

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



Sunday, May 24, 2026  
Pentecost Sunday

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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 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:  
SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD (SFAGP 91)**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;  
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love;  
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.  
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

**THE COLLECT**

*Presider*

Let us pray.

**All**

**God of wind and flame,  
send your life-giving Spirit upon your  
people: give fire to our words,  
strength to our witness  
and boldness to our proclamation  
of your wondrous work in Christ;  
who, with you and the Spirit, lives and  
reigns now and for ever. Amen.**

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**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

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*Please be seated.*

**FIRST READING: ACTS 2:1-21**

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

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in

other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

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

**PSALM 104:** 25-35, verse 37

Led By Elizabeth Barratt

*Leader* Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number,  
creatures both small and great.

***People* There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan,  
which you have made for the sport of it.**

*Leader* All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.

***People* You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand,  
and they are filled with good things.**

*Leader* You hide your face, and they are terrified;  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.

***People* You send forth your Spirit,  
and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.**

*Leader* May your glory, O Lord, endure for ever;  
may you rejoice in all your works;

***People* you look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.**

*Leader* I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.

***People* May these words of mine please you;  
I will rejoice in the Lord.**

*Leader* Let offenders vanish from earth,  
and the wicked be no more.

***People* Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:3B-13**

*Reader*            *A letter from Paul's first letter to the  
Corinthians*

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

### **GOSPEL HYMN:**

#### **COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE** (CP 645)

Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

**O** let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming,

**GOSPEL READING: JOHN 7:37-39**

*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.**

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**GOSPEL HYMN CONTINUED (CP 645)**

Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
Which takes the humble part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

**And** so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;

for none can guess its grace,  
till they become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

**HOMILY**      The Rev. Sarah Lehman

*Silent Reflection*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED**

*Presider*      Let us affirm our faith, saying,

***All*      We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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.**

**All**            **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".*

## **OFFERTORY**

*To give a gift to support the ministry of St. Catherine's, offertory plates are 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.*



*Please 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.*

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## COMMUNION

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### **PREPARING THE TABLE:**

#### **HOLY SPIRIT, EVER DWELLING (CP 655)**

**H**oly Spirit, ever dwelling  
in the holiest realms of light;  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding  
o'er a world of gloom and night;  
Holy Spirit, ever raising  
those of earth to thrones on high;  
living, life-imparting Spirit,  
you we praise and magnify.

**H**oly Spirit, ever living  
as the Church's very life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving  
through us in a ceaseless strife;  
Holy Spirit, ever forming  
in the Church the mind of Christ;  
you we praise with endless worship  
for your gracious gifts unpriced.

**H**oly Spirit, ever working  
through the Church's ministry,  
quickenng, strengthening, and absolving,  
setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding  
age to age and soul to soul  
in communion never ending,  
you we worship and extol.

## 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.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (Eucharistic 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*

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
we give you thanks and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Presider*

In fulfilment of your promise,  
you pour forth your Spirit upon us,  
filling us with gifts and leading us into all truth.  
You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all  
nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood.  
Therefore we join our voices  
with angels and archangels,  
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,  
to proclaim the glory of your name, 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 give you thanks and praise, loving God,  
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.

*Presider*

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* 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.  
*All* 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*        "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.  
                      "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
                      whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**All**            **Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who trust in him!**

*Presider*        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:**

**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 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**

*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.**

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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:**

#### **SHE COMES SAILING ON THE WIND** (CP 656)

*Refrain:*

**She comes sailing on the wind,  
her wings flashing in the sun,  
on a journey just begun, she flies on.  
And in the passage of her flight,  
her song rings out through the night,  
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.**

**Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,  
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.  
And from the heart of God the Spirit  
moved upon the earth,  
like a mother breathing life into her child.**

**Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight  
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.  
Deserts turned to gardens,  
broken hearts found new delight,  
and then down the ages still she flew on. (*Refrain*)**

**To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came,  
a whisper softly calling in the dark;  
the promise of a child of peace  
whose reign would never end,  
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.**



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

Presider	The Rev. Sarah Lehman rev.sarah@saint-catherines.org
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<b>Altar Guild Greeters</b>	Bonnie Grundy Marthe Duncombe and Marion Porter
<b>Eucharistic Administrator</b>	Shaunti Bains and Susana Wensley
<b>Intercessor</b>	Prayers written by Bev London and read by Heather Luccock
<b>Readers</b>	Elizabeth Barratt and Vivian McGie
<b>Coffee Group</b>	Penny Zuk, Ivy Howes and Marthe Duncombe
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