

Open To The Light
ST Catherines
ANGLICAN CHURCH



Sunday, May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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.

All **May we be ministers of the reconciling love of the Risen Christ.**

GLORIA (CP 376)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia. [repeat]

**GATHERING HYMN:
PRAISE, MY SOUL (CP 381)**

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.

Alleluia, alleluia!
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our forebears in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
Alleluia, alleluia!
glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes,
Alleluia, alleluia!
widely as his mercy flows.

THE COLLECT

Presider

Let us pray.

All

Merciful God,

**you have prepared for those who love you
riches beyond imagination.**

**Pour into our hearts such love toward you,
that we, loving you above all things,**

may obtain your promises,

which exceed all that we can desire;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

**who is alive and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: ACTS 17:22-31

Reader A reading from the book of Acts

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown God.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66: 7-18

Led by

John Luccock

Leader In your might you rule for ever;
your eyes keep watch over the nations;
let no rebel rise up against you.

People **Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of God's praise to be
heard;**

Leader who holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip.

People **For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.**

Leader You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

People **You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of
refreshment.**

Leader I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows,

People **which I promised with my lips and spoke
with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

Leader I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the
smoke of rams;

I will give you oxen and goats.

People **Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what the Lord has
done for me,**

Leader The One to whom I called out with my mouth
and whose praise was on my tongue.

People **If I had found evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;**

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 3:13-22

Reader *A reading from the first letter of Peter*

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

All **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN:

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING (CP 486)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us your humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love, thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 14:15-21

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.**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN CONTINUED (CP 486)

Finish then your new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see your great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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.**

All 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. Amen.**

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.

All **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".

OFFERTORY

To give a gift to support the ministry of St. Catherine's Church, offertory plates are available in the front of the church and at the entrances/exits. If this is your first time here, there is no need to make a gift: notice your blessings and make a gift in thanksgiving when you return.



Use of one of the envelopes provided for your gift. Donations of \$20 or more will receive a tax receipt if you include your name and address OR scan this QR code with your smartphone to donate through Canada Helps and receive your receipt by email.

COMMUNION

PREPARING THE TABLE: FAIREST LORD JESUS (CP 619)

Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son:
Thee will I cherish,

Thee will I honour,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown

Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer
who makes the troubled heart to sing

Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and fair the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

All fairest beauty,
heavenly and earthly,
wondrously, Jesus is found in thee,
none can be nearer,
fairer, or dearer
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider

Let us pray.

All

**God of glory,
accept all we offer you this day,
and bring us to that eternal city
of love and light,
where Christ is King.
We ask this in his name. 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.
Redeemed by Christ,
we have been adopted as your children;
by your pardon you have made us
worthy to praise you.

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,

Presider

“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.

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.**

All **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 Lord, we died with you on the cross

All ***Now we are raised to new life.***

Presider We were buried in your tomb.

All ***Now we share in your resurrection.***

Presider Live in us that we may live in you.

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 Wafer) or in both kinds (Bread/Wafer and Wine).

Please sanitize your hands before receiving and do not intinct (dip) the Bread or Wafer in the cup.

While 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:
IN CHRIST THERE IS NOT EAST OR WEST (CP 484)**

In Christ there is no east or west,
in Christ no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find,
whose service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
who serves my God in truth and love
is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
in Christ meet south and north;
all faithful souls are joined as one
throughout the whole wide earth.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray
All **Life-giving God,**
 in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
 you send light to conquer darkness,
 water to give new life,
 and the bread of life
 to nourish your people.
 Send us forth as witnesses
 to your Son's resurrection,
 so that we may show your glory to all the
 world, through Jesus Christ,
 our risen 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:

SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING (SGP 96)

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from his dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended; oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God's grace did invite us; God's love shall unite us
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God, ever-living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.

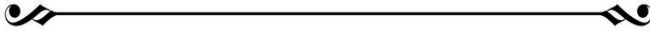
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing as neighbours all those of each race.

One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us,
unite us as one in the life that we share.

Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ as the name that we bear.

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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