amen.**

THE PROCESSION

Presider We tell your story; we follow in your footsteps.

All **Lead us into Holy Week.**

Presider We will walk with you to Jerusalem;
we will wait with you in Gethsemane.

All **Lead us onto Holy Ground.**

Presider We journey towards death;
we hope for resurrection.

All **Lead us to Holy Joy.**

We follow the Presider (and the donkey!), making our way out, around, and back into the church, waving our palms and singing:

Hosanna, hosanna!
(Hosanna, hosanna!) x2

Come, ye people, come!
(Come, ye people, come!) x2

Blessed is the one who comes, Hosanna!
(Blessed is the one who comes, Hosanna!)

In the name of the Lord, Hosanna!
(In the name of the Lord, Hosanna!)

THE COLLECT *(standing at our seats, as we are able)*

Presider Almighty and everliving God,

All **in tender love for all humanity
you sent your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
to take our flesh
and suffer death upon a cruel cross.**

**May we follow the example
of his great humility,
and share in the glory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE PASSION

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-9a

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;
Who will declare me guilty?

Reader Word of God, word of life.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31: 9-16

Led by Heather Luccock

Leader Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

***People* For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

Leader I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbours, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

***People* Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

Leader For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

***People* But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.**

Leader My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

***People* Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love." Amen**

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

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

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Matthew 27:11-54

*Readers: Elizabeth Barratt, Cathy Davidson, Gordon Lee,
Rev. Sarah Lehman, and Vivian McGie*

After the reading, there will be a time of silent reflection.

PRAYER

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Presider Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord 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".

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARING THE TABLE HYMN: 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 your 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 God our provider,
you do not feed us with bread alone,
but with words of grace and life.
Bless us and these your gifts,
which we receive from your bounty,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (Prayer 5)

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 We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.
By your power you sustain the universe.

***People* Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you
by the evil that we do.
In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.
Therefore, with all who serve you
on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing

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 give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.
Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.
On the cross he defeated
the power of sin and death.
By raising him from the dead
you show us the power of your love
to bring new life to all your people.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider

On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, saying,
"Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you."

Presider After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing,
gave it to his friends, and said,
"Drink this, all of you:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which is shed for you and for many,
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me."

***People* Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider Gracious God,
with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection
of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.
Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus in the
breaking of bread, and share in the life of the
family of your children.

***People* Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy
at the table of your kingdom.
We sing your praise, almighty Father,
through Jesus, our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

***People* Glory to you for ever and 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 Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.
The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*All are welcome to receive Communion in one kind
(Bread or Wafer), or in both kinds (Bread and Wine).
Please sanitize your hands before receiving and
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:

EAT THIS BREAD, DRINK THIS CUP (CP 63)

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst.

UBI CARITAS (CP 553)

Ubi caritas, et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity, God will dwell in you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Presider God our help and strength,
you have satisfied our hunger
with this eucharistic food.

***All* Strengthen our faith, that through the
death and resurrection of your Son,
we may be led to salvation,
for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Churchwarden

DOXOLOGY

Presider

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

SENDING HYMN:

RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY! (CP 182)

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes "Hosanna" cry;
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road,
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The angel squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh:
The Father on his sapphire throne
expects his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain;
then take, O God, thy power and reign.

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*All are invited for coffee after the service today,
at the back of the church.*

Thank you for ministering this morning:

**Presider
& Preacher**

The Rev. Sarah Lehman

**Greeters
Coffee Group**

Bob Paxton and Marthe Duncombe
Penny Zuk, Lynn Spence and Julia
Hadriil

**Altar Guild
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Vivian McGie
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Gordon Lee, Heather Luccock, Elizabeth
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