



# Sunday. Every Day.

Christ Church Episcopal

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Thomas Aquinas

(Friar and Theologian, 1274, January 28)

· Wednesday, January 28, 2026 ·    · Chapel · 5:30 p.m. ·

**Prelude**

**Opening Hymn**

**Opening Sentences**                      Page 355, *The Book of Common Prayer*

**Kyrie**    Page 356, *The Book of Common Prayer*

**The Collect**

*Celebrant*                      The Lord be with you.

**People**                      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*                      Let us pray.

Almighty God, who has enriched your church with the singular learning and holiness of your servant Thomas Aquinas: Enlighten us more and more, we pray, by the disciplined thinking and teaching of Christian scholars, and deepen our devotion by the example of saintly lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Gospel

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 13:24-30  
**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

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

*Please be seated.*

**Reflection** *The Reverend Amy Slater*

*You may kneel or sit.*

**The Prayers of the People**      Form III, Page 387, *The Book of Common Prayer*

**Confession** Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

## Candle Lighting

*We continue our prayers through the lighting of votive candles as a symbol of our love and concern for others.  
You are welcome to light a single candle as a symbol of your prayers.*

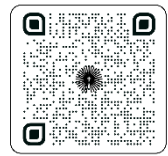
*Please stand.*

**The Peace** Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*Please be seated.*

## Announcements

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## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Offertory**

*Please stand.*

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

#### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*Please be seated.*

### **Distribution of Communion**

***Please join us at God's table.***

*All people, including children, are invited to receive Communion. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would prefer not to take Communion but would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.*

### **Communion Music**

*You may kneel or sit.*

#### **Postcommunion Prayer**

Page 365, *The Book of Common Prayer*

### **The Blessing**

*Please stand.*

### **Final Hymn**

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**People**

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia**

## THOMAS AQUINAS PRIEST, FRIAR, AND THEOLOGIAN (28 JAN 1274)

In the thirteenth century, when Thomas Aquinas lived, the works of Aristotle, largely forgotten in Western Europe, began to be available again, partly from Eastern European sources and partly from Moslem Arab sources in Africa and Spain. These works offered a new and exciting way of looking at the world. Many enthusiastic students of Aristotle adopted him quite frankly as an alternative to Christianity. The response of many Christians was to denounce Aristotle as an enemy of the Christian Faith. A third approach was that of those who tried to hold both Christian and Aristotelian views side by side with no attempt to reconcile the two. Aquinas had a fourth approach. While remaining a Christian, he immersed himself in the ideas of Aristotle, and then undertook to explain Christian ideas and beliefs in language that would make sense to disciples of Aristotle. At the time, this seemed like a very dangerous and radical idea, and Aquinas spent much of his life living on the edge of ecclesiastical approval. His success can be measured by the prevalence today of the notion that of course *all* Christian scholars in the Middle Ages were followers of Aristotle.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Traveling the Via Media: Finding Love and Unity Amid Differing Viewpoints, with Fr. Tom Reeder**

Sundays, 10:15-11:00am | Feb 1, 8 & 15 |  
Room 106

*Via media* is a Latin phrase meaning "the middle road" or the "way between two extremes".

Join Fr. Tom as he explores the Episcopal Church's identity as a "middle way" between Catholic tradition and Protestant Reformation, examining its history, diverse practices, core beliefs, and its mission to foster unity and love amidst differing viewpoints.

### **Spread Cream Cheese, Not Hate** – Feb 8

Along with members of Beth El Beaches Synagogue, Palms Presbyterian, Jax Thrive, UF Hillel, and the Jewish Federation & Foundation, we are uniting to take the pledge to combat antisemitism and all forms of hate, to keep our community safe and welcoming to all. On February 8 you are invited to sign a pledge and receive a free bagel and cream cheese!

**Joyful Friends** | February 10 | 11:30 am Guest speaker Chris Hoffman (Jax Beach Mayor's Office and Beaches Historical Society) will explore the history of the Beaches area and the Society's mission.

### **Community of Hope International - A School for God's Service**

Wednesdays, Feb 11 - April 16 | 5:30 -7:00 p.m. | Room 106

Do you want to learn more about how to be a better listener to God and to others? This course will equip you for both! The Rule of St. Benedict, the father of Western Monasticism, will lay the foundation for a life of meaningful work, prayer and rest. Sign up on at [ccpvb.org](http://ccpvb.org) or email Deacon Leila at [Leila@ccpvb.org](mailto:Leila@ccpvb.org), spaces are limited.



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