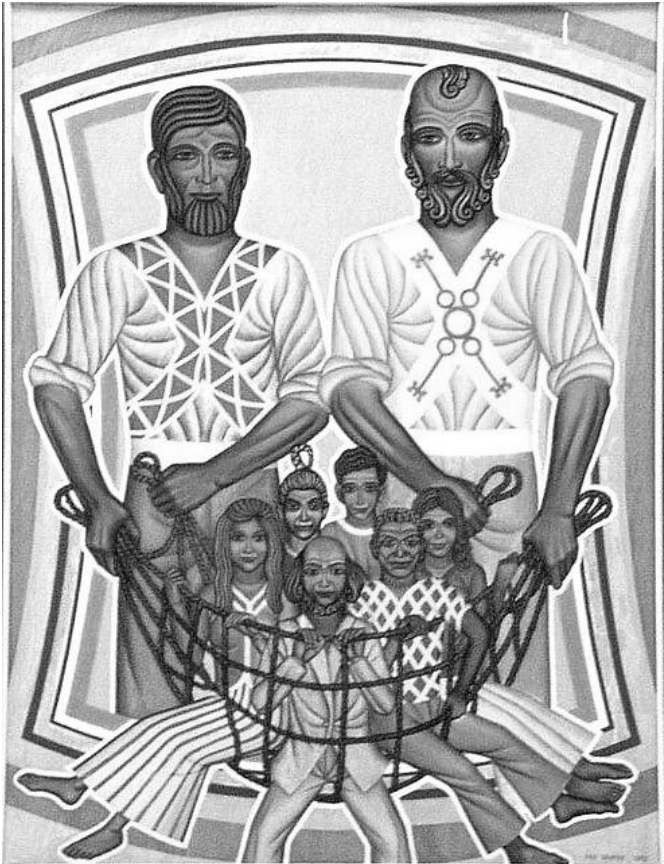


Open To The Light
ST Catherines
ANGELICAN CHURCH



Sunday, January 25, 2026
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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 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 The. 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.

***All* And also with you.**

GLORY TO GOD: GLORIA (CP 376)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

THE COLLECT

Presider Let us pray.

All **Almighty God,**
by grace alone you call us
and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit,
and make us worthy of your call;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

BLESSED JESUS, AT YOUR WORD (CP 559)

Blessed Jesus, at your word
we are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear you.
By your gospel pure and holy,
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till your Spirit breaks our night
with your beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
you must work all good within us.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart!
Light of light, from God proceeding,
open lips and ears and heart,
help us by your Spirit's leading.
Hear the cry your church now raises;
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 9:1-4

Reader A reading from the book of Isaiah

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

PSALM 27: 1, 5-13

Led by

Janet Benjamin

*Leader The Lord is my light and my salvation;
 whom then shall I fear?
 The Lord is the strength of my life;
 of whom then shall I be afraid?*

People For in the day of trouble, O God,
you shall keep me safe in your shelter;
you shall hide me in the secrecy of your
dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Leader Even now you lift up my head
above my enemies round about me.
Therefore I will offer in your dwelling
an oblation with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

People **Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.**

Leader You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

People **Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in
displeasure.**

**You have been my helper;
cast me not away;
do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation.**

Leader Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the Lord will sustain me.

People **Show me your way, O Lord;
lead me on a level path,
because of my enemies.**

Leader Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.

People **What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18

Reader *A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians*

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

All **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN:

TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE (CP 435)

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.
Take my lips, and let them be

filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 4:12-23

Please rise, in body or in spirit

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.**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

GOSPEL HYMN CONTINUED (CP 435)

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love: my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

HOMILY The 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.
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

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, confident in God's forgiveness.

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.

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.

People **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".

COMMUNION

PREPARING THE TABLE:

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS JUSTICE AND JOY (CP 631)

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
and all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider Let us pray.

All **Loving God,**
before the world began you called us.
Make holy all we offer you this day,
and strengthen us in that calling.
We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Presider The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

***People* We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right to glorify you, Father,
and to give you thanks;
for you alone are God, living and true,
dwelling in light inaccessible
from before time and for ever.
Fountain of life and source of all
goodness, you made all things
and fill them with your blessing;
you created them to rejoice
in the splendour of your radiance.
Countless throngs of angels stand before
you to serve you night and day,
and, beholding your presence,
they offer you unceasing praise.

Presider Joining with them,
and giving voice to every creature under
heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your
name, as we sing,

***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.**

Presider We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power;
your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love.
You formed us in your own image,
giving the whole world into our care,
so that, in obedience to you, our creator,
we might rule and serve all your creatures.
When our disobedience took us far from you,
you did not abandon us to the power of death.
In your mercy you came to our help,
so that in seeking you we might find you.
Again and again
you called us into covenant with you,
and through the prophets
you taught us to hope for salvation.

Presider Father, you loved the world so much
that in the fullness of time
you sent your only Son to be our Saviour.
Incarnate by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
he lived as one of us, yet without sin.
To the poor he proclaimed the good news of
salvation; to prisoners, freedom;
to the sorrowful, joy.
To fulfil your purpose
he gave himself up to death
and, rising from the grave, destroyed death
and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves,
but for him who died and rose for us,
he sent the Holy Spirit,
his own first gift for those who believe,
to complete his work in the world,
and to bring to fulfilment
the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified
by you, his heavenly Father,
having loved his own who were in the world,
he loved them to the end:
at supper with them he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

Presider

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
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."

Father, we now celebrate
the memorial of our redemption.

Recalling Christ's death
and descent among the dead,
proclaiming his resurrection
and ascension to your right hand,
awaiting his coming in glory;
and offering to you,
from the gifts you have given us,
this bread and this cup,
we praise you and we bless you.

All

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Presider

Father, we pray that in your goodness and
mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us,
and upon these gifts,
sanctifying them and showing them
to be holy gifts for your holy people,
the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Grant that all who share this bread and this cup
may become one body and one spirit,
a living sacrifice in Christ
to the praise of your name.

Presider

Remember, Lord, your one holy Church.
Reveal its unity, guard its faith,
and preserve it in peace.
Remember all who minister in your Church.
Remember all your people,
and those who seek your truth
and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Presider And grant that we may find our inheritance
with Peter and Andrew, James and John,
with patriarchs and matriarchs,
prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
with blessed Mary and all the saints
who have found favour with you in ages past.
We praise you in union with them
and give you glory
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours,
almighty God and Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

People **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.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

Presider 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.**

Presider 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 and do not intinct (dip) the Bread or Wafer in the cup.

While the Communion is being administered, we ask that you keep the silence. Communion is not recorded or live-streamed for worshippers' privacy.

Candle lighting during this time is welcomed.

COMMUNION MUSIC:

EAT THIS BREAD, DRINK THIS CUP (CP 63)

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to me and you will not thirst.

ALL WE NEED IS HERE (Amy McCreath, based on the final line of the poem *The Wild Geese* by Wendell Berry)

All we need is here,
All we need is here. (*repeat as needed*)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider

Let us pray

All

**Gracious God,
our hands have taken holy things;
our lives have been nourished
by the body of your Son.
May we who have eaten at this holy table
be strengthened for service in your world.
We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

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.**

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN:

BE THOU MY VISION (CP 505)

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art --
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**

Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befell,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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:

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Readers:	Janet Benjamin and Tony Dodd
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