

Open To The Light
ST Catherines
ANGLICAN CHURCH



Sunday, August 23, 2026
Holy Eucharist
Pentecost 13

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. Angus Stuart

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.**

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 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,
raise 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 be friend thee.

THE COLLECT

Presider Let us pray.

All O God,
with all your faithful followers
of every age,
we praise you, the rock of our life.
Be our strong foundation
and form us into the body of your Son,
so that we may gladly minister to all the
world, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour
and Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: EXODUS 1:8-2:10

Reader A reading from Exodus

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the

boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Reader
All

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 124

Led by Vivian McGie

Leader If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel now say;

People **if the Lord had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us;**

Leader then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us;

People **then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us;**

Leader then would the raging waters have gone right over us.

People **Blessed be the Lord who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**

Leader We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;

People the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

People **Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 12:1-8

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually

we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN:

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO 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,
what e'er your race may be;
all children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 16:13-20

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 Jesus Christ.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others

Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

GOSPEL HYMN continued (CP 484)

**In Christ now meet both east and west,
in Christ meet south and north;
In Christ all loving hearts are one
throughout the whole wide earth.**

HOMILY *The Rev. Angus Stuart*

Silent Reflection

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

President 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

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
All

God of all mercy,
we confess
that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness
in each other,
in ourselves,
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
People

The peace of Christ be always with you.
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:

AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE (CP 61)

As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us,
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider Let us pray.
All **God of glory,
receive all we offer this day
as a symbol of our love,
and increase in us
that true and perfect gift.
We ask this in the name
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (#5)

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 We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.
By your power you sustain the universe.
People **Glory to you forever and ever.**

Presider You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.
In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.

Presider Therefore, with all you serve you
on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

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

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
Because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us,
You showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he
defeated the power of sin and death.

By raising him from the dead
you show us the power of your love
to bring new life to all your people.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider

On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them,
saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which is shed for you and for many,
so that sins may be forgiven.

People Do this in memory of me.”
Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider Gracious God,
with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of
Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus
in the breaking of the bread,
and share in the life
of the family of your children.

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

Presider Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy
at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father,
through Jesus, our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

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

LORD’S PRAYER (*Sung*):

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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

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 LET US EAT (CP 62)

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

Our Lord's body let us take together.

Our Lord's body let us take together.

Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

In his presence now we meet and rest.
In his presence now we meet and rest.
In the presence of our Lord we gather.
In the presence of our Lord we gather.

Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.
Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

<i>Presider</i>	Let us pray.
<i>All</i>	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

The Rev. Angus Stuart

SENDING HYMN:

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER (CP 565)

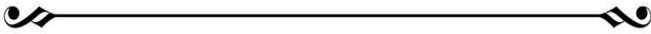
Guide me, O though great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all the journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**



Thank you for ministering this morning:

Presider	The Rev. Angus Stuart
Accompanist	Rob Gloor
Altar Guild	Susana Wensley
Greeters	Marthe Duncombe and Ivy Howes
Eucharistic Administrators	Vivian McGie, Alison Watt
Intercessor	Lynn Spence
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