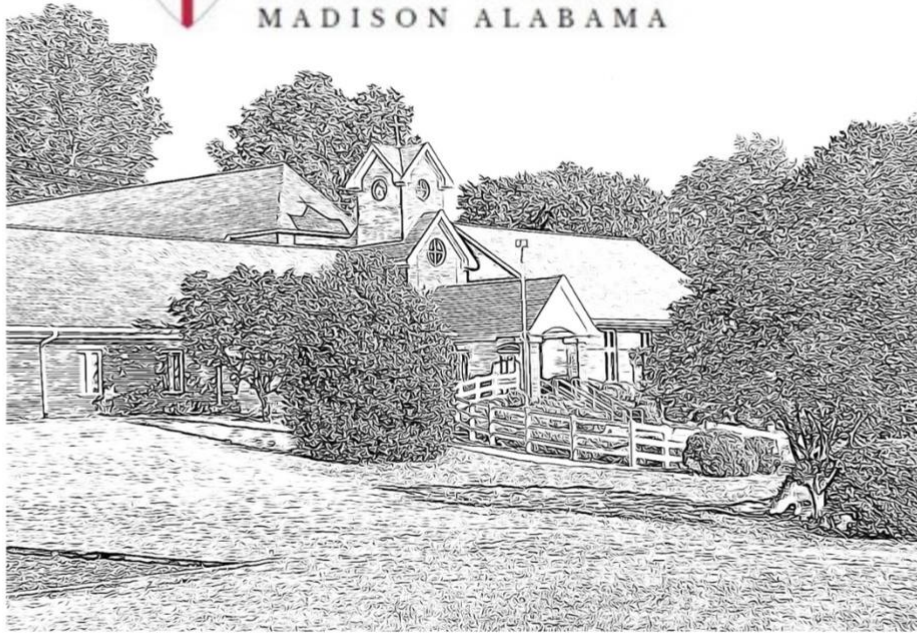




ST MATTHEW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MADISON ALABAMA



The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

8:30/11:00 AM

Fr. Chris Hartley, Rector
Fr. Dillon Green, Associate Rector
Tom Killian, Music Director
Susan Fletcher, Organist

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The service begins outdoors in the Labyrinth (weather permitting).

The Liturgy of the Palms

Celebrant †Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Blessing of the Palms

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
Celebrant It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (*Ein Feste Burg*) *Choir*
John Charlton, *cantor*

The Procession of the Palms

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Processional Hymn

Hymn #154. All Glory, Laud and Honor

Refrain




All glo - ry, laud and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring. *Fine*



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, mel. Melchoir Teschner (1584-1635); harm. W. H. Monk (1823-1889).

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility:

Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

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

Psalm 31:9-16

- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my
neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

The Second Reading

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #156

“Ride On In Majesty”

Choir &

Congregation

The Passion Gospel

Luke 22:14-23:56

The congregation remains seated. Follow along on the Narrative located on the pews.

The Sermon

Fr. Dillon

Prayers of the People

Form 1

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

We pray for The Church of England; for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their Bishop, Lloyd; for all victims of violence, hatred, prejudice, oppression, and for the agencies who advocate on their behalf; for Kairos & Kairos Outside; for the Food Bank of North Alabama, First Stop, and the Episcopal Relief and Development; for St. Matthew's Grief Share Ministry; for the peace of the world, especially in Ukraine and the Middle East, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For our presiding bishop, Sean, our bishops, Glenda and Brian, our rector, Chris, our associate rector, Dillon, for our retired clergy, Sam and Bob; for Lauren, our missionary in Kenya. For the St. Matthew's staff, vestry and laity, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For our president, Donald, our vice president, JD, our governor, Kay, our mayor, Paul, and for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For this city, Madison, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth, which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

✠For all who have died, in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially Margaret Hale; let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

In the communion of St. Matthew and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. ***To thee, O Lord our God.***

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome

The Offertory

“O Savior of the World”

Choir

(John Goss)

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

When the offering is presented at the altar, the Celebrant says

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Liturgy of the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus & Benedictus #S-124

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei

Setting: Carl Haywood

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: grant us peace.

Prayer Of Humble Access *The People may join in saying this prayer*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Hymn #313

“Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured”

Choir & Congregation

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Solemn Prayer

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

Hymn #474

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**



ALTAR GIFTS:

The Palms on Palm Sunday are given to the glory of God by **Ray and Shirley White** in celebration of life and their 52nd wedding anniversary.

The Bread and Wine is given to the glory of God by **Beth Newlin** in memory of Allan David Carleton.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Noon Eucharist – April 14th, 15th, 16th in the Nave.

Maundy Thursday – April 17th at 7:00 pm in the Nave.

Good Friday – April 18th at 7:00 pm & Stations of the Cross at noon in the Nave.

The Great Vigil of Easter with Baptism* – April 19th at 8:00 pm in the Nave.

Easter – Holy Eucharist Rite II – April 20th at 8:30 & 11:00 am* in the Nave.

*INCENSE IS USED IN THIS SERVICE



Please pray for St. Matthew's members who are distressed in body, mind, or spirit:

Bill Byrd, Chuck, Lorna, and Roy Vickers, Dottie Aldredge, Gina Centanni, Terry Schuster, David Osmond, Anna Post, Bev Ryberg, David Newton, Jane Prince, Mary Travers, Anne Sullivan, Judy Elkins, Lynda Johnston, Jack Brown, Bob & Eileen Bogard, Roger & Rhoda Kitchen, Brenda Kirkendall, Chris King, Eileen Lewis, Molly Killian, Mona Candia, Trudie Gruman, Judith Carleton, Ray and Shirley White, George and Sandra Burgess, Jimmy Hubbard, Norm Smith, Keith Ulrich, Tyron Newton, Clarissa Dozier.

Also pray for our friends and family members, especially:

Brenda Anderson, Diana Parks, Martha Bergmann, Chuck Sewell, Wes Patterson, Mike Rice, Samantha Rice, Richard Hattoway, Jenny Williams, Rosie Brown, Jack Cooper, Jewell Newton, Ginger Eich, Catherine S. Williams, Joe Allen, Caroline Thomas, Elyssa Nelson, Vaughn Cassell, Bill Fischer, Sally Flanigan, Theresa Richerson, Scott Marbut, Todd Newman, Jessica Goodwin, Cathy Taveras, Fran Woytowich, BB McCalpin, Stephen Byrd, Bronwen Murray, Katie Ray, Sherry Sampson, Joe Frank Trevino, Emmy & Drew Champion, Ron Mandelbaum, Dave Knowles, Wade Allen, Emily Nebrig, Bobby Paysinger, Barbara Lemley, Steve Sands, Felicia Temple, John David Landin, Mike Bolton, Dr. Mark Bronner, Ashley Jenkins, Nancy Laws, Mileena-Haley Painter, Zach Guidry, Rachelle & Kevin Painter, Kim East, John Freedman, Mark Anderson, Judy Tuck, Kathleen Glor, Ann Reid Cronin, Elizabeth Hodges, Jill Kanuchok, Mike Mumfrey, Joyce Lewis, Allan Scott, Jim Bob Cox, Kallie Hartley, Joe Allen.

WORSHIP SERVERS

8:30am

11:00am

Vestry of the Day	TBD	
Altar Guild	Barbara Combs	Grace Lo
Ushers	Angel Utt/Dennis Utt	T. Sampson/M. Barton
LEM	J. Glasgow/K. Scheuer	S. Weaver/K. Barr
Lector	Melanie Pezzula	Susan Peterson
Epistoler	Walt Christopher	Jeff Anderson
Intercessor	Andy Williams	Michael Harrison
Crucifer	A. Utt	C. Beech
Gospeler	J. Glasgow	B. Watson
Torch Bearer	A Wales	N Rasmussen
Torch Bearer	M. Pezzula	M. Rasmussen
Counter	H. Tidwell/R. Driesbach	J. Brown/M. Harrison
Hospitality	The Weimer's	TBD
Nursery	M. Brown/A. Anderson	M. Brown/A. Anderson

LIVE STREAM SERVICE REMINDER – *Please be mindful that the 11:00 am service is live-streamed every week. Therefore, names may be audible, and faces may be visible to anyone watching online.*