

Open To The Light
ST Catherines
ANGLICAN CHURCH



Sunday, May 17, 2026
Ascension Sunday

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 Tseil-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.

All **May we be ministers of the reconciling love of the Risen Christ.**

GLORIA (CP 376)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia. [repeat]

GATHERING HYMN:

ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS (CP 374)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, his the throne;
alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
"Jesus, out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the lord of lords, we own;
alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharist feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, his the throne;
alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
"Jesus, out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood."

THE COLLECT

Presider Let us pray.
All **Almighty God,**
you have exalted your only Son Jesus
Christ with great triumph to your kingdom
in heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know
that, as he promised, he abides with us on
earth to the end of time; who is alive and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:6-14

Reader *A reading from the book of Acts*

So when they had come together, the apostles asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes

stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM 93

Led By

Billy Garton

Leader The Lord reigns, in triumph clothed;
Clothed is the Lord, in strength he is girded.
The Lord has made the whole world so
sure that it cannot be moved.

***People* Your throne stands firm from of old,
from forever You are.**

Leader The streams lifted up, O Lord,
the streams lifted up their voice;
the streams lift up their roaring.

***People* More than the sound of many waters,
more than the sea's majestic breakers,
majestic on high is the Lord.**

Leader Your statutes are very sure.
Holiness suits Your house.

**All The Lord is for all time,
for ever and for evermore.**

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Reader *A reading from the first letter of Peter*

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion, your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

All **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN:

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS (CP 378)

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 17:1-11

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.**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am

coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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

GOSPEL HYMN CONTINUED (CP 378)

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierc-ed feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer hail!
for thou has died for me,
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

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
All

Most merciful God,
**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

People

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

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

OFFERTORY

To give a gift to support the ministry of St. Catherine's Church, offertory plates are available in the front of the church and at the entrances/exits. If this is your first time here, there is no need to make a gift: notice your blessings and make a gift in thanksgiving when you return.



Use of one of the envelopes provided for your gift. Donations of \$20 or more will receive a tax receipt if you include your name and address OR scan this QR code with your smartphone to donate through Canada Helps and receive your receipt by email.

COMMUNION

PREPARING THE TABLE: HERE IS BREAD (SaNC 229)

Here is bread, here is wine,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine,
Christ is with us here.

Refrain: In this bread, there is healing,
in this cup, life forever
In this moment, by the Spirit,
Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace,
Feast on Jesus here. [Refrain]

Here we are, joined in one,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes
Jesus crucified. [Refrain]

Repeat verse one and refrain, as needed, until the Altar is prepared.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider

Let us pray.

All

**Source of all joy,
receive our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving.
Keep us in the love of Christ
and bring us to the vision of his glory;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
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;
by your pardon you have made us
worthy to praise you.

Presider

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.

Presider 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 Lord, we died with you on the cross

***All* Now we are raised to new life.**

Presider We were buried in your tomb.

***All* Now we share in your resurrection.**

Presider Live in us that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the people of God

***People* Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Communion in one kind (Bread or Wafer) or in both kinds (Bread/Wafer 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:

I COME WITH JOY (CP 60)

I come with Joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
In love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
And strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen but ever near,
Is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound,
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray
All **Eternal God,
may we who share Christ's banquet
be one with him as he is one with you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
the risen and ascended Lord. Amen.**

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:

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE (CP 393)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

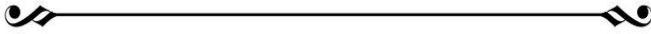
Unresting, unceasing, and silent as light,
nor wanting nor wasting, you rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love

To all things thou givest to both great and small,
in all life thou livest the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
and wither and perish, but nought changeth thee

Great Source of glory and wisdom and light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

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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