

St.
Thaddeus
Episcopal Church



The Third Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist: Rite II
April 19, 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.

- B2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took **hold of me**; *
I came to grief and **sorrow**.
- A3 Then I called upon the Name of the **LORD**: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my **life**."
- B10 How shall I repay the **LORD** * N.B.
for all the good things he has **done for me**?
- A11 I will lift up the cup of sal-**vation** * N.B.
and call upon the Name of the **LORD**.
- B12 I will fulfill my vows to the **LORD** * N.B.
in the presence of all his **people**.
- A13 Precious in the sight of the **LORD** * N.B.
is the death of his **servants**.
- B14 O LORD, I am your **servant**; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my **bonds**.
- A15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanks-**giving** * N.B.
and call upon the Name of the **LORD**.
- B16 I will fulfill my vows to the **LORD** * N.B.
in the presence of all his **people**,
- B17 In the courts of the **LORD'S house**, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Halle-lujah!

THE SECOND READING

1 PETER 1:17-23

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
All stand, as you are able.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN: ALLELUIA & VERSE FOR EASTER III
THOMAS PAVLECHKO



1. Choir sings the antiphon
2. All sing the antiphon
3. The choir chants the verse
4. All sing the antiphon.

THE HOLY GOSPEL **LUKE 24:13-35**

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

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us

while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE REVEREND DR. MARSHALL A. JOLLY

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

THE NICENE CREED

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THE PEACE

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: OUR HEARTS BURN WITHIN US

WALTER PELZ

THE PRESENTATION HYMN: 305 vs. 1

COME, RISEN LORD

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.

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

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Celebrant and People

THE SANCTUS: S-128

WILLIAM MATHIAS

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues

THE LORD’S PRAYER: S-119

THE FRACTION

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

THE COMMUNION HYMN: 343 SHEPHERD OF SOULS, REFRESH & BLESS

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, saying

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

THE POST COMMUNION HYMN: 180

HE IS RISEN!

THE DISMISSAL

The Priest dismisses the People, who respond by saying

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY: HE IS RISEN!

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 Joseph S. Whitehurst
Preacher	The Reverend Dr. Marshall A. Jolly
Assisting Priest	The Reverend Dr. Frank D. Sawyer
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Harte
	Cathy Harte
Acolytes	Maycie Moore
	Faye Becker
	William Becker
	Kate Grande
Lector	Annie Smith
Ushers	Blythe Ferguson
	Tom Warren
Altar Guild	Nina Milton
	Henri Wade
Streaming	Colin Ferguson
Sound	Teddy Palmer
Vestry Member of the Day	Susan Elder
Director of Music/Organist	Mr. Don Dupée

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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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
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