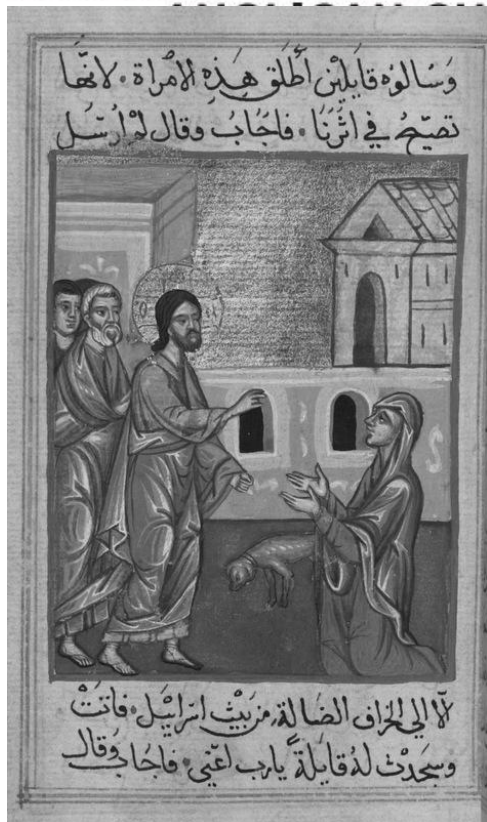


Open To The Light
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URCH



Sunday, August 16, 2026
Holy Eucharist
Pentecost 12

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 Fr. Nicholas Bone

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.**

GLORIA (CP 376)

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

GATHERING HYMN: PRAISE TO THE LORD (CP 382)

Praise to the Lord,
all of you, God's servants.
Blessed be the name of our God now and ever.
From the rising up of the sun
may the Lord be praised,
praise to the name of the Lord!

There is none like our God
in the heav'ns or on earth,
who lifts the weak out of dust, placing them with the mighty,
who stoops to raise the weak and low;
may the Lord be praised,
praise to the name of the Lord. [repeat verse 1]

THE COLLECT

Presider Let us pray.
All **God of the nations,
all are invited to your table,
for in your family no one is a stranger.**

All **Satisfy our hunger
and mercifully extend to all people
the joy of salvation and faith.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: GENESIS 45:1-15

Reader A reading from Genesis

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed

all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

PSALM 133

Led by Gordon Lee

Leader Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
People **when kindred live together in unity!**

Leader It is like fine oil upon the head
 that runs down upon the beard,
People **upon the beard of Aaron,**
 and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

Leader It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the
 hills of Zion.

People For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:
 life for evermore.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 11:1-2A, 29-32

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

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

GOSPEL HYMN:

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE (SGP 2)

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there injury, your healing pow'r,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace;
where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light.
And where there's sadness or joy.

O Spirit, grant that I may never seek,
so much to be consoled as to console.
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 15: 10-28

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.**

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly

Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Presider

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL HYMN continued (SGP 2)

Make me a channel of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there injury, your healing pow'r,
and where there's doubt true faith in you.

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.**

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,

All through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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:

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY (CP 606)

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where's earth failings
have such kindly judgement given.

Foolish hearts, why will you scatter
like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Fainting souls, why will you wander
from a love so true and deep?

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider Let us pray.

All **Loving God and Father,
you have adopted us to be your heirs.
Accept all we offer you this day
and give us grace to live as faithful
children. We ask this in the name
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC 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 Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
you are the source of light and life
for all your creation,
you made us in your own image,
and call us to new life
in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

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 thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.

Presider

In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, 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."

All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Presider and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;

Presider presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light where you dwell
with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **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.**

THE COMMUNION

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God
People **Thanks be to God.**

*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:

WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE (CP 171)

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?
Do justly, love mercy walk, humbly with your God.

Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?
Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?
Do justly love, mercy walk, humbly with your God.

All who gain wealth by trade, for whom the worker toils,
think not to win God's aid, if greed your commerce soils.
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

How shall our life fulfil God's law so hard and high?
Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify.
Then justly, in mercy, we'll humbly walk with God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

All **We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power
of this gift of life.
In your mercy,
strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love
toward one another; for the sake 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

Fr. Nicholas Bone

SENDING HYMN: HERE I AM LORD

Lyrics: Dan Schutte (1947 -), based on Isaiah 6; Music: Dan Schutte
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I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me;
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,

give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

[Refrain]

I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide,

'til their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

[Refrain]

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	Fr. Nicholas Bone
Pianist	Susan Gilmore
Altar Guild	Susana Wensley
Greeters	Tony Dodd, Lori Burns
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Readers	Gordon Lee, Elizabeth Barratt
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