

# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

April 19, 2026, 7:45 AM

*Welcome to St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church! This service follows the order found in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), located in the pews. Please don't hesitate to ask an usher or a neighbor for assistance. You are invited to participate fully in all aspects of our worship service!*

### THE WORD OF GOD

*The People stand as the Celebrant and other Ministers enter the Chancel.*

#### **The Opening Acclamation**

**BCP p. 355**

*Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*

*People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

#### **The Gloria**

**BCP p. 356**

#### **The Collect of the Day**

**BCP pgs. 224-225**

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **The First Lesson**

**Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*Reader The Word of the Lord*

*People Thanks be to God*

#### **The Psalm: 116:1-3, 10-17**

**BCP pgs. 759-760**

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

10 How shall I repay the LORD \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

### **The Second Lesson**

**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.*

### **The Gospel**

**Luke 24:13-35**

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

*People* *Glory be 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 Joseph S. Whitehurst**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP p. 358**

**The Peace**

**BCP p. 332**

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

**The Offertory**

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D**

**BCP p. 372**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**BCP p. 364**

**The Breaking of the Bread & Fraction Anthem**

**BCP p. 364**

**The Invitation & Communion of the People**

**BCP p. 364**

**The Post-Communion Prayer**

**BCP p. 366**

**The Announcements**

**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 Dismissal**

*The Priest dismisses the People, who respond by saying  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*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>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>The Reverend Joseph S. Whitehurst</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	<b>Terry Dennis</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Jane Scott</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Kim Sidey</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Terry Dennis</b>
<b>Sound</b>	<b>George King</b>
<b>Vestry Member of the Day</b>	<b>Susan Stribling</b>

## **Saint Thaddeus Episcopal Church**

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

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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**

**Denise Kinard, Finance and Facilities Administrator**

**Rebecca Rogan, Assoc. Finance and Facilities Administrator**

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