

Open To The Light
ST Catherines
ANGELICAN CHURCH



Sunday, September 27, 2026
Holy Eucharist
Pentecost 18

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.

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:

WE'LL SING IN THE MORNING (CP 37)

We'll sing in the morning a song of creation,
of your breath that stirs up the waters to birth;
and here at the fount of Christ's mercy we join you,
coheirs of heaven and stewards of your gracious earth.

We'll sing in the noontime a song of redemption;
how Naaman was cleansed in the flow of your grace;
how, when we were sick, in our sin you released us
to laugh in health and dance in love before your face.

We'll sing in the evening a song of your pastures,
of rivers that gladden the city of God;
and when we arrive on the bank of our Jordan,
you'll help us through its cold by fords your saints have trod.

THE COLLECT

Presider Let us pray.

All **Grant, O merciful God,**
that your Church, being gathered by your
Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your
power among all peoples, to the glory of
your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: EXODUS 17:1-7

Reader *A reading from Exodus*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 78

Led by Robb Watt

- Leader* Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- People* **I will open my mouth in a parable; I will
declare the mysteries of ancient times.**
- Leader* That which we have heard and known, and what
our ancestors have told us,
we will not hide from their children.
- People* **We will recount to generations to come the
praiseworthy deeds and the power of the
Lord, who has done wonderful works.**
- Leader* God worked marvels in the sight of their
ancestors, in the land of Egypt,
in the field of Zoan,
- People* **splitting open the sea and letting them
pass through, making the waters stand up
like walls;**
- Leader* leading them with a cloud by day, and all the
night through with the glow of fire;
- People* **splitting hard rocks in the wilderness,
and giving them drink as from the
great deep;**
- Leader* bringing streams out of the cliff, and the waters
gushing out like rivers.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let

the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

GOSPEL HYMN:
WIND UPON THE WATERS (CP 408)

Wind upon the waters,
voice upon the deep,
rouse your sons and daughters,
wake us from our sleep.
breathing life into all flesh,
breathing love into all hearts,
living wind upon the waters of my soul.

Showers from the heavens,
water from the earth,
gift so wholly given,
source of every birth.
joy of every living thing,

making all creation sing,
shower down upon the dry earth of my soul.

Rock and hill and garden,
wood and desert sand,
prairie, field, and meadow,
shaped by Love's own hand,
Love that fills the world around,
springing up from barren ground,
grow your love within the garden of my soul.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 21:23-32

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.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go.

Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.

For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

GOSPEL HYMN continued (CP 408)

Blazing light of wonder,
flame that pierces night,
burst the dark asunder,
fill our souls with light.
Lord of glory, fill the skies,
make an end to hatred's cries,
be the blazing sun of justice in our lives.

Wind upon the waters,
rains upon the sand,
grace your sons and daughters,
newborn by your hand.
Come, O Spirit, and renew
all the life that comes from you,
send your winds upon the waters of my soul.

HOMILY *Rev. Sarah Lehman*

Silent Reflection

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

Please rise, in body or in spirit.

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 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 your 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: THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD (CP 519)

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want:
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forever more
my dwelling place shall be.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider

Let us pray.

All

**Eternal God,
in Jesus Christ we behold your glory.
Receive the offering of your people
gathered before you,
and open our hearts and mouths
to praise your great salvation,
the same 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.
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,
Holy, holy, holy One,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full,
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is One who comes
in the name of Our God.
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 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.

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.

Presider

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.

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Amen.

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.**

All **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 in both kinds (Bread and Wine). Gluten-free wafers are available on request to the priest.

Please sanitize your hands before receiving.

Please do not intinct (dip) the Bread in the cup.

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:

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 is injury, your healing pow'r,

and where there is 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, ever 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Presider

Let us pray.

All

**Father in heaven,
strengthen the unity of your Church,
so that we who have been fed with holy
things may fulfil your will in the world.
We ask this in the name 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:

TELL OUT, MY SOUL (CP 362)

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

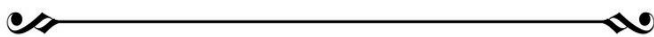
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name - the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight;
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and forevermore!

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	Hey Jung Oh
Altar Guild	Bonnie Grundy
Greeters	Marthe Duncombe, Gillian Holland
Eucharistic Administrators	Gillian Holland, Elizabeth Barratt
Intercessor	Prayers written by Bev London and offered by Heather Luccock
Readers	Robb Watt, Billy Garton
Coffee Group	Julia Hadrill, Lynn Spence And Ivy Howes
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