

Open To The Light
ST Catherines
ANGELICAN CHURCH



Sunday, September 20, 2026
Holy Eucharist
Season of Creation: Pentecost 17

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 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:

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING (CP 355)

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun and golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O sing now, alleluia!

Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!

Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

Earth ever fertile, day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
O sing now, alleluia!

All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
God's glory let them also show:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

THE COLLECT

Presider

Let us pray.

All

**Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the
earth, and ourselves in your image.
Teach us to discern your hand in all your
works and to serve you with reverence and
thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: EXODUS 16:2-15

Reader

A reading from Exodus

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord.

For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him - what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

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

PSALM 105

Led by Gordon Lee

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 marvellous works of the Lord.**

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* **offspring of Abraham the servant of God, O children of Jacob the chosen of the Lord.**
- Leader* You led out your people with silver and gold; in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- People* **Egypt was glad of their going, because they were afraid of them.**
- Leader* You spread out a cloud for a covering and a fire to give light in the night season.
- People* **They asked, and quails appeared, and you satisfied them with bread from heaven.**
- Leader* You opened the rock, and water flowed, so the river ran in the dry places.
- People* **For you, O God, remembered your holy word and Abraham your servant.**
- Leader* So you led forth your people with gladness, your chosen with shouts of joy.
- People* **You gave your people the lands of the nations, and they took the fruit of others' toil,**
- Leader* that they might keep your statutes and observe your laws. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

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

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all

of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL HYMN:
FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION (CP 259)**

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God;
gifts bestowed on every nation,
thanks be to God;
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
In our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 20:1-16

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, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.

Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

GOSPEL HYMN continued (CP 259)

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

HOMILY *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.**

***All* 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
All

God of all mercy,
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
People

The peace of Christ be always with you.
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 **God of power,
the glory of your works fills us with
wonder and awe.
Accept our offering this day,
and help us to live in peace and harmony
with all your creation,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (Salal and 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.
Presider 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 One,**
 God of power and might
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is the one who comes in the name
 of Our God.
 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
 and tested in the wilderness.
 He travelled in fishing boats
 and told parables of famers 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:
 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 Saint 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.

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

Presider 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:

I COME WITH JOY (CP 60)

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.
All **Ruler of the universe,
all creation yearns
for its fulfilment in your Son.
May we who have shared in holy things
grow into maturity in him.
This we ask in the name of
the same 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:

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH (CP 565)

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.**

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

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	Rev Sarah Lehman
Accompanist	Hey Jung Oh
Altar Guild	Bonnie Grundy
Greeters	Gillian Holland, Tony Dodd
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