

St.
Thaddeus
Episcopal Church



Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The 16th Sunday After Pentecost: Proper 18
Sunday, September 8, 2024
11:15 AM

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!

VOLUNTARY: THEME & VARIATIONS ON *GOTT SEI DANK* P. CATTANEO

1. ALLEGRO 2. CON SPIRITO 3. ADAGIO 4. TRUMPET TUNE

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 47

ON THIS DAY, THE FIRST OF DAYS

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: † Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The following is sung, all standing

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (S-280) ROBERT POWELL

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

All are seated.

THE FIRST READING

PROVERBS 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs.

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: 125

BCP p. 781-782

- 1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; *
so does the LORD stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, *
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
- 4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good *
and to those who are true of heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace be upon Israel.

THE SECOND READING

JAMES 2:1-17

A Reading from the letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and

yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

THE SEQUENCE HYMN: WORD OF GOD, COME DOWN TO EARTH

1. Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
2. Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3. Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our
4. Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -

heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
mor - tal blind - ness; deaf we are: our heal - er be;
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,

faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
loose our tongues to tell your kind - ness. Be our Word in
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to

we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
pit - y spo - ken, heal the world, by our sin bro - ken.
all truth lead us, Word of life, with one Bread feed us.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *All stand, as you are able.*

MARK 7:24-37

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

THE SERMON

THE REVEREND JOSEPH S. WHITEHURST

After a few moments of silence, all stand as you are able.

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BCP p. 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM IV

BCP p. 388

The Leader and People pray responsively

Silence

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

BCP p. 360

THE PEACE *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

Then the Ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Celebrant recites a verse of Scripture.

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC: ACCORDING TO THY LOVING KINDNESS

W.A. MOZART

THE PRESENTATION HYMN: 628 vs. 1

HELP US, O LORD, TO LEARN

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Representatives of the congregation bring the People's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Deacon or Celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EOW II

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

THE SANCTUS: S-128

WILLIAM MATHIAS

Celebrant and People

The people stand as the Celebrant continues:

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thaddeus, Blessed Augustine of Canterbury, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

A period of silence is kept, after which the Celebrant and people say responsively

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

THE COMMUNION HYMN: 602

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People pray the Post-Communion Prayer together.

God of abundance,

you have fed us

with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us

with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one

with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth

in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever

in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people.

THE POST COMMUNION HYMN: 493

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

THE DISMISSAL

The Priest dismisses the People, who respond by saying

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY: GOTT SEI DANK

GAËL LIARDON

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLERGY ASSISTING ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY: During our sister parish St. Augustine of Canterbury's search for their next priest, Frs. Marshall, Joseph, and

Frank are offering pastoral assistance and occasional Sunday supply, just as Fr. Dan did at St. Thaddeus during our search process. Fr. Marshall is leading worship there this morning.

CHAPEL TALKS: THEOLOGY & ETHICS OF HUMAN SEXUALITY: Join the clergy on Sunday evenings at 5 pm September 15-October 6 for a series of honest, in-depth, and vulnerable conversations exploring the intersection of theology and faith, as well as an exploration of how Christians cultivate sexual ethics. NOTE: This series is appropriate for mature and self-aware audiences only. Please contact Fr. Marshall with any questions

UPCOMING FREE ORGAN RECITAL: Please join us Monday, September 16th, at 7pm for an organ recital given by Joseph Causby, Director of Music and Organist of the Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. As an organ recitalist, Joseph has given concerts in the U.S., Canada, England, and France. A native of Morganton, NC, Joseph Holds a BMus from Appalachian State University, an MMus from Rice University, and a PhD from the University of Durham (UK), where he also served as the first American organ scholar of Durham Cathedral.

BREAKFAST WITH THE BISHOP SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: Bishop Daniel Richards is making his pastoral visit to Saint Thaddeus on Sunday, September 22, where he will preach, preside, confirm, and receive new members into our family of faith. Join us at 8:30 am in Cheetham Parlor for a potluck breakfast with the Bishop and our class of confirmands, then stay for a celebratory combined worship service at 10 am! See your email to sign up!

A.C.T.S.: Area Churches Together Serving is requesting *spaghetti or pasta for the month of September*. Items may be left in the red wagon in the Narthex or left in the church office. They will be delivered to ACTS at the end of the month.

CHILDCARE: Free childcare is available in the nursery in the Cornish Building Sunday mornings 8:45am-12:30pm for infants and small children (6 weeks to 6 years old).

SOUP KITCHEN: The soup kitchen fed the following people last week.

My Father's House: 15 ~ Shut Ins: 10 ~ Tri Development: 20 ~ Soup Kitchen Meals: 104 ~Total: 149~ Menu: Chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, tossed salad, peaches and pudding, and PB & J sandwiches.

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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd starts at 10am this Sunday Sept. 8th and meets in the Atrium upstairs in the Stevenson-McClelland bldg. and is led by Anna Akins
 Adult Sunday School Class starts at 10:15am and meets in the Large Parlor (cafeteria) in the Stevenson-McClelland building led by Gibert Kennedy
 Drop In Class starts at 10:15am and meets in the Small Parlor in the Stevenson-McClelland building. We will be reading “What Went Wrong” by Philip Yancy and John A. Bernbaum, led by Kathie Fowler
 Holy Eucharist and Healing service is held on Wednesdays at 11:30am in the Chapel of the Holy Apostles



~ Serving Today ~

Celebrant	The Reverend Dr. Frank Sawyer
Preacher	The Reverend Joseph S. Whitehurst
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Harte
	Jo Ann Crystal
Lector	Bill Bassham
Acolytes	Anna Cecilia Akins
	Amelia Claire Aikins
	Asher Thomas Akins
Ushers	Brien Grande
	Jim Gault
Altar Guild	Cathy Harte
	Martha Wolfe
Streaming	Colin Ferguson
Sound	Marianne Swearingen
Director of Music & Organist	Mr. Don Dupée
<u>The St. Thaddeus Choir</u>	
Juanita Campbell	Michael Smart
Bonnie Coward	Melissa Steinkuhl
Gayle Ferguson	Susan Stribling
Carol Hokans	Worth Swearingen
Jay Jones	Rob Swingle
James Langford	Warren Wescott

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The Reverend Joseph S. Whitehurst, Associate Rector
The Reverend Deacon Jane Hostetter, Deacon
The Reverend Dr. Frank Sawyer, Head of Mead Hall School
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