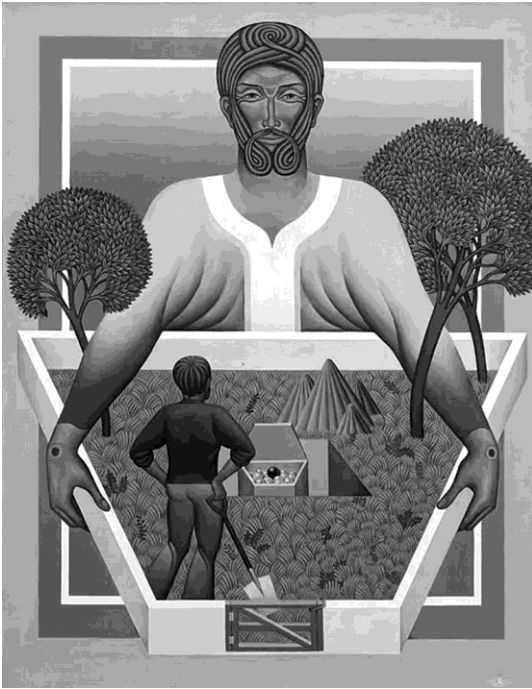


Open To The Light
ST Catherines
ANGLICAN CHURCH



Sunday, July 26, 2026
Holy Eucharist
Pentecost 9

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. Cameron Gutjahr

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.

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.

People **And also with you.**

GLORY TO GOD ("PERUVIAN" GLORIA) (SNC 177)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!

To God be glory forever! **To God be glory forever!**

Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen!**

Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen!**

Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen!**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!

To him be glory forever! **To him be glory forever!**

Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen! ...**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!

To her be glory forever! **To her be glory forever!**

Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen! ...**

GATHERING HYMN: THIS IS THE DAY (SGP 40)

This is the day, this the day

that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made,

we will rejoice, we will rejoice,

and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made,

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this the day that the Lord has made.

Open to us, open to us

the gates of God, the gates of God;

we will go in, we will go in,

and praise the Lord, and praise the Lord.

Open to us the gates of God,

we will go in and praise the Lord.

Open to us, open to us the gates of God.

You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God, we will praise your name.

THE COLLECT

Presider Let us pray.

**All Welcoming God,
make us apostles of your generous love,
so that we might offer hospitality
that challenges the world
with your gift of eternal life,
made known in Jesus Christ,
who offered himself for us. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: GENESIS 29:15-28

Reader A reading from Genesis

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and

brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country - giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Reader The word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 105: 1-10

Led by Bob Paxton

Leader Give thanks to the Lord
 and call upon the divine name;
 make known the deeds of the Lord
 among the peoples.

People **Sing to the Lord, sing praises,
 and speak of all the Lord's marvellous
 works.**

Leader Glory in the holy name;
 let the hearts of those who seek the Lord
 rejoice.

People **Search for the strength of the Lord;
 continually seek the face of God.**

Leader Remember the marvels the Lord has done,
 the wonders and the judgements of the mouth
 of the Lord,

People **O offspring of Abraham the servant of God,
 O children of Jacob the chosen of the Lord.**

Leader The Lord is our God,
 whose judgements prevail in all the world,
 who has always been mindful of the covenant,
 the promise made for a thousand generations:

People **the covenant made with Abraham,
 the oath sworn to Isaac,
 established as a statute for Jacob,
 an everlasting covenant for Israel.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:26-39

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

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things

present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN:
YOU ARE SALT FOR THE EARTH (CP 502)

You are the salt for the earth, O people:
salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
life in the kingdom of God!

Refrain:

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace,
bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people;
light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people;
shine for the kingdom of God! Refrain

You are a seed of the Word, O people;
bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice
grow in the kingdom of God! Refrain

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52

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 Jesus Christ.**

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Presider The Gospel of Christ.

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

GOSPEL HYMN continued (CP 502)

**We are a blessed and a pilgrim people
bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
love is the kingdom of God!** Refrain

HOMILY

The Rev. Cameron Gutjahr

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.**

All 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: TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE (CP 435)

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise,

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.

Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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 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.

People By your power you sustain the universe.
Glory to you forever 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.

Presider In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.
Therefore, with all you serve you
on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

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 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.

Presider 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."

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 the 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 forever.

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

LORD'S PRAYER *(Sung):*

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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.**

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.

I AM THE BREAD, THE BREAD OF LIFE (CP 56)

I am the vine, the living vine;
apart from me you can do nothing.
I am the vine, the real vine,
abide in me and I in you.
And as you drink, remember me –
my blood was shed upon the tree;
my life was given to set you free,
and I'm alive for evermore.

So eat this bread, and drink this wine,
and as you do, receive this life of mine.
All that I am, I give to you,
that you may live for evermore.

EAT THIS BREAD, DRINK THIS CUP (CP63)

Refrain: 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.

Song leader: I am the bread of life,
the true bread sent from the Father.
[All: Refrain]

Song leader: Eat my flesh and drink my blood,
and I will raise you up on the last day.
[All: Refrain]

Song leader: Anyone who eats this bread, will live for ever.
[All: Refrain]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

All God of abundance,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
so that we may proclaim your redeeming
love to the world and continue forever in
the risen life of Jesus Christ, our 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:

SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING (SFGP 96)

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended; O, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us; God's love shall unite us
to work for the kingdom and answer his call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ry day life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share,
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and the name that we bear.

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:

Presider	The Rev. Cameron Gutjahr
Accompanist	Tom Arntzen
Altar Guild	Susana Wensley
Greeters	Marthe Duncombe and Tony Dodd
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