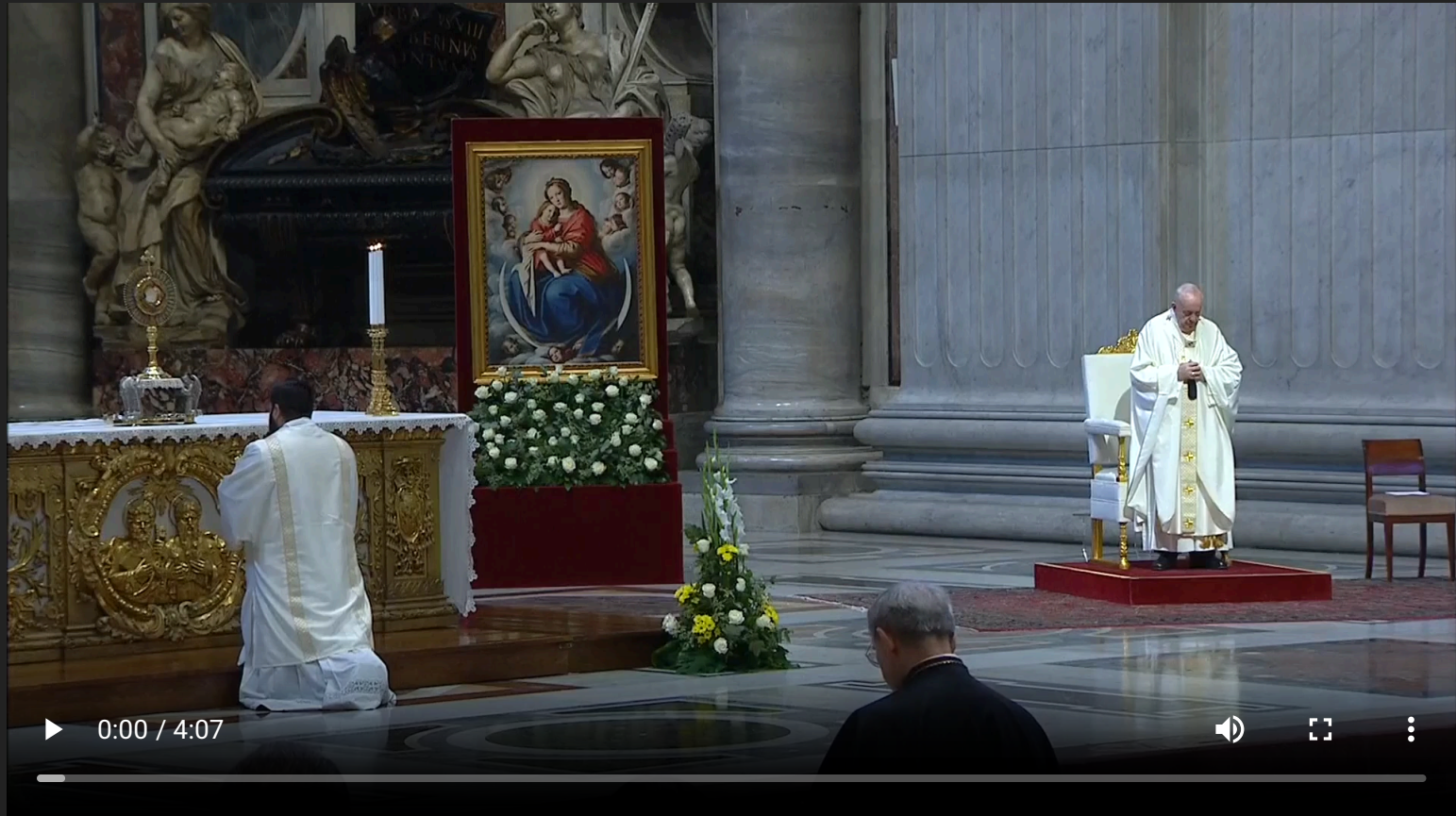


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ADORO TE DEVOTE

St. Thomas Aquinas c. 1264



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VERSE 1

LATIN

1. Adoro te devote,
latens deitas,
2. Quæ sub his figuris
vere latitas;
3. Tibi se cor meum
totum subicit,
4. Quia te contemplans
totum deficit.

ENGLISH

1. Jesus God in hiding,
Whom I do adore,
2. Masked by these bare
shadows, shape and
nothing more,
3. See, Lord, at Thy
service lo lies here a
heart,
4. Lost, all lost in

LOST IN WONDER

The background image is a composite. It features a person in a white robe, likely a priest, holding a small, round host (Eucharist) over a chalice. In the background, there is a close-up of a person's face, possibly a woman, looking upwards with an expression of awe or wonder. The overall color palette is dark, with the white of the robe and the light of the host providing contrast.

When we truly contemplate Jesus in the Eucharist, we encounter a mystery that surpasses our understanding.

It's okay to feel "lost" – this sense of wonder is a natural response to the divine.

Our minds can't fully grasp the reality of God's presence, but our hearts can be filled with awe and adoration.

VERSE 2

LATIN

1. Visus, tactus, gustus
in te fallitur,
2. Sed auditu solo tuto
creditur;
3. Credo quidquid dixit
Dei Filius;
4. Nil hoc verbo Veritátis
verius.

ENGLISH

1. Seeing, touching,
tasting, easily deceived
2. But faith that comes
by hearing, that shall be
believed
3. What God's Son has
told me, I take for truth
I do
4. Truth Himself speaks
truly or there's nothing
true.

JOHN 18:37

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice."

- Trusting in Jesus' words allows us to believe in the Eucharist, even when it seems beyond understanding.

VERSE 3

LATIN

1. In Cruce latebat sola
Deitas,
2. At hic latet simul et
Humanitas,
3. Ambo tamen credens
atque confitens,
4. Peto quod petivit
latro pœnitens.

ENGLISH

1. On the cross Thy
Godhead made no sign
to men,
2. Here Thy very
manhood steals from
human ken;
3. Both are my
confession, both are my
belief,
4. And I pray the prayer
of the dying thief.

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

- “Human ken” means human understanding or knowledge.

“Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingly power.”

- Just as Jesus’ divinity was hidden on the cross, His humanity is hidden in the Eucharist.

VERSE 4

LATIN

1. Plagas, sicut Thomas,
non intueor:
2. Deum tamen meum
te confiteor.
3. Fac me tibi semper
magis credere,
4. In te spem habere, te
diligere.

ENGLISH

1. I am not like Thomas,
wounds I cannot see,
2. But I plainly call You
Lord and God as he;
3. Lead me to a deeper
faith, daily nearer move,
4. Daily make me hope
more, daily make me
love.



THE STORY OF THOMAS

John 20:24-29

24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them,

“Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

26 Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you."

27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing."

28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? **Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.**"

“I BELIEVE; HELP MY UNBELIEF!”

Mark 9:24

- “This prayer is honest – it says, ‘I believe, but I need help!’”
- Many of us experience this, especially when we cannot see the **Real Presence** of Jesus in the Eucharist with our physical senses.
- Jesus wants to help you believe – just ask Him!

VERSE 5

LATIN

1. O memoriale mortis
Domini,
2. Panis vivus, vitam
præstans homini,
3. Præsta meæ menti
de te vivere,
4. Et te illi semper dulce
sapere.

ENGLISH

1. O Thou our reminder
of Christ crucified,
2. Living Bread, the life
of us for whom He died,
3. Lend this life to me
then, satisfy my mind,
4. There be all the
sweetness man was
meant to find.

LIVING BREAD

“I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

John 6:51

FOLLOWING THE CONNECTIONS

- The “Living Bread” born in Bethlehem, the “House of Bread.”
- Jesus the “Living Water” & the Samaritan woman at the well.
- Jesus’ first miracle at Cana turning water into wine.
- Water → Wine → Real Presence
- Baptism → Eucharist → Eternal Life with God

VERSE 6

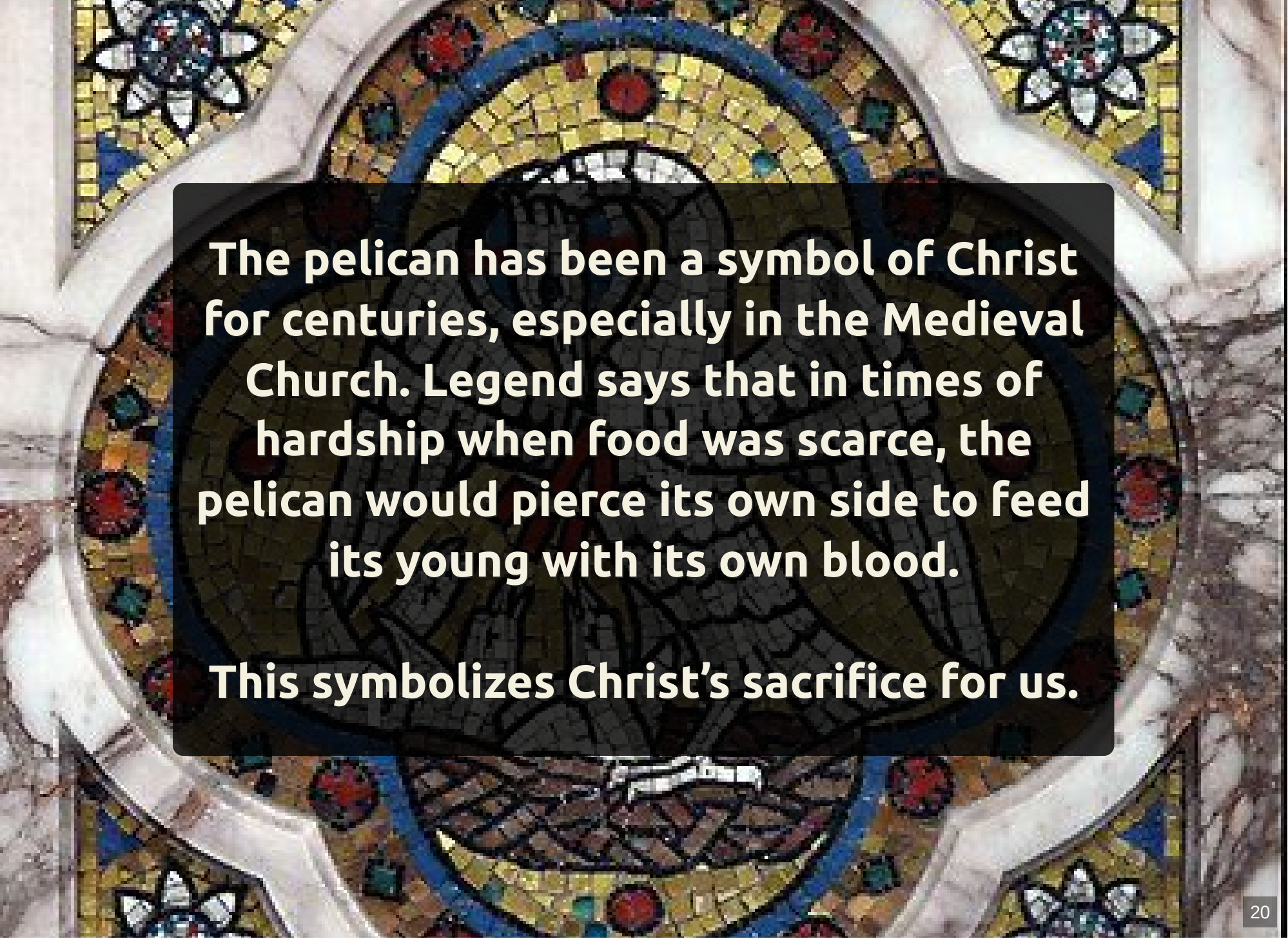
LATIN

1. Pie Pelicane, Jesu
Domine,
2. Me immundum
munda tuo Sanguine:
3. Cujus una stilla
salvum facere
4. Totum mundum quit
ab omni scelere.

ENGLISH

1. Bring the tender tale
true of the Pelican;
2. Bathe me, Jesus Lord,
in what Thy bosom ran,
3. Blood whereof a
single drop has power
to win
4. All the world
forgiveness of its world
of sin.





The pelican has been a symbol of Christ for centuries, especially in the Medieval Church. Legend says that in times of hardship when food was scarce, the pelican would pierce its own side to feed its young with its own blood.

This symbolizes Christ's sacrifice for us.

VERSE 7

LATIN

1. Jesu, quem velatum
nunc aspicio,
2. Oro, fiat illud quod
tam sitio:
3. Ut te revelata
cernens facie,
4. Visu sim beátus tuæ
gloriæ. Amen.

ENGLISH

1. Savior, Whom I look
at shrouded here
below,
2. God I beg You, send
me what I thirst for so,
3. Only just to see You,
face to face in light
4. And be blest for ever
with Thy glory's sight.
Amen.

THIRST FOR GOD

- Have you ever felt like there's something more you're missing?
- We try to fill that emptiness with other things, but nothing seems to work.
- Just like the Samaritan woman at the well, our spiritual thirst can only be quenched by Jesus.
- Jesus offers Himself to us through the Eucharist.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:12

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood.

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN

- Everyone will be assigned a verse from **Adoro Te Devote**
- **Read and then re-read the *entire* hymn** Get a feel for what St. Thomas is saying.
- **Focus on YOUR verse.** Read it slowly and think about what it means.
- **Answer the reflection questions honestly.** Connect them to your own life and experiences.
- **Aim for at least 2-3 sentences per question.**
- **Rewrite your verse in *YOUR OWN WORDS*.** Stay true to St. Thomas Aquinas' original meaning.