

Open To The Light
ST Catherines
ANGLICAN CHURCH



Sunday, March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Lent

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 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, day by day.

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.**

THE COLLECT

Presider Let us pray.

All **Almighty God,**
through the waters of baptism
your Son has made us children of light.
May we ever walk in his light
and show forth your glory in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY (CP 384)

Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth;
hast thou not seen how thy entreaties have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath
come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

Reader A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had

beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

PSALM 23

Led By

Gordon Lee

Leader The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
**People You make me lie down in green pastures
and lead me beside still waters.**

Leader You revive my soul and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**People Though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

Leader You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**People Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell
in the house of the Lord for ever.**

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 5:8-14

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of

darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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GOSPEL HYMN: LONGING FOR LIGHT

(SING A NEW CREATION 2)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice. [Refrain]

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,

shared until all are fed. [Refrain]

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 9:1-21,24-25

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who

had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ... So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN CONTINUED (SANC 2)

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Refrain: Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. [Refrain]

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 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
for ever more my dwelling place shall be.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider

Let us pray.

All

**God of light,
your Word brings to us
a new vision of your glory.
Accept our offering of praise and
thanksgiving,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (Supplementary Prayer 3)

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 indeed right to thank you and praise you,
holy and gracious God, creator of all things,
ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life,
for you are the source of all goodness,
rich in mercy and abounding in love;
you are faithful to your people in every
generation, and your word endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
with the fellowship of saints
and the company of heaven,
we glorify your holy name,
evermore praising you and singing,

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 praise you, merciful Father,
not as we ought, but as we are able,
because in your tender love
you gave the world your only Son,
in order that the world
might be saved through him.
He made you known by
taking the form of a servant,
healing the sick, liberating the oppressed,
reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,
he confronted the power of sin
and disarmed it for ever.
In his offering of himself,
he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Presider Redeemed by Christ,
we have been adopted as your children;
by your pardon
you have made us worthy to praise you.

Presider

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

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."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts
we approach your holy table,
remembering our Saviour's sacrifice,
and rejoicing in his victory.
Confident in his sovereign purpose,
we declare our faith.

All

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Presider

Send your Holy Spirit on us
that as we receive this bread and this cup
we may partake of the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith
with thanksgiving.

Presider May we be renewed in his risen life,
filled with love,
and strengthened in our will to serve others;
and make of our lives, we pray,
a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you,
knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus
Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and forever.

All 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,
All Communion in Christ's body once broken.

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 Wafers) or in both kinds (Bread and Wine).

Please sanitize your hands before receiving.

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

While the Communion is being shared, please keep the silence. Communion is not recorded or livestreamed 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,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

Repeat softly until all have received Communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

All **Father,**
through your goodness
we receive your Son
in word and sacrament.
May we always have faith in him,
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:

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY (CP 508)

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one lay down
thy head upon my breast"

I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
And he has made me glad

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright"

I looked to Jesus and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

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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