

Open To The Light
ST Catherines
ANGLICAN CHURCH



Sunday, June 28, 2026
Holy Eucharist
Pentecost 5

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 Tseil-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.

A// 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:
UNTO THE HILLS AROUND DO I LIFT UP (CP 543)**

Unto the hills around do I lift up
my longing eyes;
O whence for me shall my salvation come,
from whence arise?
From God the Lord doth come my certain aid,
from God the Lord, who heaven and earth hath made.

He will not suffer that thy foot be moved:
safe shalt thou be.
No careless slumber shall his eyelids close
who keepeth thee.
Behold, our God, the Lord, he slumbereth ne'er,
who keepeth Israel in His holy care.

Jehovah is himself thy keeper true,
thy changeless shade;
Jehovah thy defense on thy right hand
himself hath made.
And thee no sun by day shall ever smite;
no moon shall harm thee in the silent night.

From every evil shall He keep thy soul,
from every sin:
Jehovah shall preserve thy going out,
thy coming in.
Above thee watching, he whom we adore
shall keep thee henceforth, yea, forevermore.

THE COLLECT

Presider Let us pray.

***All* God of strength and courage,
call us to the risk of faith and service;
and give us grace to follow him
who gave himself for others,
so that in our loving service
we may find the life he came to bring;
who, with you and the Holy Spirit,
lives and reigns, one God,
now and for ever. Amen**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: GENESIS 22:1-14

Reader *A reading from Genesis*

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of

Leader But I put my trust in your steadfast love;
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

People **I will sing to the Lord
who has dealt with me bountifully.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 6:12-23

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

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN:

SISTER, LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT (CP 500)

Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I might have the grace to
let you be my servant too

We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 10: 40-42

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.**

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

GOSPEL HYMN continued (CP 500)

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through

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.**

All **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

Please rise, in body or in spirit.

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
against God and our neighbours,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Presider God of all mercy,
All **we confess**
that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness
in each other,
in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us

**through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in our love
and serve only your will. 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



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COMMUNION

PREPARING THE TABLE: ALL WHO HUNGER (SNC 30)

All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered,
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider

Let us pray.

All

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 4

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 right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

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

Presider At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created
and have their being.

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

Presider From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.

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

Presider But we turn against you, and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages
you reveal your righteous law.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.

He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.

By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider

Therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with those in every generation
who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory,
in their unending hymn:

All

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing,
broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Take this, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup of wine;
he gave you thanks,
and said,

Presider

“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.”

People
Presider

Glory to you for ever and ever.
Gracious God,
we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming
as Lord of all the nations.
We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;
through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours,
creator of all.

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 We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
All **We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

THE INVITATION

Presider This is the table, not of the righteous,
but of the poor in spirit.
It is made ready for those who love God
and who want to love God more.
So, come, you who have much faith
and you who have little,
you who have been here often
and you who have not been here for a long time
or ever before,
you who have tried to follow
and all of us who have failed.

Presider Come, not because the Church invites you;
 It is Christ who invites you
 to be known and fed here.

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.

Please do not intinct (dip) the Bread or Wafer in the cup.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request to the priest.

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

Candle lighting during this time is welcomed.

COMMUNION MUSIC:

JESUS THE CHRIST SAID (SfaGP 73)

**Jesus the Christ said, "I am the bread,
the bread of life for the world am I.
The bread of life for the world am I,
the bread of life for the world am I."**

**Jesus the Christ said, "I am the shepherd,
the one good shepherd of the sheep am I.
The one good shepherd of the sheep am I,
the one good shepherd of the sheep am I."**

**Jesus the Christ said, "I am the door,
the way, and the door for the poor am I.
The way and the door for the poor am I,
the way and the door for the poor am I."**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

All **Gracious God,**
in this meal you have drawn us to your
heart, and nourished us at your table
with food and drink,
the body and blood of Christ. Now send us
forth to be your people in the world, and to
proclaim your truth this day and evermore,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and
Lord. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Churchwarden

THE DOXOLOGY

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: AMAZING GRACE (CP 352)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found:
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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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