

April 29, 2026
9:30 am Wednesday Eucharist
St. Catherine of Sienna

A reformer and spiritual teacher from 14th century Italy, Catherine is commemorated for her determination in sharing God's healing work in the world. Despite her family's opposition, she became a Dominican nun, and then a nurse. She cared for patients with leprosy and cancer when others hesitated. Her mission took her on extensive preaching and healing tours for individuals and then for Mother Church itself, which was split between rival popes. She died in Avignon in 1380 while on a public fast to pray for unity at the age of 33.

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: Everlasting God, you kindled such holy love in the heart of your servant Catherine that she devoted her life to the poor and the sick and to the peace and unity of your Church. Grant us strength to meditate upon the passion of your Son, that we may work in the image of his compassion, until we rejoice in the revelation of his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: 1 John 1:5-2:2

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of John,

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷ but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ² and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 36:5-10

⁵ Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶ Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both mortals and beasts, O Lord.

⁷ How priceless is your love, O God! *
Your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸ They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹ For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

¹⁰ Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favour to those who are true of heart.

The Gospel: Luke 12:22-24 & 29-32

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

²² Jesus said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!

²⁹ And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. ³² 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

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 Father, who taught your servant Catherine to pray for the healing of your Church, keep all malice from this table, that we may share the bread of sincerity and truth and drink from the river of your delights; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

the Great Thanksgiving

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: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**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: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of

me.” And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**All: Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Presider: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever.

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,
Eternal God,

All: who poured the light of your love into the heart and mind of your servant Catherine, may this wondrous mystery give us strength to cast away all selfish things and hesitation, that we may gladly embrace the wounded, and bring freedom to those who suffer oppression. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 for ever. Amen.

The Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Readings for Easter 5, Sunday May 3, 2026
Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14



THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

Today

Fellowship and Bible Study 10-11:30 am in Lounge

Thursday April 30

Vespers 5:30-6 pm online by Zoom+

Saturday May 2

Community Brunch, 11 am-noon

Sunday May 3

BCP Eucharist, 8-9 am. *

Choral Eucharist, 10-11:15 am*

Wednesday May 6

Midweek Eucharist 9:30-10 am*

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

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