

Welcome to Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church!

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The Twenty-fourth 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 Rite

Gathering Song: I WILL RAISE YOU UP

**1. I am the living bread;
come unto me and you shall not hunger.
I am the cup of life
trust in me and you shall not thirst.**

**Refrain:
I will raise you up!
Raise you up;
I am new life for the world.
I will raise you up,
raise you up to a life
that will never end.**

**2.If you believe in me,
if you believe that I am your Savior,
you will be lifted up,
sharing my life, never to die
Refrain**

Greeting

*Priest sings: 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.*

**Presider: Coming together as God's family,
with confidence let us ask
the Father's forgiveness,
for he is full of gentleness and compassion**

**ALL: I confess to almighty God, and to you,
my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault,
in my thoughts, and
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.**

PENITENTIAL RITE

*Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to seek and save the lost; Lord have
mercy*

All: Lord, have mercy!

*Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to heal our broken hearts
Christ, have mercy!*

All: Christ, Have mercy!

*Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to bring us back home:
Lord, have mercy!*

All: Lord, have mercy!

*May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to life
everlasting. **All: Amen.***

Gloria

***Refrain: Glory to God! Glory to God!,
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.
(Refrain)***

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Book of Exodus (32:7-11,13-14) *please be seated*

***Psalm Response: "BE MERCIFUL, O LORD.
FOR WE HAVE SINNED."***

***2nd reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy.
(1Timothy 1:12-17)***

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
(15:1-32)***

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.

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

Al le lu ia. Al le lu ia..

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

***Our prayer response is:
"Loving God, Hear our prayer!"***

The Sign of Peace

***Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles....
...where you live forever and ever. ALL: AMEN.***

***Presider: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.***

Presider: Let us offer one another a sign of peace!

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Giving of our Gifts

***Presider: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which
earth has given and human hands have made. It will
become
for us the bread of life.***

ALL: BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER!

***Presider: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit
of the vine and work of human hands. It will become
our cup of salvation.***

ALL: BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER!

Song at the Offertory: COMING HOME

Refrain:

**Coming home, coming home,
we are coming home to you.
Coming home, coming home,
we are coming home to you.**

- 1. Like the son who took his money,
later had a change of heart:
do not let our misconceptions
keep us living far apart.
(refrain)**
- 2. Like the son who cried resentment
and refused to go inside:
do not let our lack of vision
keep your children from your side.
(refrain)**
- 3. Like the father blest with wisdom,
let forgiveness be our truth,
so that all your long-lost children
may come home to live with you
(refrain)**

***Presider: Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice
may be acceptable to God, who is for us both Mother and
Father.***

***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.

The Holy

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna! 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

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death Lord, Jesus,
until you come again, until you come again.**

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. Alleluia! Amen.**

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
have mercy on us. have mercy on us.
Oh Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
Grant us peace. Grant us peace*

Communion

ALL are welcome to receive Holy Communion

Communion Song: TABLE OF PLENTY

Refrain

**Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.**

**1. O come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love.**

Refrain

**2. My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul.**

Refrain

**3. My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul.**

Refrain

**4. Your fields will flower in fullness,
your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
will send my rain of the soil.**

Refrain

CONCLUDING RITE

Meditation: HOSEA

**1. Come back to me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, though straight and tall
so must we, to other's call.**

***Long have I waited for your coming,
home to me and living, deeply our new lives.***

**2. The wilderness will lead you
to your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice,
With tenderness, you shall know.**

***Long have I waited for your coming,
home to me and living, deeply our new lives.***

**3. You shall sleep secure with peace;
faithfulness will be your joy.**

***Long have I waited for your coming,
home to me and living, deeply our new lives.***

Prayer after Communion

Dismissal

Closing Song:

Refrain:

I will raise you up!

Raise you up;

I am new life for the world.

**I will raise you up,
raise you up to a life
that will never end.**

**1. When I return to you
on the last day, you will be with me.**

**I will raise you up,
raise you up, alive in the Lord**

Have a blessed week!