

August 20, 2025
Commemoration of St. Bernard
9:30 am Wednesday Eucharist

You may know St. Bernard as a breed of dog, but the original was a 12th century abbot in Clairvaux, France. He had tremendous influence over the life and politics of medieval Europe through his eloquent preaching, spiritual direction, and connections to many civic and church leaders. From his monastery, he helped many to renew a thirst for God's love- which can be shared but not contained.

Please join in the words written in bold type.

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: Almighty and everlasting God,
You kindled the flame of your love
In the heart of your servant Bernard,
So that he became a shining light
In the midst of your Church.
Kindle in us such faith, that by the deeds of your love
We may show forth the light of Christ
And rouse the present age to desire your perfect beauty;
Through him who lives and reigns with you
And the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Romans 5:1-5

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

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 139:1-10

¹ Lord, you have searched me out *
and known me.

² You know my sitting down and my rising up; *
you discern my thoughts from afar.

³ You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

⁵ You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

⁷ Where can I go then from your Spirit? *

Where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *

if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning *

and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand will lead me *

and your mighty hand hold me fast.

The Gospel: John 15:7-11

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.

⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become^[a] my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

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: Lord God,
keep us mindful of your holy servant Bernard,
that our offering this day may be delivered
from the pride that will not acknowledge your gifts,
and from the false humility which fails to lay hold
of your mercies.
We ask this through 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: Blessed are you, gracious God, Creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfilment of your promise you pour forth your Spirit upon us, filling us with gifts and leading us into all truth. You give

us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood. Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels, and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells, 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: O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life. When the world was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child. When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life. You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

All: Amen.

Presider: Celebrating his resurrection, we shout out Amen.

All: Amen.

Presider: Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead
Amen.

All: Amen.

Presider: O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread, feed us with yourself.
O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our
strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us
such life, the life of the Father to the Son, life in you, 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.

Please join us for fellowship after this service in the Parish Lounge- the building facing the cathedral across the walkway.

Readings for Pentecost 11, Sunday August 24, 2025:

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71; Hebrews 12:18-29;

Luke 13:10-17



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

Wednesday

Midweek Morning Prayer, 9:30-10 am*

Coffee & Fellowship, 10-10:30 am

Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 am

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