



Sunday, September 13, 2026
Holy Eucharist
Season of Creation: Pentecost 16

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:
FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH (CP 429)

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
 this our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight, [*Refrain*]

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [*Refrain*]

For each perfect gift of thine to the world so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven, [*Refrain*]

THE COLLECT

Presider Let us pray.
All **God of love,
you brought your people out of slavery
with a mighty hand.
Deliver us from our captivity
to self-interest and our indifference
to the gifts of others, so that we may be
ready to love as you have loved us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: EXODUS 14:19-31

Reader *A reading from Exodus*

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers."

So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 114

Led by John Luccock

Leader Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of
strange speech,

***People* Judah became the sanctuary of the Lord
and Israel the dominion of God.**

Leader The sea beheld it and fled;
Jordan turned and went back.

***People* The mountains skipped like rams, and the
little hills like young sheep.**

Leader What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
O Jordan, that you turned back?

***People* You mountains, that you skipped like
rams? You little hills like young sheep?**

Leader Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

People **who turned the hard rock into a pool of water and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 14:1-12

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

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN:

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY (CP 384)

Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation;
Oh my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen how thy entreaties have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 18:21-35

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.**

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?"

Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have

patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

GOSPEL HYMN continued (CP 384)

Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises
before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him.

HOMILY

Rev. Sarah Lehman

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.**

***All* 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.

Presider 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. **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

Everything we have is a gift from God. Giving is one way we respond with gratitude and hope. Together our gifts support worship, pastoral care, outreach, and the ongoing ministry of St. Catherine's.



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COMMUNION

PREPARING THE TABLE:

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

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night time 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

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony

Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

<i>Presider</i>	Let us pray.
<i>All</i>	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)

<i>Presider</i>	May God be with you
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

<i>Presider</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them up.

<i>Presider</i>	Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
<i>People</i>	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.
He gave thanks,
broke it and gave it to his friends saying:

Presider

Take and eat,
this is my body, given for you,
do this to remember me.

Presider

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.

All

Amen.

THE 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 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.

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:
NOW IN THIS BANQUET (SNC 33)**

Now in this banquet, Christ is our bread;
here shall all hungers be fed.
Bread that is broken, wine that is poured,
love is the sign our Lord.

God of our journeys, daybreak to night,
lead us to justice and light.
Grant us compassion, strength for the day,
wisdom to walk in your way.

Lord, you can open hearts that stone;
live in our flesh and our bone;
lead us to wonder, mystery and grace,
one in your loving embrace.

DONA NOBIS PACEM (CP 562)

Dona nobis pacem, pacem; dona nobis pacem.
Dona nobis pacem; dona nobis pacem.
Dona nobis pacem; dona nobis pacem.

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:

LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE IS SHINING (CP 460)

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain Shine, Jesus, shine;
fill this world with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze:
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow:
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness;
search me, try me, consume all my darkness,

shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness;
everchanging from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story,
shine on me, shine on me. *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	The Rev. Sarah Lehman
Accompanist	Rob Gloor
Altar Guild	Bonnie Grundy
Greeters	Marthe Duncombe, Bob Paxton
Readers	John Luccock, Penny Zuk
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