

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church  
Madison, AL



The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 7, 2024

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

# Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Prelude

Partita on *Hyfrydol*

(Charles Callahan)

## The Entrance Rite

Hymn #657

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

**Opening Acclamation**, *all standing*

*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.*

**Canticle 13, Hymn #S-236** *The following is sung, all standing*

**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 forever.**

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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

**Ezekiel 2:1-5**

*A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.*

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 123

1 To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, \*  
until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

## **The Second Reading**

**2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

*A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.*

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## The Holy Gospel

Mark 6:1-13

*Deacon*    † The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

*Deacon*    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Fr. Dillon

**The Nicene Creed, *please stand***  
*All pray together:*

**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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

**Form I**

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

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and  
for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our Presiding Bishop, Michael, our Bishops, Glenda and Brian, our  
rector, Chris, our associate rector, Dillon, our deacon, Lynn, our postulate for  
Holy Orders, Karen, for Sam and Bob our retired clergy, for our staff, vestry  
and laity and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, Joe, our Vice President, Kamala, 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 of 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.**

We pray especially for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; for  
our companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop Lloyd; Alabama  
Episcopal Foundation Board of Directors; Diocesan Department of  
Architecture; St. Matthew's Grief Share; and for peace in Ukraine and the  
Middle East; 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, 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 Saint 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.**

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*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.*

**The Peace,** *please stand*

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

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Offertory** “I Lift My Eyes Unto The Hills” *(Mark Schweizer)*

**Hymn #380** **The Doxology** *(vs. 3)*

**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 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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Hymn #S-125**

*Celebrant and People:*

**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.**

*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.*

**Fraction Anthem, Hymn #S-154** *Celebrant and People*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;**

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

**Hymn #A-142** (*Alleluia III Songbook*)

**“Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

*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.**

**The Blessing,** *all standing*

**Hymn #636**

**“How Firm A Foundation, Ye Saints Of The Lord”**

**The Dismissal**

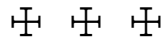
*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude

Prelude on the Doxology

*(Johann Pachelbel)*



**WORSHIP SERVERS:**

**VOD:** Ed

**8:30am**

**11:00am**

**Altar Guild:** Hamilton

Bagwell

**Nursery:** Hamilton/Maddox

Anderson/Brown

**Hospitality:** Turner

Pezzula

**Ushers:** Carpenter/R Sampson

Snell/Beasley

**Lectors:** Carpenter/Carpenter/J Hawkins

Anderson/Anderson/Vaughn

**LEM:** Centanni/Glasgow

Bishop/Anderson

**Counters:** Christopher/Lewis

Barton/Harrison

**Acolytes:** C Glasgow/J Glasgow

C Bagwell/A Utt/V Mullins/B Mullins

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

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF FR. STEVE** – *because so many of you have requested a way to contribute to a memorial, the Gruman family has asked that monetary donations be made in Steve's memory to St. Matthew's and noted for "Columbarium Garden".*

**BULLETINS** – *going forward bulletins will be printed in black & white to save on the extremely high cost of color copies.*

**ALTAR GIFTS:**

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Mike & Becky Hamilton in celebration of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Terry Sampson in celebration of her 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Carpenter's anniversary.*