St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
Madison, Alabama

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

NOVEMBER 22, 2026
8:30 & 11:00 AM

The Rev. Emily Rowell Brown, Rector
The Rev. Taylor Johnson, Associate Rector
Tom Killian, Music Director
Susan Fletcher, Organist

Quiet before the service helps us to mark sacred space and time. Please use this time to prayerfully prepare for worship. Please remember to silence your cell phone.

*Elements marked with * are included in the 11:00 am worship service.*

The Liturgy of the Word

The Prelude **Liebster Jesu** *(J. S. Bach)*

Processional Hymn #555 **Lead on, O King eternal**

Opening Sentences, *Standing* BCP 355

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

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

Collect for Purity

Celebrant 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***.

***Gloria, #*S-236**, **Sung by all*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen***.

The Lesson, Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100

1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
4 For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Epistle, Ephesians 1:15-23

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Standing, sung by all

Sequence Hymn #478 **Jesus, our mighty Lord**

The Holy Gospel, Matthew 25:31-46

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

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

The Sermon The Rev. Emily Rowell Brown

The Nicene Creed, *Standing* BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People, Form III BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Richard, our Bishop; for Emily and Taylor, our clergy; for Bob and Sam, our retired clergy; for our staff, vestry, and laity; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for our president, Donald; our vice president, JD; our governor, Kay; our mayor, Ranae; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and for their bishop, Lloyd; for the Food Bank of North Alabama; for First Stop; for the Episcopal Relief and Development; for Sawyerville; for the Huntsville Assistance Program; for the National Children's Advocacy Center; for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for those who are in areas of conflict and disaster who are in harm's way. We pray for our friends, family, and community in need of your care, especially Bob Bogard, Daryl Carpenter, Gina Centanni, Carmen M. Colon, Barbara Combs, Joan East, Molly Killian, Eileen Lewis, David Newton, Cathy Rasnick, Bill Pope, Jane Prince, Anne Sullivan, Chuck, Lorna, and Roy Vickers, Bren Stilson, and Ray White. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and for those of others.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin BCP 360

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People
Most merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen***.

***Children's Homily**

The Peace, *Standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Offertory

Instrumental Offertory (8:30) **Now We Pray Thee** *(Dietrich Buxtehude)*
Choral Offertory (11:00) **At the Name of Jesus** *(Richard Waters)*

Financial offerings are not mandatory; they are expressions of our thanksgiving towards God and an investment in St. Matthew's ministries. If you would like to give a one-time offering digitally, you may use the QR code here. Many who give choose to set up a recurring gift (a "pledge"). To pledge, email our office at office@stmatthewsmadison.org.

Presentation Hymn #380, *Standing, sung by all* **The Doxology** *(vs. 3)*

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367

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.**

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…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 #S-130, **Sung by all*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Standing or kneeling

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Matthew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer*, Said by all* BCP 364

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.

8:30 only

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

***Fraction Anthem #S-164**, *Sung by all*

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace, give us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

You are invited to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. If you wish to receive a blessing, please come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your chest. If you are interested in being baptized, please speak with the clergy after the service or contact the church office. If you would like clergy to bring communion to you, please notify an usher.

During the distribution of communion, anyone who would like is invited to light one of the candles located in the back right transept as a symbol of prayer.

Communion Hymn #544 **Jesus shall reign where'er the sun**
Communion Hymn #609 **Where cross the crowded ways of life**

The Postcommunion Prayer, *Said by all, standing or kneeling* BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 Blessing, *All standing*

Closing Hymn #494 **Crown him with many crowns**

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude **Domine Deus, Rex Celestis** *(François Couperin)*

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Remember in your prayers this week: Bob Bogard, Daryl Carpenter, Gina Centanni, Carmen M. Colon, Barbara Combs, Joan East, Molly Killian, Eileen Lewis, David Newton, Cathy Rasnick, Bill Pope, Jane Prince, Anne Sullivan, Chuck, Lorna, and Roy Vickers, and Ray White.

Also pray for our friends and family members, especially: Ginger Eich, Anthony Hardin, Angela Loehr and family, Catherine Ott, Diana Parks, Mike Rice, Suzette Rice, Cathy Taveras, Shannon Carpenter, Fran Woytowich, Felicia Temple, Jan Blood, Afton Pruett Travens, Bryan McHugh.

The names placed on our prayer list are held in prayer by this parish throughout the week. We are happy to include all prayer requests. Names will remain on the list for four weeks. Please contact the office or clergy if you desire a name to remain on after four weeks or to be removed sooner. Apart from prayers for the departed, we ask that you have the person's permission before adding them to the list.

SERVING TODAY (8:30 AM)
PREACHER: The Rev. Emily Rowell Brown
CELEBRANT: The Rev. Taylor Johnson
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Tom Killian
ORGANIST: Susan Fletcher
ALTAR GUILD: Dee Buzby, Vicky Dawes
LEM: Barbara Carpenter, Bonita Gainer
LECTOR: Barbara Carpenter
CRUCIFER: Bobby Williams
USHERS: Vicky Dawes, Robert Sampson
MEDIA MINISTRY: Geoff Beech
HOSPITALITY: Kathy Hicks
COUNTERS: Jeff Cooper, Cindy Byrd
NURSERY: Amber Anderson, Mary Brown
VESTRY OF THE DAY: Bill Byrd

SERVING TODAY (11:00 AM):
PREACHER: The Rev. Emily Rowell Brown
CELEBRANT: The Rev. Taylor Johnson
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Tom Killian
ORGANIST: Susan Fletcher
ALTAR GUILD: Alinda Coiner, Donna Kleinjung
LEM: Jason Vaughn, Michael Harrison
LECTOR: Alinda Coiner
EPISTOLER: Hayley Simoneau
INTERCESSOR: Jack Hughes
CRUCIFER: Carter Bagwell
GOSPELER: Nora Rasmussen
USHERS: Joel Simoneau, Jeff Anderson
MEDIA MINISTRY: Dane Rasmussen
HOSPITALITY: Melanie Pezulla
COUNTERS: Michael Harrison, Peggy Lane
NURSERY: Amber Anderson, Mary Brown
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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. During the children's homily, a slide is displayed for children's privacy.***