

January 28, 2025
St. Thomas Aquinas
9:30 am Wednesday Eucharist

A bouquet of saints' days fall this week. Yesterday was the commemoration not only of St. John Chrysostom, but also of women apostles Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe. Together with today's commemoration of St. Thomas Aquinas, they remind us that in every age and place God raises up faithful Christians who have an impact long after their mortal lives. Thomas was a man of prayer and study. He saw no contradiction between human reason and divine revelation. Using the intelligence God gave him, he helped others perfect their understanding of God's grace in creation so that humans might share in God's own life.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

All: And also with you.

Presider: We gather here from many places on land that is the traditional and unsundered territory of the Halq'emeyn-speaking Coast Salish peoples.

All: May Christ lead us on right pathways as we seek truth and reconciliation in action.

Presider: Let us pray,

All: O God, you blessed your servant Thomas Aquinas with singular gifts of wisdom and insight, that your people might love with understanding what you give them to know by faith. Grant us the freedom to embrace your Church's teachings and the obedience to deepen its faith, that our knowledge might be perfected in worship and our faith fulfilled in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:8-13

Reader: A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians,

8 Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. **9** For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; **10** but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. **11** When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. **12** For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. **13** And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:97-104

97 Oh, how I love your law! *

All the day long it is in my mind.

98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, *

and it is always with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, *

for your decrees are my study.

100 I am wiser than the elders, *

because I observe your commandments.

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, *

that I may keep your word.

102 I do not shrink from your judgements, *

because you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste! *
They are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; *
therefore I hate every lying way.

The Gospel: John 17:19-23

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

19 [Jesus said] 'And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

20 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

A member of the community leads us in offering our concerns and thanksgivings to God.

The Exchange of the Peace

Presider: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with your neighbours, respecting their comfort with touch.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Let us pray.

All: Loving Creator, who instructed the speech of your servant Thomas and touched his lips with your graciousness, bring us to stand in your presence that all we offer this day may be fulfilled in the ministry of praise and adoration. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

the Great Thanksgiving

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Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, God, the Father and Mother of all. In

fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

In the language closest to your heart, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
*(please use the traditional version or another language
you use for prayer if you desire)*

**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 glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God bids you welcome to this table.
Here we are strengthened for the journey. Here strangers
become friends and the seeker finds God's wisdom speaking
to them. See who you are and become what you see.
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

*All who are drawn to Christ are welcome at this table. Bread and wine
are shared, but receiving in one kind carries the fullness of Christ's
presence. You may also come forward for a blessing instead.*

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: Glory to God, 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, now and forever. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Next Sunday's Readings for Epiphany 4 February 1, 2026

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12





THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

Thursday

Vespers 5:30-6 pm online by Zoom+

Saturday

Community Brunch, 11 am-noon

Sunday

BCP Eucharist, 8-9 am. *

Choral Eucharist, 10-11:15 am*

Monday

6-8:30 pm Family Film Night in Lounge

Wednesday

Midweek Eucharist 9:30-10 am

Followed by Bible Study 10:30-11:30 am in Lounge

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