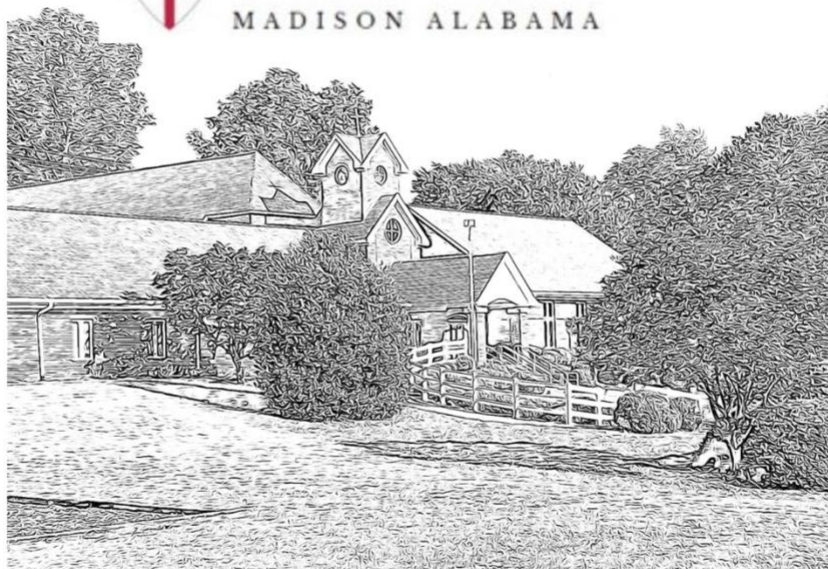




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EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
MADISON ALABAMA



**THE TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**  
**NOVEMBER 9, 2025**  
**10:00 AM**

*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.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

**Opening Voluntary**

**God's Time Is Best**

*(J. S. Bach)*

**Entrance Hymn 719, *Standing, sung by all***

**O beautiful for spacious skies**

**Opening Sentences *Standing***

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

***People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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.***

**Canticle 13, #S-236 *Sung by all***

**1. Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**

**2. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**3. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**

**4. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**5. Glory to you, beholding the depths;  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**

**6. 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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## **The Lesson, Job 19:23-27a**

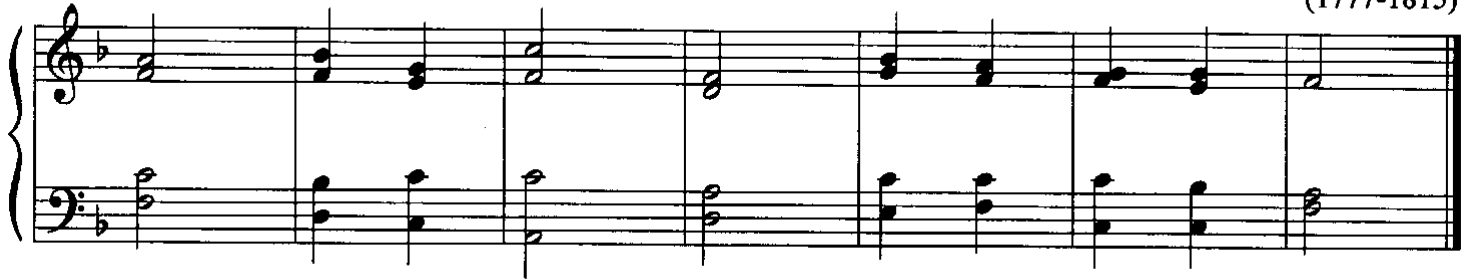
Job said, "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**S 422**

William Russell  
(1777-1813)



1. Sing to the Lord a | **new** song, \*  
for he has done | **mar**-velous things.
2. With his right hand and his | holy arm \*  
has he won for him- | self the victory.
3. The Lord has made known his | victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown,  
in the | sight • of the • **na**-tions.
4. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the | house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the |  
vic- • tory • of our God.
5. Shout with joy to the Lord, | all you lands; \*  
lift up your | voice, rejoice and sing.
6. Sing to the Lord | with the harp, \*  
with the harp | and the voice of song.
7. With trumpets and the | sound • of the • horn, \*  
shout with joy be- | fore the King, the Lord.
8. Let the sea make a noise and all that | is in it, \*  
the lands and | those who dwell therein.
9. Let the rivers | clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he | comes to judge the earth.
10. In righteousness he shall | judge the world, \*  
and the peoples | **with** equity.

## **The Epistle, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17**

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 295**, *Standing, sung by all*

**Sing praise to our Creator**

**The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 20:27-38**

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

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

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in

marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

Deacon Taylor Johnson

## **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**

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; Glenda and Brian, our Bishops; Susan, our Interim Rector; Taylor, our deacon; Bob and Sam, our retired clergy; Lauren, our missionary in Kenya; 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 The Church in the Province of the West Indies; our companion Diocese of Honduras and their Bishop, Lloyd; The Commission on Aging and those who work to serve those communities; Habitat for Humanity and all programs for the promotion of safe and affordable housing for low income persons; for the Food Bank of North Alabama, First Stop, Episcopal Relief and Development; Sawyerville; Huntsville Assistance Program; 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.**

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, especially Kitty Ford, mother of Karey Holcomb.

**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**

*Celebrant* 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.*

**The Peace** *Standing*

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

*People* **And also with you.**

**Welcome**

**Offertory Anthem,** *Sung by Choir*

**The Eyes of All**

*(Richard Shephard)*

**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, 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,

*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 St. 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.**

**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**

*Regardless of the denomination of your baptism, you are invited to receive Holy 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.*

**Communion Hymn 575**

**Before thy throne, O god, we kneel**

**Communion Hymn A-153** (*Alleluia III Songbook*)

**Standing in the Need of Prayer**

**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.**

**The Blessing**, *all standing*

**Closing Hymn 404**, *Standing, sung by all*

**We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord**

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary**

**Improvisation on “America the Beautiful”**



***The Bread and Wine are given to the glory of God by Mary Brown in memory of Dwight Brown.***



**Remember in your prayers this week:**

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, Bob & Eileen Bogard, Roger & Rhoda Kitchen, Brenda Kirkendall, Chris King, Eileen Lewis, Molly Killian, the Sloan Family, Trudie Gruman, Ray and Shirley White, George and Sandra Burgess, Norm Smith, Keith Ulrich, Tyron Newton, Clarissa Dozier, Darryl Carpenter, Carmen M. Colon, Robert Sampson, Deborah Harrison, Dennis Blanco, Scott Cechovic, Beau Womack.

**Also pray for our friends and family members, especially:**

Brenda Anderson, Diana Parks, Martha Bergmann, Chuck Sewell, Wes Patterson, Mike Rice, Richard Hattoway, Jenny Williams, Rosie Brown, Jewell Newton, Ginger Eich, Catherine S. Williams, Joe Allen, Caroline Thomas, Elyssa Nelson, Bill Fischer, Sally Flanigan, Theresa Richerson, Scott Marbut, Todd Newman, Cathy Taveras, Fran Woytowich, BB McCalpin, Stephen Byrd, Bronwen Murray, Katie Ray, Peggy Wagner, 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, 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, Christine Van Dyke, Christopher Taveras, Mike and Suzette Rice, Vaughn Cassell, Shannon Carpenter, Jarilyn Alleman, Jake Sowder, Cheryl Lavazza, Margaret McHugh.

***Please help us keep the prayer list updated by letting us know when names should be removed and when others should be added. Your help with this is greatly appreciated! [office@stmatthewsmadison.org](mailto:office@stmatthewsmadison.org)***

## ***Week at a Glance***

<b>Sunday, Nov. 9</b>	<b>The Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost</b>
9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School, CE 1
9:00 AM	Kid's Sunday School, CE 3
9:00 AM	Youth Sunday School, Amy West Building
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Nave
11:15 AM	Outreach Committee meeting, CE 1
11:30 AM	Lessons and Carols rehearsal, Nave & GH
12:30 PM	“Seeing God in Others and Ourselves”, CE 2
4:00 PM	Scouting America Troop #628, Amy West
<b>Monday, Nov. 10</b>	
9:00 AM	Sewing Sisters, Gruman Hall
6:30 PM	Gratitude Committee meeting, CE 2
6:30 PM	Bells Angels rehearsal
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 11</b>	<b>Church Office Closed – Veterans Day</b>
7:00 AM	Men's Breakfast, GH/Kitchen
9:30 AM	Reunion Group, Library
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 12</b>	
11:00 AM	Reunion Group, Gruman Hall
12:00 PM	Noon Eucharist, Nave
6:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Nave
<b>Thursday, Nov. 13</b>	
9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study, GH
4:00 PM	Madison Guild, Gruman Hall
<b>Friday, Nov. 14</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Cleaning Service
<b>Saturday, Nov. 15</b>	
8:00 AM	Heart and Soil



*Financial offerings are not mandatory; they are an investment in our ministries. If you would like to give a one-time offering digitally or setup weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly offerings, you are welcome to use the QR code here.*

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## **SERVING TODAY**

**PREACHER:** Deacon Taylor Johnson

**CELEBRANT:** The Rev. Susan Sloan

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Tom Killian

**ORGANIST:** Susan Fletcher

**ALTAR GUILD:** Barbara Combs, Karen Price

**LEM:** Shelia Weaver, Sande Smith

**LECTOR:** Brian Buzby

**EPISTOLER:** Jeanne Burch

**INTERCESSOR:** Michael Harrison

**ACOLYTES:** Anna Maddox, Emily Maddox, Melanie Pezzula, Sam Pezzula

**USHERS:** Brian Buzby, Ray Cassell

**COUNTERS:** Kathy Modrall, Harry Tidwell

**HOSPITALITY:** Mary Brown

**NURSERY:** Mary Brown, Amber Anderson

**MEDIA MINISTRY:** Dane Rasmussen

**VESTRY OF THE DAY:** Rebecca Franz