



Holy Eucharist
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation & Holy Cross Day
September 14, 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: The. Rev. Sarah Lehman

Please stand, as you are able.

Deacon 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, day by day.

All **May we be ministers of the reconciling love of the Risen Christ.**
May our hearts be filled with joy. Alleluia!

Deacon The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

GLORIA (CP 376)

All **Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!**
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

THE COLLECT

Deacon

Let us pray.

All

**Almighty God,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
was lifted high upon the cross
that he might draw the whole world to
himself, may we who rejoice in the
mystery of our redemption, have grace to
take up our cross and follow him, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

GATHERING HYMN:

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL (CP 415)

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

Each radiant flower that opens,
each vibrant bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their lively wings. (Refrain)

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruit in the garden,
God made them, every one. (Refrain)

The rocky mountain splendour,
the loon's wild, haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies,
the forest in the fall. (Refrain)

God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is the Creator,
who has made all things well. (Refrain)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: NUMBERS 21:4B-9

Reader *A reading from the book of Numbers*

The people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

PSALM 98:1-6

Led by Janet Benjamin

Leader Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done
marvellous things, whose mighty hand and holy
arm have won the victory.
People **O Lord, you have made known the victory.**

Leader O Lord, you have made known the victory;
you have openly shown your righteousness in
the sight of the nations.

***People* O Lord, you have made known the victory.**

Leader You remember your mercy and faithfulness to
the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth
have seen your victory of, O God.

***People* O Lord, you have made known the victory.**

Leader Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

***People* O Lord, you have made known the victory.**

Leader With trumpets and the sound of the horn, shout
with joy before our sovereign, the Lord.

***People* O Lord, you have made known the victory.**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-24

Reader A reading from Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

GOSPEL HYMN:

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS (CP 386)

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the cross of Christ, my God!
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 3:13-17

Please stand as you are able.

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

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

Jesus said, "No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into

the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

HOMILY The Rev. Sarah Lehman

Silent Reflection

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

Deacon Let us affirm the faith of our baptism,
as we say,

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

CONFESSION

Deacon 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, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Deacon 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant 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."

COMMUNION

PREPARING THE TABLE:

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE GOD ONLY WISE (CP 393)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all things thou givest, to both great and small,
in all life thou livest, the true life of all:
we blossom and flourish, as leaves on the tree;
And wither and perish, but nought changest thee.

Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,
thine angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant Let us pray.
All **Merciful God,
through the death of your beloved Son
you transformed an instrument of shame
into a sign of hope and glory.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and renew in us the mystery of his love;
through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of
glory.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (Salal and Cedar)

Celebrant May God be with you
People **And also with you**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up.**

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

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant

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.**

Celebrant

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.

Celebrant

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.
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

Celebrant We break this bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

All **God is here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God
People **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION

All people are welcome to receive Communion of one kind (Bread or Wafers) or of both kinds (Bread and Wine) at the Altar, in either a kneeling or standing posture. If you prefer not to take Communion but would like a blessing instead, please approach the Communion rail with your hands crossed across your chest.

Please sanitize your hands before receiving.

Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Please do not instinct (dip) the Bread or Wafer in the cup.

While Communion is being shared, we respectfully ask that you keep the silence. Candle lighting during this time is welcomed.

COMMUNION MUSIC:

MY LIFE FLOWS ON IN ENDLESS SONG (CP 401)

**My life flows on in endless song
Above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.**

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm,
while to that Rock I'm clinging;
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing;
it sounds and echoes in my soul;
how can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

What though the tempest 'round me roar?
I hear the truth, it liveth;
What though the darkness 'round me close?
Songs in the night it giveth. [Refrain]

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,
and hear their death knells ringing;
when friends rejoice both far and near,
how can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am His;
how can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant

Let us pray

All

Almighty God,

**we give thanks that you have made us
partakers of the body and blood of your
Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took our
nature upon him and suffered death upon
the cross for our redemption;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS: A Churchwarden

Celebrant 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 Fr. Jose Luis Aranda

SENDING HYMN:

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE (CP 425)

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father and our Mother,
all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

DISMISSAL

Deacon 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:

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