Open To The Light

St Catherines

ANGLICAN CHURCH



Sunday, November 15, 2026
Pentecost 25
Holy Eucharist

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 Rev. Sarah Lehman

Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Presider In this time and place we gather
on the ancestral lands
of the Squamish, Musqueam
and Tsleil-Watuth nations.

All **From many places and peoples**
we come to this house of prayer.

Presider In this time and place
we meet in the presence of the living God,

All **the living God who creates us**
and all that is.

Presider In this time and place
the risen Christ stands in our midst,

All **the risen Christ who accompanies us**
and all people.

Presider In this time and place
God's Holy Spirit breathes in and through us.

All **The Holy Spirit who transforms us**
and all life.

Presider In this time and place
together, one people of God

All **In the name of God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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: HERE IN THIS PLACE (CP 465)

Here in this place new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in — the lost and forsaken;
gather us in — the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young — our lives are a mystery;
we are the old — who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in — the rich and the haughty;
gather us in — the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in — all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

THE COLLECT

Presider Let us pray.

All **Almighty God,**
you sent your Son Jesus Christ
to be the light of the world.
Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us,
and bring us to eternal light and joy;
through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: **JUDGES 4:1-7**

Reader *A reading from Judges*

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-hagoiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun.

I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

PSALM 123

Led By Vivian McGie

Leader To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.
People **As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a female slave to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show us your mercy.**

Leader Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
People **too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.**

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

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

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

GOSPEL HYMN:
EYE HAS NOT SEEN, EAR HAS NOT HEARD (CP 548)

Refrain:

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard
what you have ready for those you love you.
Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus;
teach us your wisdom, O Lord.

When pain and sorrow weigh us down,
be near to us, O Lord;
forgive the weakness of our faith
and bear us up within your peaceful world. [Refrain]

Our lives are but a single breath;
we flower and we fade.
Yet all our days are in your hands,
so we return in love what love has made. [Refrain]

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 25:14-30

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 said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with

them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

GOSPEL HYMN continued (CP 548)

Refrain:

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard
what you have ready for those you love you.
Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus;
teach us your wisdom, O Lord.

To those who see with eyes of faith,
you, Lord, are ever near,
reflected in the faces of all the poor
and lowly of the world. [Refrain]

We sing a mystery from the past
in halls where saints have trod,
yet ever new the music rings
to Jesus, Living Song of God. [Refrain]

HOMILY *Rev. Sarah Lehman*

Silent Reflection

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED
Please rise, in body or in spirit.

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

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,
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.

All **Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Saviour Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your 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. **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: LONGING FOR LIGHT (SNC 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]

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

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]

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider Let us pray.
All **Holy God,**
in this eucharist we renew
our baptismal covenant.
Help us, through our offering this day,
to renounce all things that draw us
from your love.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

Presider 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:

SANCTUS: SANTO ARGENTINA (SNC 74)

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words; you are holy, Lord.
[repeat]

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."
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.

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.

All **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 This is the table, not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit.
It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more.
So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time or ever before,
you who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed.

Come, not because the Church invites you;
It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

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 in both kinds (Bread and Wine). Gluten-free wafers are available on request to the priest.
Please sanitize your hands before receiving.
Please do not intinct (dip) the Bread in the cup.

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:
EAT THIS BREAD, DRINK THIS CUP (CP 63)

Refrain 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.

I am the bread of life,
the true bread sent from the Father [Refrain]

Your ancestors are manna in the desert,
but this is the bread come down from heaven. [Refrain]

Eat my flesh and drink my blood,
and I will raise your up on the last day. [Refrain]

Any one who eat this bread,
will I raise uou up on the last day. [Refrain]

If you believe and eat this bread,
you will have eternal life. [Refrain]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Presider Let us pray.

All **Gracious God,**
in this sacrament we have shared
the body and blood of Christ.
May we who have been nourished
by holy things bear witness to his light,
and share in his eternal priesthood;
for he is Lord for ever and ever. 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

Presider Life is short,
and we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who
travel the pilgrim way with us.
So be swift to love,
make haste to be kind,

And the blessing of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
be with you now and forever. **Amen**.

SENDING HYMN:
LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY (SGP 63)

Refrain Jesus lives again
earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy;
bread is broken, the wine is poured.
Christ is spoken and seen and heard. [Refrain]

Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. [Refrain]

Jesus calls us in, sends us out,
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
give us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'ry where!. [Refrain]

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:

Presider	The Rev. Sarah Lehman
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