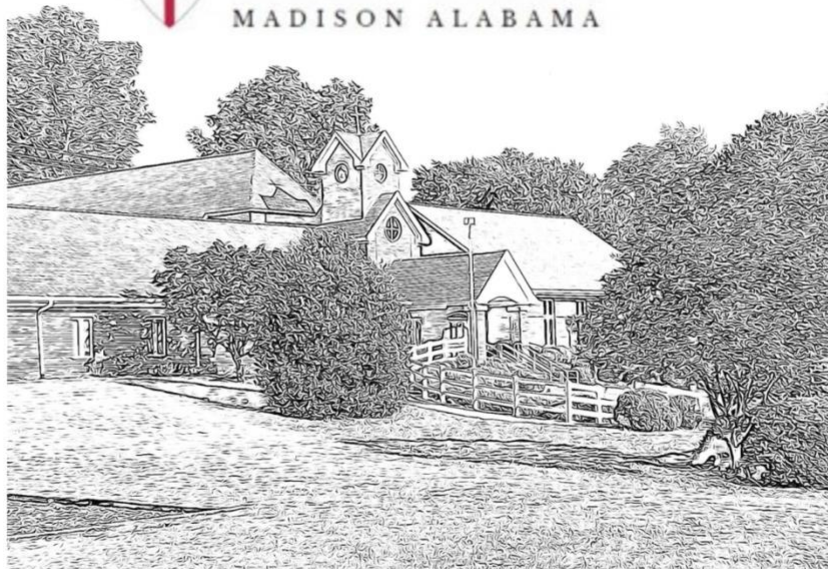




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EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
MADISON ALABAMA



**THE DAY OF PENTECOST  
HOLY BAPTISM WITH HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**MAY 24, 2026**

**10:00 AM**





native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.

- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

### **The Epistle, 1 Corinthians 12:3-13**

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #511, *Standing, sung by all*

Holy Spirit, ever living

## The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-23

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Taylor Johnson

## The Baptismal Rite

*all remaining seated except for the Candidates and their Presenters*

*Celebrant* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Sponsors* I present Aspen Elizabeth Adkins to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant* Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidate* I do.

*Sponsors* I present Walter Andrew Fiala to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant* Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidate* I do.

*Then the Celebrant ask the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves.*

*Celebrant* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Candidate* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Candidate* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Candidate* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Candidate* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Candidate* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Candidate* I do.

*All rise as able when the Celebrant addresses the People.*

*Celebrant* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these people in their life in Christ?

***People* We will.**

*Celebrant* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

***People* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

### **Prayers for the Candidates**

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

***People*** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

***People*** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

***People*** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. ***Amen.***

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*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* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you lead the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.  
***Amen.***

## The Baptism

- Celebrant* Aspen, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- People*** ***Amen.***
- Celebrant* Walter, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- People*** ***Amen.***
- Celebrant* Let us pray.
- Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.
- People*** ***Amen.***
- Celebrant* Aspen, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.
- People*** ***Amen.***
- Celebrant* Aspen, receive this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ that burns brightly within you.
- People*** ***Amen.***
- Celebrant* Walter, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.
- People*** ***Amen.***
- Celebrant* Walter, receive this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ that burns brightly within you.
- People*** ***Amen.***
- Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.
- People*** **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## **The Peace** *Standing*

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

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

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Prayers for our Belize Mission Trip leaders and youth**

**Offertory Anthem, *Sung by Choir***      **Holy Trinity Prayer**      (*David Knight/Paul Ayers*)

**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-125, *Sung by all***

*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 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-155, *Sung by all***

**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 #501

Communion Hymn #228

O Holy Spirit, by whose breath

Holy Spirit, font of light

**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 feed 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 #509,** *Standing, sung by all*

**Spirit divine, attend our prayers**

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**The Postlude**

**Agincourt Hymn**

*(John Dunstable)*



**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, Bob & Eileen Bogard, Rhoda Kitchen, Brenda Kirkendall, Chris King, Eileen Lewis, Molly Killian, Trudie Gruman, Ray and Shirley White, George and Sandra Burgess, Norm Smith, Keith Ulrich, Tyron Newton, Clarissa Dozier, Daryl Carpenter, Carmen M. Colon, Robert Sampson, Deborah Harrison, Scott Cechovic, Joan East, Jeff Anderson, Barbara Combs, Laura Weatherbee, David Lawrence, Rev. Emily Rowell Brown and family.

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

Brenda Anderson, Diana Parks, Martha Bergmann, Chuck Sewell, Wes Patterson, 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, Mark Anderson, Judy Tuck, Ann Reid Cronin, Elizabeth Hodges, Jill Kanuchok, Mike Mumfrey, Joyce Lewis, Allan Scott, Christine Van Dyke, Christopher Taveras, Mike Rice, Suzette Rice, Shannon Carpenter, Jarilyn Alleman, Jake Sowder, Cheryl Lavazza, Margaret McHugh, Shawn and Rachel Blanco, Jane Stanland, Wisam Safie, Diego Candia, The Hardin family, Anthony Hardin, Cathy Collier, Elizabeth Lundey, Anthony Kanuchok, Cathy Rasnick, and Johanna Nicole Bratcher.

## *Week at a Glance*

<b>Sunday, May 24</b>	<b>The Day of Pentecost</b>
8:15 AM	Contemplative Service/HE, Nave
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Nave
10:00 AM	EYC Belize Mission Trip Commissioning, Nave
11:15 AM	Outreach Committee meeting, CE 2
<b>Monday, May 25</b>	<b>Church Office closed – Memorial Day</b>
9:00 AM	Sewing Sisters, Gruman Hall
5:45 PM	Scouts America Troop #628, AW
6:30 PM	Bells Angels rehearsal
<b>Tuesday, May 26</b>	
7:00 AM	Men's Breakfast, Kitchen/GH
9:30 AM	Reunion Group, Kitchen
<b>Wednesday, May 27</b>	
11:00 AM	Reunion Group, Kitchen
12:00 PM	Holy Eucharist, Nave
6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal, Nave
<b>Thursday, May 28</b>	
9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study, GH
<b>Friday, May 29</b>	
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Cleaning service ( <b>Church Closed</b> )

## **Bulletin Announcements – May 24**

**The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25** in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

**EYC Belize Mission Team** will be at the 10:00 a.m. service on May 24<sup>th</sup> to be presented for prayers before their mission trip to Belize, May 30–June 5.

**Kairos Prison Ministry weekend** at the North Alabama Community Work Center in Decatur is May 28–31. Please support this ministry through prayer, by donating 20 dozen cookies by 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, or by sponsoring \$5 meal tickets. See Paul Marques for details.

**St. Matthew's Inreach Ministry** provides meals and other support to church members during times of need, and more volunteers are welcome. You do not need to be a great cook, and simple meals or takeout are fine. To help, please contact Sondra Gerber at [ibagrammy@gmail.com](mailto:ibagrammy@gmail.com) or 256-679-2420.

**St. Matthew's T-shirts** go on sale May 31. Light gray Gildan Softstyle shirts in adult, youth, and toddler sizes are \$20, with proceeds benefiting the National Children's Advocacy Center. Cash or checks payable to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church (memo: t-shirt) will be accepted between services and after the 10:00 a.m. service on May 31, June 7, June 14, and June 21.

**Volunteers are needed** for Knights of the North Castle VBS, June 22–25 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Adults and EYC youth may register to help from May 8 through June 8. For more information, contact Jen Woytowich at [christianed1@stmatthewsmadison.org](mailto:christianed1@stmatthewsmadison.org) or use the QR code on our website to register online at [www.stmatthewsmadison.org](http://www.stmatthewsmadison.org).

**Senior Ladies' Lunch** will be Tuesday, May 26, at 11:30 a.m. at Outback Steakhouse on Highway 72. Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, May 24. For more information, contact Melissa Barton or Dee Buzby.



### **SERVING TODAY (10:00 AM):**

**PREACHER/CELEBRANT:** The Rev. Taylor Johnson

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Tom Killian

**ORGANIST:** Susan Fletcher

**ALTAR GUILD:** Grace Lo

**LEM:** Karen Price, Jason Vaughn

**LECTOR:** Patty McGraw

**EPISTOLER:** Michael Harrison

**CRUCIFER:** Austin Utt

**GOSPELER:** Ben Watson

**USHERS:** Jeff Anderson, Nancy Snell

**MEDIA MINISTRY:** James Thompson

**COUNTERS:** Kathy Modrall, Scott Cechovic

**HOSPITALITY:** Kathy Hicks

**NURSERY:** Amber Anderson, Mary Brown

**VESTRY OF THE DAY:** Beau Womack