

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
THE HOLY EUCHARIST:RITE I
January 12, 2025, 7:45 AM**

Welcome to St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church! This service follows the order found in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), located in the pews. Please don't hesitate to ask an usher or a neighbor for assistance. You are invited to participate fully in all aspects of our worship service!

THE WORD OF GOD

The People stand as the Celebrant and other Ministers enter the Chancel.

The Baptismal Acclamation	BCP p. 299
The Gloria	BCP p. 324
The Collect of the Day	BCP p. 178

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The First Lesson	Isaiah 43:1-7
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A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth-- everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

<i>Reader</i>	<i>The Word of the Lord</i>
<i>People</i>	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>

The Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Second Lesson

Acts 8:14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Marshall A. Jolly

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows	BCP p. 292
The Thanksgiving over the Water	BCP p. 306
The Asperges of the People	
The Prayers of the People: Form III	BCP p. 387
<i>The Leader and People pray responsively</i>	
The Confession & Absolution	BCP p. 330
The Comfortable Words & Exchange of Peace	BCP p. 332
<i>The Ministers and People greet one another with signs of peace. The Celebrant then recites the offertory sentence.</i>	
The Offertory	
The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II	BCP p. 340
The Lord's Prayer	BCP p. 336
The Breaking of the Bread & Fraction Anthem	BCP p. 337
The Prayer of Humble Access	BCP p. 337
The Invitation & Communion of the People	BCP p. 338
The Post-Communion Prayer	BCP p. 339
The Announcements	
The Blessing & Dismissal	BCP pp. 339-340

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Flower Guild	Jo Ann Crystal
Usher	Duke Sudlow
Sound	Carl Jacobs

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