

Welcome
to
Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church
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The Presentation of the Lord
February 4, 2024



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

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP
(a Liturgical Aid to today's Mass)
January 28, 2024

INTRODUCTORY RITES

GATHERING SONG: GATHER YOUR PEOPLE

Refrain

**Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.
Gather your people, O Lord.**

**1. Draw us forth to the table of life:
brothers and sisters,
each of us called to walk in your light.**

Refrain

**2. We are parts of the body of Christ,
needing each other,
each of the gifts the Spirit provides.**

Refrain

Greeting

*Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. ALL: A-MEN.*

*Celebrant: 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 SPRINKLING OF HOLY WATER

Presider: Lord God almighty,

Creator of all life,

We ask you to bless us with Holy Water

**Forgive our sins and save us from all illness
and the power of evil.**

Lord, in your mercy,

Give us living water, always springing up as a fountain

Of salvation: Free us, body, and soul, from every danger,

And admit us to your presence.

In purity of heart.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: AMEN!

(The Presider sprinkles water during the Gloria)

The Gloria

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

**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

Deacon: Let us pray:

Presider: Almighty ever-living God,

**We humbly implore your majesty...through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, One God, for ever and ever..**

ALL: AMEN

1st Reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi (3:1-4)
Lector: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!

Psalm Response:

***“Lord, every nation on earth will adore you, O God.
Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.”***

2nd Reading from the Book of Hebrews (2:14-18)

Lector: Hear what the Spirit says to the church.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!

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

*Priest: A reading from the :Holy Gospel according to Luke
(2:22-40)*

All: Glory to you, Lord.

The gospel is read. When the reading is over:

Deacon/Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

***All Sing: Alleluia! The Gospel of the Lord has come to us.
Al le lu ia. Al le lu ia..***

Homily

(please be seated)

Profession of Faith

*Do you believe in God the Father, Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and of the earth?*

ALL: AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN, WE DO BELIEVE.

*Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord, who was born of Mary,
was crucified and died, and was buried? -*

**ALL: YET HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD
AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER.
AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN, WE DO BELIEVE.**

**ALL: DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY
CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE
FORGIVENESS OF SINS, RESURRECTION, AND LIFE
EVERLASTING? AMEN! AMEN! AMEN!**

Prayer of the Faithful

Our prayer response is: "Christ be our wisdom.."

Sign Of Peace:

*Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.....
.....where you live for ever and ever.*

All: Amen.

Presider: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Deacon: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Song for the Preparation of the gifts: **PURIFY MY HEART**

(REFINER'S FIRE)

1. Purify my heart,
let me be as gold
and precious silver.
Purify my heart,
let me be as gold,
pure gold.
Purify my heart,
let me be as gold
and precious silver.
Purify my heart,
let me be as gold,
pure gold.

Refrain

**Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire
is to be holy,
set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
set apart for you, my master,
ready to do your will.**

2. Purify my heart,
cleans me from within
and make me holy.
Purify my heart,
cleans me from my sin,
deep within. **(Refrain)**

Eucharistic Prayer:

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 GOD'S NAME, FOR OUR GOOD AND THE GOOD OF ALL GOD'S 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.

Introductory Dialogue

Preface

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

Through him, with him, and 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 sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

Communion Song: IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Refrain

*In the breaking of the bread
We have known Him; we have been fed.
Jesus the stranger, Jesus the Lord,
Be our companion, be our hope.*

**1. Bread for the journey, strength for our years,
Manna of ages of struggle and
tears.**

**Cup of salvation, fruit of the land,
Bless and receive now, the work of our hands.**

Refrain

**2. Bread of the promise, people of hope,
Wine of compassion, life for the world.
Gathered at table, joined as one body.
Sealed in the spirit, sent by the Word.
*Refrain***

CONCLUDING RITE

Meditation: SONG OF SIMEON

Dismissal

Closing Song: O BLESS THE LORD

Refrain

**O bless the Lord, the God of our salvation
Rock of strength and a refuge sure
O bless the Lord, the God of every nation
Over all the Earth.**

**1. O bless the Lord, highest heavens above
Bless the Lord, glorify His name
Sun in the day, moon and stars in the night
Worship and praise**

Refrain

**Let all the earth sing with joy to the Lord
All the seas, creatures of the deep
Mountains and hills, birds and beasts in the fields
Worship and praise**

Refrain

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!