



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
August 3, 2025

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.

GATHERING

Welcome & Intention: Rev Sarah Lehman

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 to the Indigenous communities who live here, we mourn those who were forcibly removed, we grieve our complicity in the legacy of colonialism. In sharing this acknowledgement, we seek to hold ourselves accountable to the needs and rights of Indigenous peoples and to take up the work of truth and reconciliation ever more meaningfully, day by day.

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.**

Presider Let us pray.
We thank you, O God, that you have brought us together to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing.
Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord,

People **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Presider Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with our
neighbour.

Silence is kept.

Presider Most merciful God,
**All we confess that we have sinned against
you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we
have left undone. We have not loved you
with our whole heart; we have not loved
our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly
sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake
of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on
us and forgive us, that we may delight in
your will, and walk in your ways, to the
glory of your name. Amen.**

Presider Merciful God,
grant to us, your faithful people, pardon and
peace, that we may be cleansed from all our
sins and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:
COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING
(CP 354)

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure,
sung by flaming tongues above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
of my God's unchanging love.

Here I make faith's affirmation:
thus far by thy help I've come,
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
take my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: HOSEA 11:1-11

Reader *A reading from Hosea*

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches
People **Thanks be to God**

Silent reflection

PSALM 107:1-9, 43

LED BY JOHN LUCCOCK

Leader Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

People Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

Leader He gathered them out of the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
Some wandered in desert wastes; they found no way to a city where they might dwell.

People Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

Leader They were hungry and thirsty; their spirits languished within them.
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He put their feet on a straight path to go to a city where they might dwell.

People Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

Leader Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children. For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. Whoever is wise will ponder these things, and consider well the mercies of the Lord.

***People Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.
Amen.***

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

Reader A reading from the Colossians

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things - anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Silent Reflection

GOSPEL HYMN:

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

(CP 577)

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
now fulfill your church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour *(repeat last line)*.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways.
Fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days (*repeat last line*).

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 12:13-21

Please stand as your able

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Presider The Gospel of Christ.

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

GOSPEL HYMN CONTINUED (CP 577)

Cure your children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
lest we miss your kingdom's goal (*repeat last line*).

Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives, that they may be
Armored with all Christ – like graces
In the fight for liberty.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we fail ourselves and thee (*repeat last line*).

HOMILY – Rev. Sarah

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed
Please stand, as you are able.

Presider
All

Let us confess our faith as we say,
**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

THE PEACE

Presider We are the body of Christ;
in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one
body. Let us then pursue all that makes for
peace and builds up our common life.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*The people, standing at our seats, greet one
another in the name of Christ, saying or
gesturing "Peace be with you."*

*The community, standing at our seats, greet one another
saying or gesturing: 'Peace be with you'.*

OFFERING

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

All **God our sustainer,
accept all we offer you this day,
and feed us continually with that bread
which satisfies all hunger, your Son our
Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All

**Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise
for all you have done for us.
We thank you for the splendour of the
whole creation,
for the beauty of this world, for the
wonder of life, and for the mystery of
love. We thank you for the blessing of
family and friends, and for the loving
care which surrounds us on every side.
We thank you for setting us tasks
which demand our best efforts,
and for leading us to accomplishments
which satisfy and delight us.
We thank you also for those
disappointments and failures
that lead us to acknowledge our
dependence on you alone.**

**Above all, we thank you for your Son
Jesus Christ; for the truth of his word and
the example of his life; for his steadfast
obedience, by which he overcame
temptation; for his dying, through which
he overcame death; for his rising to life
again, in which we are raised to the life
of your kingdom.**

**Grant us the gift of your Spirit,
that we may know Christ and make him
known; and through him, at all times and
in all places, may give thanks to you in all
things. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider Healing God,
like your prophet Elisha and the seventy
disciples, make us agents of your transforming
power and heralds of your reign of justice and
peace, so that all may know the wholeness you
bring through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us, singing:

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.**

Presider Let us bless the Lord! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS: A Churchwarden

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.**

DISMISSAL: Rev. Sarah

SENDING HYMN:

HOLY SPIRIT, COME WITH POWER (CP 643)

Holy Spirit, come with power:
breathe into our aching night.
We expect you this glad hour,
waiting for your strength and light.
We are joyful, we are eager,
yearning for your gracious deed;
rest upon your congregation:
give us power of God, we plead.

Holy Spirit, come with fire.
Burn us with your presence new.
Let us as one mighty choir
sing our hymn of praise to you.
Burn away our wasted sadness
and enflame us with your love;
burst upon our congregation.
Give us gladness from above.

Holy Spirit, bring your message;
burn and breathe each word anew
deep into our tired living
till we strive your work to do.
Teach us love and trusting kindness;
bare our arms to those who hurt;
breathe upon your congregation
and inspire us with your Word.

DISMISSAL

Presider May the God of hope fill us with all joy and
peace in believing through the power of the
Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***Please join us after the service for coffee
at the back of the church.***

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