

St.
Thaddeus
Episcopal Church



**The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist: Rite II
February 1, 2026
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!

This worship service is being livestreamed on Facebook and Vimeo and will be archived on our website.

VOLUNTARY: AVE VERUM CORPUS**W. A. MOZART****Mary Norris, flute***All stand.***THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 569****GOD THE OMNIPOTENT**

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

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

The Celebrant says

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: S-278 GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**WILLIAM MATHIAS****THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

All are seated.

THE FIRST READING**MICAH 6:1-8**

A reading from the Prophet Micah.

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.” “With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

THE PSALM: 15 (Simplified Anglican Chant sung by all)

chant by JEROME MECHAM



The ✓ indicates a pause/breath before singing the next line.

N.B. indicates no breath. Continue singing to the next line of the verse.

A1 Lord, who may dwell in your **tabernacle**? *
 who may abide upon your **hill**?

B2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is **right**, *
 who speaks the truth from his **heart**.

A3 There is no guile upon his tongue; ✓
 he does no evil to his **friend**; *
 he does not heap contempt upon his **neighbor**.

B4 In his sight the wicked is **re-jected**, *
 but he honors those who fear the **Lord**.

A5 He has sworn to do no **wrong** *N.B.
 and does not take back his **word**.

B6 He does not give his money in hope of **gain**, *
 nor does he take a bribe against the **innocent**.

B7 Whoever does these **things** *N.B.
 shall never be **over-thrown**.

THE SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness

is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

All stand, as you are able.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN: 605

WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE?

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:1-12

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Intercessor: In your mercy,

People: *hear us, Lord.*

Silence

THE CONFESSİON 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: SHARE WITH THE HUNGRY YOUR BREAD

CAROL MUELIG

Mary Norris, flute

Share with the hungry your bread, take to the lonely your heart,
strengthen the weak as in weakness you give, daily allow for fresh starts.

Live in the moment as moments do come, live out the calling begun.

Tenderly touch your mistakes, softly embrace where you failed,
treasure the measures of longing and love, open to change from above.
Live with the question as questions do come, live out the answer begun.

Gently admit to your pain, frequently visit the strain,
look to what tension, what terror you yield, kneel on the earth of their field.

Sit in discomfort for patience to come, live out the healing begun.

Lovingly honor your grief, patiently pray for relief;
dig up your weakness and pain and mistake, hold it to see it abate.
Human and tender we willingly come, living what Christ has begun.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN: 554**‘TIS THE GIFT TO BE SIMPLE****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

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The people remain standing.

Celebrant and People

THE SANCTUS: S-128

WILLIAM MATHIAS

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

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: 656

BLEST ARE THE PURE IN HEART

All stand or kneel.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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All are seated.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

All stand.

THE BLESSING

THE POST COMMUNION HYMN: 471

WE SING THE PRAISE

THE DISMISSAL

The Priest dismisses the People, who respond by saying

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY: GOD THE OMNIPOTENT

T. TERTIUS NOBLE

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 & want to know more about St. Thaddeus? Then scan the QR code below & see our website & complete our newcomer form.



SERMON NOTES



~ Serving Today ~

Celebrant	The Reverend Dr. Marshall A. Jolly
Preacher	The Reverend Joseph S. Whitehurst
Assisting Priest	The Reverend Dr. Frank D. Sawyer
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Harte Cathy Harte Faye Becker James Carlson William Becker
Acolytes	Annie Smith Larry Wyont Bill Rutledge
Lector	Jennifer Huff
Ushers	Jo Ann Crystal Marianne Swearingen
Altar Guild	Teddy Palmer
Flower Guild	Patrick Boylan
Streaming	Mr. Don Dupée
Sound	
Vestry Member of the Day	
Director of Music/Organist	

The St. Thaddeus Choir

Bonnie Coward	Julia McKeon
Gayle Ferguson	Susan Stribling
Carol Hokans	Worth Swearingen
Jay Jones	Rob Swingle
James Langford	Warren Westcott

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Founded 1842



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A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina

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The Reverend Dr. Marshall A. Jolly, Rector

The Reverend Joseph S. Whitehurst, Associate Rector

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

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