

SAINT MATTHEW ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**We are an emergent church,
practicing an ancient faith in new ways;
a church of inclusivity where
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

+Peter Hickman

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song: **GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD**

Refrain

***Glory and praise to our God,
who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
to those who trust in his ways.***

**1. We, the daughters and sons of him
who built the valleys and plains,
praise the wonders our God has done
in ev'ry heart that sings.**

Refrain

**2. In his wisdom he strengthens us,
like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
our God is there to save.**

Refrain

Greeting

Penitential Rite (Lord Have Mercy)

*Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **ALL: AMEN.***

*Priest: the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU

The Penitential Rite (Confitor)

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;
And I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: Lord, have mercy. ALL: LORD, HAVE MERCY.

Priest: Christ, have mercy. ALL: LORD, HAVE MERCY.

Priest: Lord, have mercy. ALL: LORD, HAVE MERCY.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us.....
and lead us to everlasting life **ALL: Amen.**

Gloria

**Refrain: Glory to God in the highest
and peace to all people on earth.**

(repeat 1st time)

**1. Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. (Refrain)**

**2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer. (Refrain)**

**3. For You alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in the glory
of God the Father. Amen! Amen! (Refrain)**

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah (55:6-9)

Psalm Response:

***"REMEMBER YOUR LOVE AND YOUR FAITHFULNESS, O LORD.
REMEMBER YOUR PEOPLE AND HAVE MERCY ON US, LORD."***

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (1:20c-24)
Gospel Acclamation *please stand*

Alleluia, The Gospel

**In the beginning was the Word of God
and the Word was with God and was God..**

**And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld
His Glory.**

Alleluia! The Gospel of the Lord has come to us.

Al le lu ia. Al le lu ia.

The Gospel Reading

Deacon/ Priest: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew (20:1-16a)

All: Glory to you, Lord.

The gospel is read. When the reading is over:

Deacon/Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(REPEAT ABOVE)

Homily

The Nicene Creed

**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,
one in 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 was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered, died and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of 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.**

**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 Faithful The Sign of Peace

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Giving of our Gifts

Our Offertory Song: OPEN MY EYES

**1. Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see Your face
Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see**

**2. Open my ears, Lord
Help me to hear Your voice
Open my ears, Lord
Help me to hear**

**3. Open my heart, Lord
Help me to love like You
Open my heart, Lord
Help me to love**

***And the first, shall be last,
and our eyes are opened,
and we'll hear like never before.
And we'll speak in new ways,
and we'll see God's face
in places we've never known.***

**4. I live within you
Deep in your heart, oh, love
I live within you. Rest now in me.**

Prayer Over the Gifts

Presider: Pray my brothers and sisters that our sacrifice.....

**ALL: MAY THE LORD ACCEPT THE SACRIFICE AT YOUR
HANDS, FOR THE PRAISE AND THE GLORY OF HIS NAME,
FOR OUR GOOD AND THE GOOD OF ALL HIS CHURCH.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Introductory Dialogue

Preface

Presider: The Lord be with you. ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

ALL: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues.....

The Holy

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might;
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

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

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

The Eucharistic Prayer continues.....

Words of Consecration:

**"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT. THIS IS MY BODY
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU."**

**"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT.
THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW
AND EVERLASTING COVENANT. IT WILL BE SHED FOR YOU
AND FOR ALL SO THAT SINS MAY BE FORGIVEN.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME**

The Memorial Acclamation

**Dying you destroyed our death. Rising you restored our life.
Lord, Jesus, we're waiting for you to come in glory.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, then concludes with:

Doxology & Great Amen
**Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father,
forever and ever. Amen! Amen! Amen!**

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God
**Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**
**Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**
**Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world, grant us your peace.**

*Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of
the world. Happy are they to be called to this supper.***ALL:**
**LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY TO RECEIVE YOU, BUT
ONLY SAY THE WORD AND I SHALL BE HEALED.**

*Celebrant: May the body and blood.....***ALL: AMEN.**

Communion Song: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Refrain

***One bread, one body,
one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many,
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.***

***1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.***

Refrain

***2. Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.***

Refrain

***3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.***

CONCLUDING RITE

Prayer after Communion

Dismissal

Closing Song: Communion Meditation:

CONCLUDING RITE

Prayer after Communion

Dismissal

please stand

Closing Song: Lift Up Your Hearts

Refrain:

**Lift up your hearts to the Lord,
praise God's gracious mercy!
Sing out your joy to the Lord,
whose love is enduring.**

- 1. Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!
Praise the name above all names!
Say to God, "How wondrous your works,
how glorious your name!"**

Refrain

- 2. Let the earth worship, singing your praise.
Praise the glory of your name!
Come and see the deeds of the Lord,
bless God's holy name!**

Refrain

Have a blessed week!