

Open To The Light
ST Catherines
ANGLICAN CHURCH



Sunday, July 19, 2026
Holy Eucharist
Pentecost 8

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.**

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

People **And also with you.**

GLORY TO GOD ("PERUVIAN" GLORIA) (SNC 177)

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

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

To God be glory forever! **To God be glory forever!**

Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen!**

Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen!**

Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen!**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!

To him be glory forever! **To him be glory forever!**

Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen! ...**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!

To her be glory forever! **To her be glory forever!**

Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen! ...**

GATHERING HYMN:

COME AND FIND THE QUIET CENTRE (SNC 3)

Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes so we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace;
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,

raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming,
there is always room to spare!

THE COLLECT

Presider Let us pray.

All **Almighty God,**
your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us pure hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: GENESIS 28:10-19A

Reader *A reading from Genesis*

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Reader The word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 139: 1-12, 23

Led By Gordon Lee

Leader Lord, you have searched me out and you know me.

People You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

Leader You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

People Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

Leader You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.

People **such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

Leader Where can I go then from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?

People **If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed,
you are there also.**

Leader If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in
the uttermost parts of the sea,

People **even there your hand will lead me
and your mighty hand hold me fast.**

Leader If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night."

People **Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.**

Leader Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my restless thoughts.

People **Look well whether there be any
wickedness in me and lead me
in the way that is everlasting.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:12-25

Reader *A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans*

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very

Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN:

WE PLOUGH THE FIELDS AND SCATTER (CP 258)

We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain: All good gifts around us
 are sent from heaven above;
 then thank the Lord,
 O thank the Lord, for all his love!

He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him;
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.
[Refrain]

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

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.**

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and

at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

GOSPEL HYMN continued (CP 258)

We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good:
the seed time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all the love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest
our humble, thankful hearts.

[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.**

***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

Please rise, in body or in spirit.

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
against God and our neighbours,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Presider God of all mercy,
All we confess
that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness
in each other, in ourselves,
All and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in our love
and serve only your will. 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

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COMMUNION

PREPARING THE TABLE:

I HAVE CALLED YOU BY YOUR NAME (SNC 24)

I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine,
I will not abandon you,
all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name,
speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body, given long ago.

I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul,
make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people are they are mine.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider Let us pray.

All **O God,**
accept our praise and thanksgiving.
Help us in all we do to offer ourselves as a
true and living sacrifice; through Jesus
Christ the Lord.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 4

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 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.**

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.**

Presider 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,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider 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."

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.**

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. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
All **We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

THE INVITATION

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

Please sanitize your hands before receiving.

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

Gluten-free wafers are available on request to the priest.

*While Communion is being shared, please keep the silence or
join the singing. Communion is not recorded or livestreamed
for worshippers' privacy.*

Candle lighting during this time is welcomed.

**COMMUNION MUSIC:
COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE (CP 645)**

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing

O let it freely burn,
till earthy passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious lights
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till they become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider

Let us pray.

All

**God of abundance,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
so that we may proclaim your redeeming
love to the world and continue forever in
the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Churchwarden

THE DOXOLOGY

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: CALLED TO FAITH (SNC 137)

Called to faith, your people gathered,
Christ our brother, in your name,
knowing need of one another,
faces different, hearts the same,
growing in your holy likeness,
open, healing Spirit spurred,
families formed for loving service,
fed by bread and wine and word.

Called to hope, your people serve you
as they reach out through your grace,
seeking out your mission's purpose,
being Christ in every place,
working for shalom and justice,
learning how to simply share
so your will may be enacted
as we ask in daily prayer.

Called to love, your people challenge
all that silences your song:
prejudice and greed and malice,
weak exploited by the strong.
Serving Jesus in self-giving,
choosing your will, not our own,
we will truly be your people
so your kingdom can be grown.

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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