

St.
Thaddeus
Episcopal Church



**The First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord
Holy Eucharist: Rite II
January 12, 2025
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: SING PRAISE TO OUR CREATOR

J. S. BACH

All Stand.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 135

SONGS OF THANKFULNESS & PRAISE

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Celebrant says

People Blessed be God: †Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People *There is one hope in God's call to us;*

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People *One God and Father of all.*

The following is sung.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: CANTICLE 11

THE THIRD SONG OF ISAIAH

Surge, illuminare (Canticle for Epiphany)

ISAIAH 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 8-19

1. Arise, now, shine, your light has come,
God's glory rises like the sun;
Though darkness still enshrouds the land,
Deep gloom remains on every hand.
2. The Lord will rise above his own,
His glory rest on you alone;
The nations will stream to your light,
And kings come to your dawning bright.
3. Your gates will be unbarred always,
Your portals open night and day;
Your name, the City of the Lord,
Zion, on whom his love is poured.
4. Here violence will be no more,
Within your borders peace is sure;
Your walls will bear Salvation's name,
Your gates the name of Praise shall claim.
5. You will not need the sun by day,
Nor yet by night the moon's bright ray;
The Lord will be your shining light,
And God your glory day and night.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed 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 you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

All are seated.

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 43:1-7

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

THE PSALM 29

1. The choir sings the antiphon
2. All sing the antiphon
3. The choir chants the verses
4. All sing the antiphon after vs. 6 & 11



The voice of the Lord is up-on the wa-ters.

- 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.

Antiphon

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.

Antiphon

THE SECOND READING

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.*

All stand.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN: 547

AWAKE, O SLEEPER

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Have compassion on all people and places torn by strife, especially Israel, Palestine, Haiti, Nigeria, Ukraine, and Russia, and we pray for those in the military, especially Samantha, Hayley, Michael, Giovanni, Will, Stephanie, Richard, Ryan, and Rivers. We pray for those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Patrick Hickey.

Let light perpetual shine upon him.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray for those who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially Mary Lou, Baby Burns, Joe, Pat, Linda, Major, Maryann, Cheryl, Myron, Ann, Shirley, Terrie, William, Jan, Mark, Parker, Bill, Sissy, Anna, Damon, Sue, Jerry, Rob, Jennifer, Jacob, John A., Richard, Ed, Warren, Blair, Matthew, Sherrie, Loretta, Robert, Burt, Anna Marie, Katherine, Ralph, John B., Harry, Daniel, Mitchell, and Diane; and for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Loretta Beckner, Blythe Ferguson, Carson Fox, Carl Jacobs, Nina Milton, Rebecca Rogan, Brian Sanders, and Warren Westcott.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

All kneel.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

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THE PEACE *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

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

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC: BAPTISED IN WATER **RICHARD SHEPHARD**

The Offertory is a Choral Anthem setting of hymn 294

THE PRESENTATION HYMN: 131 vs. 3

WITHIN THE JORDAN'S SACRED FLOOD

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP p. 367

THE SANCTUS: S-128

WILLIAM MATHIAS

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues

Celebrant and People

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

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 MUSIC: 295

SING PRAISE TO OUR CREATOR

All stand or kneel.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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All are seated.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

All stand.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people.

POST COMMUNION HYMN: 637

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

THE DISMISSAL

The Priest dismisses the People, who respond by saying

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY: HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

DAVID LASKY

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.



SERMON NOTES



~ Serving Today ~

Celebrant	The Reverend Joseph S. Whitehurst
Preacher	The Reverend Dr. Marshall A. Jolly
Eucharistic Ministers	Cathy Harte Bob Harte
Lector	Betty Witham
Acolytes	William Becker Caroline Wiedenman Maycie Moore
Ushers	Ronnie Wade Howard Hickey
Altar Guild	Cathy Harte
Streaming Sound	Colin Ferguson George King
Director of Music & Organist	Mr. Don Dupée
<u>The St. Thaddeus Choir</u>	
Bonnie Coward	Melissa Steinkuhl
Gayle Ferguson	Susan Stribling
Carol Hokans	Worth Swearingen
Jay Jones	Rob Swingle
Julia McKeon	Warren Westcott
James Langford	

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