

**St.  
Thaddeus  
Episcopal Church**



**Good Friday  
The Liturgy of the Day  
April 18, 2025  
12:00 PM**

**Loving God ♦ Serving Others ♦ Living Our Faith**

## Welcome to St. Thaddeus

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today! This service is but a small part of the continual prayer and praise offered to God by Christians at every hour and in every part of the world. At times, it may feel as if you are dropping in on a conversation already in progress between God and God's people, which continues unto the ages. Don't be surprised or disturbed if there are some things that you don't understand right away—and don't be embarrassed to ask for help. We pray that this service invites you into the ongoing stream of prayer and praise that unites us all—on Earth and in Heaven—as one Body of Christ.

We invite all baptized Christians to receive the Holy Eucharist at the altar. The cross symbols in the text ✠ indicate the traditional places where the people may make the sign of the cross over themselves. If you desire for communion to be brought to you in your seat by one of the ministers, please inform an usher.

*Please enter the church quietly in order not to disturb those who are in prayer, and take care to silence all noise-making devices. Children are especially encouraged and welcome to participate in all aspects of worship! "Holy wiggles" are a sure and certain sign of life and joy!*

*The ministers enter in silence.*

*The ministers and people kneel together, then the Officiant begins with these words*

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Officiant*            Blessed be our God

*People*              *For ever and ever. Amen.*

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*All sit.*

## **THE FIRST READING**

**ISAIAH 52:13-53:12**

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                    Thanks be to God.

### **THE PSALM: 22: 1-11**

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry  
and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.

### **THE SECOND READING**

### **HEBREWS 10:1-25**

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since the law has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered year after year, make perfect those who approach. Otherwise, would they not have ceased being offered, since the worshipers, cleansed once for all, would no longer have any consciousness of sin? But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sin year after year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me). "When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.

*People*                    *Thanks be to God.*

*All Stand.*

**THE SEQUENCE: WHEN HE DIED UPON THE TREE** (Sung by the Choir)

When He did upon the tree. Love came down for you and me.

O Lord hear my humble plea. Lamb of God have mercy.

**THE PASSION GOSPEL**

**JOHN 18:1-19:42**

*The customary acclamations before and after the Gospel are omitted on this day.*

*All are seated for the Passion Gospel and remain seated until the mention of "Golgotha," then stand, as you are able. If you would like to follow along with the reading, please consult one of the Bibles in the pews.*

*At the preacher's invitation all are seated.*

**THE HOMILY**

**THE REVEREND JOSEPH S. WHITEHURST**

*Kneel as you are able*

**THE SOLEMN COLLECTS**

**BCP p. 277**

*All stand.*

**THE ENTRANCE OF THE CROSS**

*The following anthem is said, during which the People may stand or kneel before the Cross.*

*Officiant* We glory in your cross, O Lord,

*People* and praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of your cross, joy has come to the whole world.

*Officiant* May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

*People* Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

*Officiant* Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

*People* We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.

**THE OFFERTORY HYMN 166 vs. 1 – 5**

**PANGE LINGUA**

*All kneel.*

**THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION**

**BCP p. 360**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The Officiant then continues*

And now, as our Savior

Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Officiant*

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

*The Officiant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

**THE COMMUNION HYMN: WERE YOU THERE?     DON DUPÉE, BARITONE**  
**THE CLOSING PRAYER**

*All kneel.*

*Officiant*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

***All leave the church in silence.***

***At 3:00 PM the bell will be tolled 33 times.***

*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.*

**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 ~**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Officiant</b>                                | <b>The Reverend Dr. Marshall A. Jolly</b> |
| <b>Preacher</b>                                 | <b>The Reverend Joseph S. Whitehurst</b>  |
| <b>Assisting Priest</b>                         | <b>The Reverend Dr. Frank Sawyer</b>      |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>                    | <b>Laurie Neely &amp; Ellison Weist</b>   |
| <b>Lector</b>                                   | <b>Bonnie Coward</b>                      |
| <b>Ushers</b>                                   | <b>Bill Rutledge</b>                      |
| <b>Streaming</b>                                | <b>Marianne Swearingen</b>                |
| <b>Sound</b>                                    | <b>Joanne Martin</b>                      |
| <b>The Altar Guild of St. Thaddeus</b>          |   |
| <b>The Flower Guild of St. Thaddeus</b>         |   |
| <b>Director of Music &amp; Organist</b>         | <b>Mr. Don Dupée</b>                      |
| <b><u>The Men of the St. Thaddeus Choir</u></b> |   |

# Saint Thaddeus Episcopal Church

*Founded 1842*



**Loving God ♦ Serving Others ♦ Living Our Faith**

*A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina*

**The Right Reverend Daniel P. Richards, Bishop**

**The Reverend Dr. Marshall A. Jolly, Rector**

**The Reverend Joseph S. Whitehurst, Associate Rector**

**The Reverend Dr. Frank Sawyer, Head of Mead Hall School**

**Denise Kinard, Finance and Facilities Administrator**

**Sondra Boyer, Parish Administrator**

**Don Dupée, Director of Music & Organist**

**Jay Jones, Rector's Assistant for Ministry**

125 Pendleton Street, SW

Aiken, South Carolina 29801

[stthad@stthaddeus.org](mailto:stthad@stthaddeus.org) ♦ [www.stthaddeus.org](http://www.stthaddeus.org)

(803) 648-5497

## VESTRY

Marianne Swearingen, *Sr. Warden*; Larry Wyont, *Jr. Warden*;  
Claudia Adams, *Treasurer*; Susan Stribling, *Clerk*; Ray Buchholz; Susan Elder;  
Will Gibbs; Cathy Harte; J. R. Ludwick; Barbara McKnight; Ellison Weist;  
Morgan Whiteside; Boyd Wiedenman