



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE HOLY EUCHARIST:RITE II

May 11, 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 Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Gloria

BCP p. 356

The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 225

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Acts 9:36-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: 23

BCP pgs. 612-613

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Second Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

John 10:22-30

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Reverend Joseph S. Whitehurst

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 326

Eucharistic Prayer D is among the most ancient liturgies of the Church, adapted from the Liturgy of Saint Basil in the 4th century. So central was that community's understanding of Christ's presence in the Eucharistic feast that the Prayers and Intercessions of the gathered community were inserted into the Eucharistic Prayer, as though those in worship were literally speaking to Christ himself, present in the Eucharist. During this season, our Prayers of the People are included in the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Peace

BCP p. 332

The Ministers and People greet one another with signs of peace. The Celebrant then recites the offertory sentence.

The Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP p. 372

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread & Fraction Anthem

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The Invitation & Communion of the People

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The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP p. 366

The Announcements

The Blessing

The Dismissal

The Priest dismisses the People, who respond by saying

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thank you for worshipping with us today! If you are worshipping with us for the first time: Welcome, we're glad you're here and hope to see you again. Please take a moment to sign our guest register located in the Narthex (foyer) so that we can make this welcome a more personal one. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you'll consider making it here with us at St. Thaddeus. Again, thank you for worshipping with us today; may you find here the peace, comfort, and love of God to carry you through your week.

The flowers on the altar today are given for the Glory of God and in loving memory of Betty Jane Dupée, in celebration of this Mother's Day.

Are you new to the area or visiting our church for the first time and want to know more about St. Thaddeus? Then scan the QR code below and see our website and complete our newcomer form.



~ Serving Today ~

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Lector

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Altar Guild

Ann Fornwald

Flower Guild

Janet Harkens

Usher

J. R. Ludwick

Sound

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