

Open To The Light
ST Catherines
ANGELICAN CHURCH



Sunday, September 6, 2026
Holy Eucharist
Season of Creation:
Feast of the Creator

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 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: DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE (CP 418)

Refrain **D**raw the circle wide.
 Draw it wider still.
 Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
 standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

God the still-point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost but held forever
in God's gracious arms. Refrain

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call. Refrain

**Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door.** Refrain

THE COLLECT

Presider Let us pray.
All **Creator,
you have wonderfully fashioned
the heavens and the earth
and us in your own image.
Teach us to discern your hand in all your
works and your breath in all creatures that
we may be of service in the healing of the
earth, through Jesus Christ and the Holy
Spirit, through whom you breathe all
creation into being. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: PROVERBS 8:22-31

Reader *A reading from Proverbs*

"The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths, I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth,
when he had not yet made earth and fields
or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker,

and I was daily his delight,
playing before him always,
playing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33:1-9

Led by Robb Watt

Leader Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;
it is good for the just to sing praises.

**People Praise the Lord with the harp;
play to God upon the psaltery and lyre.**

Leader Sing for God a new song;
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon
the trumpet.

**People For the word of the Lord is right,
and all the works of God are sure.**

Leader God loves righteousness and justice;
the loving-kindness of the Lord
fills the whole earth.

**People By the word of the Lord
were the heavens made,
by the breath of God's mouth all the
heavenly hosts.**

Leader God gathers up the waters of the ocean
as in a water-skin
and stores up the depths of the sea.

**People Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all who dwell in the world
stand in awe of God.**

Leader For God spoke, and it came to pass;
God commanded, and it stood fast.

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1: 15-20

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN:

WHERE TWO OR THREE HAVE GATHERED

(G&P 587, v. 1-3, 5)

Where two or three have gathered,
You have promised to be there.
In your promise, we have gathered.
trusting in your love and care.
You have called us into your presence:
turn our hearts and mind to you
that together we may gather strength
for what you would have us do.

By the life you lived among us,
You have taught us how to live.
By your mercy and compassion,
You have taught us to forgive.
By your justice, Lord, you have shown us

what the reign of God must be.
By your cross and resurrection,
You have set your people free.

Through the clear baptismal waters,
You have claimed us as your own.
We are one in you forever,
never strangers or alone.
In your love and truth we are nurtured
as a seedling grows and thrives.
From our waking to our sleeping,
we will praise you with our lives.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 1: 1-5

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.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All
things came into being through him, and without him not one
thing came into being. What has come into being in him was
life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in
the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN continued

As the blazing sky at sun rise
speaks the glory of your name,
let our lives declare your glory
and the covenant we claim.

Make us brave and faithful apostles;
give us vision clear and true.
Pour us out like living water
until all are one in you.

HOMILY

The Rev. Sarah Lehman

Silent Reflection

FFIRMATION 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

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 Creator,
**All out of your abundant love
all things live and move
and have their being.
We confess that we have turned away from
you and from your image in our neighbours.
We have neglected the creatures that
surround us, the water that renews us,
and the earth that nourishes us.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us that we
might hear the song of your creation once
again and see your love in all living things.**

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:

PRaise THE LORD WITH THE SOUND OF TRUMPET
(CP 309)

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.

Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment,
nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider

Let us pray.

All

**Giver of our daily bread,
all creation bears the mark of your hand.
Bless these gifts of sun and water,
seed and shoot, labour and land,
that we who break and take
and make them part of our bodies
remember that we too are your creatures.
In the name of Jesus,
whose body also was broken. Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (Salal & Cedar)

Presider May God be with you
People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up.**

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right at all times and in all places
to thank and praise you, Creator of all.
We praise you here on this Coast Salish land
where the Fraser and the Capilano Rivers meet
the sea, where city and farm,
wilderness and industry are side by side.
We praise you at a time when the body of earth
is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place
in the story of salvation.
Our ancestors journeyed with you
in creation and migration.
They depended on the land,
were displaced from the land,
and displaced others from their lands.
They knew you in tents and cities,
on mountains and by wells,
in families and in dreams,
and through wilderness prophets
who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors,
orca and salmon, bear and raven,
salal and cedar,
we join our voices with all creation
in this ancient honour song:

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 thanks to you for Jesus,
whose first bed was a feed trough.
He was baptized into the Jordan,
tested in the wilderness.
He travelled in fishing boats
and told parables of farmers and seeds,
labour and wages, yeast and bread.
On the night before he died,
Jesus took bread,
food of the poor, the work of field and hearth.

Presider

He gave thanks,
broke it and gave it to his friends saying:
Take and eat,
this is my body, given for you,
do this to remember me.

Again after supper
he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land,
gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying:
This is my blood, which is shed for you.
When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection
and awaiting his coming kingdom,

we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts
so that we know Jesus in them
and are gathered together with everyone
who shares this sacred meal
of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that we may strive for justice and peace,
respect the dignity of every human being,
and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with St. Catherine and all your saints
to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily,
child and beggar
which is both now and yet to come.

All honour and glory are yours,
Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.

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Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

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**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.

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

People The gifts of God for the People of God
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:

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING (CP 485)

Love Divine, all Loves Excelling
Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us your humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love, thou art visit
us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then your new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see your great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory in to glory,
till in heave we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider

Let us pray.

All

**Gracious Creator,
your Spirit has given us new life
and nourished in us
your concern for creation.
Inspire us by your Holy Spirit
to recognize the One
who shelters the wounded sparrow
and the bruised reed.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ.
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

Thank you for ministering this morning:

Presider	The Rev. Sarah Lehman
Accompanist	Rob Gloor
Altar Guild	Vivian McGie
Greeters	Marthe Duncombe and Marion Porter
Eucharistic	
Administrator	Marion Porter
Intercessor	Heather Peacock
Readers	Robb Watt & Vivian McGie
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