

St.
Thaddeus
Episcopal Church




The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist: Rite II
May 10, 2026
9:00 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!

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

TIM HUGHES

1. Light of the World, You stepped down in - to dark - ness,
 2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - al - ted,

3 O - pened my eyes, let me see,
 Glo - rious in hea - ven a - bove.

5 Beau - ty that made this heart a - dore You,
 Hum - bly You came to the Earth You cre - a - ted.

7 Hope of a life spent with You. Here I am to
 All for love's sake be - came poor.

10 wor - ship, here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that You're my God.

13 You're al - to - ge - ther love - ly, al - to - ge - ther wor - thy, Al - to - ge - ther

16 won - der - ful to me. I'll ne
 ver know how much it cost to see

1.,3. *Last time to Coda* 2. *Bridge*

22 my sin u - pon that cross. And I'll ne -
 24 that cross Here I am to 26
 1. G
 2. G
 CODA
 Fin

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: I LOVE YOU LORD

Laurie Klein

I love You Lord. And I lift my voice to wor - ship
 You, O my soul, re - joice. Take joy, my King, in
 what You hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

ACTS 17:22-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: 66:7-18

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
 make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
 and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
 you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
 you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
 we went through fire and water; *
 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
 and will pay you my vows, *

which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

THE SECOND READING

1 PETER 3:13-22

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand, as you are able.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN: BECAUSE HE LIVES

WILLIAM J. GAITHER



1. God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus, He came to love,
 2. How sweet to hold a new - born ba - by, And feel the pride
 3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er, I'll fight life's fi -

6 heal, and for - give; He lived and died to buy my
 and joy He gives; But great - er still the calm as -
 nal war and pain; And then as death gives way to

11 par - don, An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives,
 sur - ance, This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives,
 vic - tory I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He reigns.

17 Be - cause He lives, I can face to - mor - row, Be - cause He lives,

23 all fear is gone; Be - cause I know He holds the

28 fu - ture, And life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause He lives!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 14:15-21

Priest

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.

In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

THE REVEREND JOSEPH H. WHITEHURST

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

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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 HYMN: LET OUR PRAISE TO YOU BE AS INCENSE

With Reverence and Awe

Brent Chambers

$\text{♩} = 80$

Let our praise to You be as in - cense; Let our
3 praise to You be as pil - lars of the throne. Let our
6 praise to You be as in - cense as we come be - fore You and
9 wor - ship You a - lone. As we see You in Your
12 splen - dor, as we gaze u - pon Your ma - jes - ty as we
15 join the hosts of an - gels and pro - claim to - geth - er Your
18 ho - li - ness; Let our ho - li - ness;
22 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord.
26 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord. Last Time

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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The people remain standing.

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 him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Celebrant and People

THE SANCTUS:

To the tune "Land of Rest"

F Dm B^b F Dm C F Am

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might:

5 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

9 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

13 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for

you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to the right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues.

Lord, we pray that in you goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean our Presiding Bishop; Daniel our Bishop; Marshall, Joseph, and Frank our clergy; Adelle our seminarian; and all who minister in your Church.

Remember the Faculty, staff, and students of Mead Hall School.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth, especially those who have commended themselves to our prayers: Charlie, Richard, Ray, Bob, Beth, Pam, Sharon, Cheryl, Mickey, Dustin, Gail, Damon, Darrell, Lee, Harry, Steve L., Anna Marie, Burt, Catharine, John B., and Glenn.

Remember those people and places torn by strife, and especially those in the military: Butler, Levi, John, Samantha, Hayley, Michael, Giovanni, Will, Stephanie, Richard, and Ryan.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give your glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior

Christ has taught us,

we are bold to sing,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Musical score for the first system of "The Lord's Prayer". It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is D major (two sharps) and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo is marked with a quarter note equal to 96 (♩ = 96). The first system contains two measures. The vocal line begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a single bass note in the left hand. Chord symbols above the staff are D, Em7, DMaj7, Em7, D, and Em7. The dynamic marking *mf* is placed above the vocal line.

Musical score for the second system of "The Lord's Prayer". It continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note pattern. Chord symbols above the staff are DMaj7, Em7, D, Em7, DMaj7, and D7. The lyrics "Our Fa - ther, who art in -" are written below the vocal line.

Musical score for the third system of "The Lord's Prayer". It continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note pattern. Chord symbols above the staff are G, D, Em, A7, Bm, Em, Asus4, and A. The lyrics "hea - ven, hal - low - ed be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven." are written below the vocal line.

11 D Em7 DMaj7 Em7 D Em7

Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our —

14 DMaj7 D7 Bm F#m Gsus2 G D

tres - pas - ses, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us.

f

17 G D Em Asus4 A

And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, — but de -

20 Em Asus4 A D Em7 DMaj7 Em7

li - ver us from e - vil. — For thine is the king - dom, —

24 D Em7 DMaj7 D7
 and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for

26 Bm F#m Gsus2 G D Em7 Asus4 A
 ev - er and e - ver. A - - - -

29 D G DMaj7 G D
 men.

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!

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

THE COMMUNION HYMN: FORTRESS

R. MARK & P. BALOCHE

1. I have found a For - tress in the Liv -
2. That this love pur - sued us is a myst -
ing God, I have made the Sov - 'reign Lord my ref - uge. And my
er - y, for the heart is base and You are ho - ly, yet the
lips will tell of all His sav - ing grace, though the depths
streams of mer - cy that flow o - ver me will af - ford
of which no man could meas - ure. In the 'days of plen - ty', in the
me grace to stand in glo - ry. Where with men and an - gels, where with
'days of want', I will put my trust in You a - lone. For there's
slaves and kings I will sing my praise to You a - lone.
no heart great - er than the Fa - ther's heart, and there's no love sweet - er than the Son's.
Hal - le -
lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah to my King. Hal - le -
lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, Je - sus Christ my ev - 'ry - thing. Hal - le - thing.

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.

THE POST COMMUNION HYMN: HIS LOVE

DAVID RUIS

1 (B) E A

1. His love is high - er than the
2. His love is strong - er than the
3. His love is sweet - er than the

4 E B E

high - est of moun - tains. His love goes
an - gels and de - mons. His love, it is
sweet - est of hon - ey. His love, it is

7 A E B

deep - er than the deep life's - est of seas. His
keeps me in my choic - est dark - est hour. His
bet - ter than the the est of wine. His

10 E A E

love, it stretch - es to the farth - est hor - i
love, se - cures me on the path - way to heav
love, it sat - is - fies the deep - est of hun

13 B A

- zon, and His love,
- en, and His love,
- ger, and His love

17 N.C. E A E

it reach - es to me,
is my strength and pow'r,
in Je - sus it's mine.

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



~ Serving Today ~

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Acolytes	Michael Norris Peter King Ivy Parrott
Lector	Ed Schneider
Ushers	Barbara McKnight Brian Sanders
Altar Guild	Ann Fornwald Anne Sidey
Sound	Meredith Parrott
Vestry Member of the Day	Joanne Martin
<u>Balcony Musicians</u>	
Maura Brady	Carl Jacobs
Raymond Buchholz	Jim Jordan
Patty Craft	Susanna King
Tim Hildebrandt	Linda Kolmar
Sally Howard	Mary Norris
Thomas Huff	

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