

Open To The Light



Holy Eucharist
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 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 rise, in body or in spirit.

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.**

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 (Peruvian Gloria)

Leader Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Father!

***All* Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Father!**

Leader To Him be glory forever!

All To Him be glory forever!

Leader

Alleluia, amen!

All

Alleluia, amen!

Leader

Alleluia, amen!

All

Alleluia, amen!

Leader

Alleluia, amen!

All

Alleluia, amen

THE COLLECT

Deacon

Let us pray.

All

**God, who is faithful
when all the foundations crumble:
in time of crisis,
as holy places fall and nations stumble,
give us the conviction to bear witness
to your love, whatever the cost;
through Jesus Christ, your Word
and Wisdom. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN:

REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING (CP 379)

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
when He had purged our stains,
he took his seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus, the judge, shall come
and take His servants up
to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 65:17-25

Reader *A reading from the book of Isaiah*

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord and their descendants as well. Before they call, I will answer, while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

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

CANTICLE 3 (ISAIAH 12:2-6)

Led by Hugo Lago

Leader Surely, God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid, for the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence; he has become my salvation. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the wells of salvation.

People **With joy, you shall draw water from the wells of salvation.**

Leader And you will say on that day: "Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

People **With joy, you shall draw water from the wells of salvation.**

Leader Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the world. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel."

People **With joy, you shall draw water from the wells of salvation.**

SECOND READING: 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

Reader: A reading from the 2nd letter to the Thessalonians

Now we command you, beloved in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

GOSPEL HYMN:

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY (CP 606)

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

If our love were but more simple,
we would take Him at His word,
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 21:5-19

Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents

and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

GOSPEL HYMN (continued)

Foolish hearts, why will you scatter
Like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Fainting souls, why will you wander
From a love so true and deep?

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

HOMILY

Fr. José Luis Aranda

Silent Reflection

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

Deacon Let us affirm our 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 (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 life though 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 changeth thee.

Great source of all glory and wisdom and light,
thine angels adore thee, 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

<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.
All	God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, so that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 4

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give our thanks and praise.
<i>Celebrant</i>	It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People	Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their
courses, and this fragile earth, our island
home; by your will they were created
and have their being.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and
skill; you made us the stewards of
creation.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

But we turn against you, and betray your
trust; and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages you
reveal your righteous law.

In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He
was wounded for our transgressions, and
bruised for our iniquities. By his death he
opened to us the way of freedom and
peace.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

Therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and
with those in every generation who have
looked to you in hope, to proclaim with
them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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.**

Celebrant

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing,
broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Take this, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup of wine;
he gave you thanks,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

Gracious God,
we recall the death of your Son Jesus
Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and
ascension, and we look with expectation
for his coming as Lord of all the nations.

We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the
Spirit, now bring you these gifts.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy
table may share the divine life of Christ
our Lord.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your
kingdom, where peace and justice are
revealed, that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have
promised; through Christ, with Christ, and
in Christ, all honour and glory are yours,
creator of all.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER (*Sung*):

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

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 are welcome to receive Communion of one kind (Bread or Wafers), or in both kinds (Bread and Wine). Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Please sanitize your hands before receiving.

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

While Communion is being administered, we respectfully ask that you keep the silence. During Communion, the livestream camera remains focussed on the cross for the privacy of all worshippers. Candle lighting during this time is welcomed.

COMMUNION MUSIC: HERE I AM LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry;
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

[Refrain] **H**ere I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have you heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me;
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them;
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them;
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray

All O God, our life, our strength, our food,
we give you thanks for sustaining us with
the body and blood of your Son.
By your Holy Spirit,
enliven us to be his body in the world,
so that more and more we will give you
praise and serve your earth and its many
peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour
and Lord. Amen.

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

The Rev. José Luis Aranda

SENDING HYMN: ALLELUIA, SING TO JESUS (CP 374)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
"Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left to sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
thou on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
"Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by His blood."

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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