

Welcome to Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church!

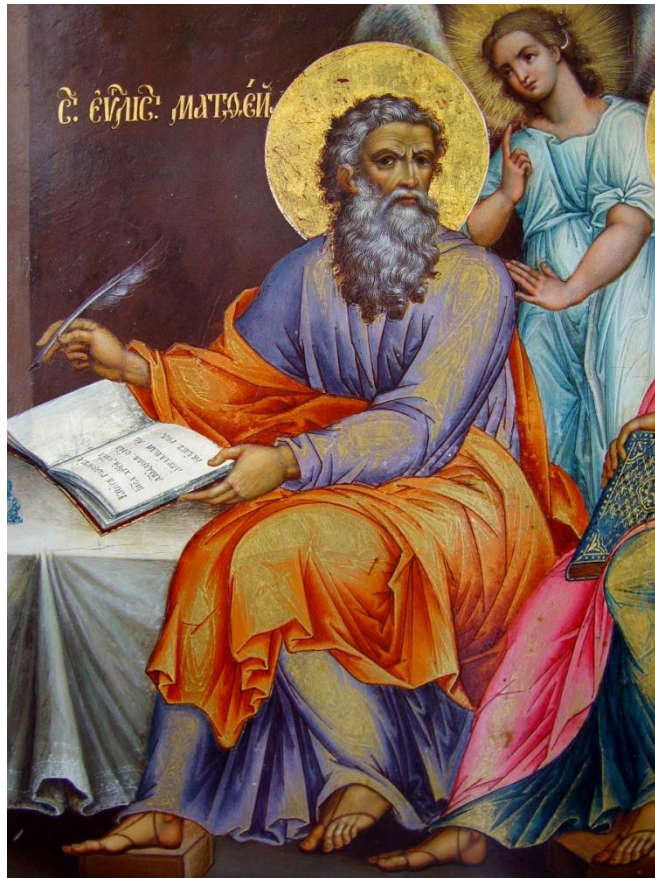
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The Feast of Saint Matthew



**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: ALL ARE WELCOME

**1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live.**

**A place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.**

**Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and songs of grace.**

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true.**

**Where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.**

**Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace:**

Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus;

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**3. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard.**

**And loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.**

**Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace.**

Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place!**

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 call us out of the bondage of darkness
and bring
us into the freedom of your light.*

*Lord, have mercy! **All: Lord, have mercy!***

*Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, in your death you bring us reconciliation, by
your risen life you bring us salvation.*

*Christ, have mercy! **All: Christ, Have mercy!***

*Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to be instruments of healing for
the sick and proclaimers of your Gospel of peace.*

*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

please be seated
Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1:12-17,20-26)

Lector: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God!

Psalm Response:
"SPEAK, LORD.
I LOVE TO LISTEN TO YOUR VOICE.
SEE, LORD. HERE I AM."

2nd reading from the letter of Paul to the Church in Ephesus.
(4:1-8,11-13)

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 Matthew
(9:9-13)

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:
God of Compassion, 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: **ALL ARE WELCOME (All Belong)**

Refrain

*All are welcome in this place.
Behold Love's amazing grace.
All are welcome! All are welcome!
Bring your hopes, bring your dreams,
Mercy flows and Love redeems!
All are welcome! All belong!*

**1. Welcome all the broken hearted,
all who sorrow and despair.
You are not alone, for you are God's own!
Together, we sing and we proclaim! *Refrain***

**2. Welcome, all who suffer violence,
all who long for safety and for peace.
You are not alone, for you are God's own!
Together, we sing and we proclaim! *Refrain***

**3. Welcome all who are forgotten,
excluded and dignity denied.
You are not alone, for you are God's own!
Together, we sing and we proclaim! *Refrain***

**4. Welcome, all who work for justice,
bringing hope, charity and peace.
You are not alone, for you are God's own!
Together, we sing and we proclaim! *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: ALL:

"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT.

THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU."

ALL:

"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: BREAD OF COMPASSION

*1. Bread of compassion, cup giving life,
gather us here as one body in Christ.
Called to this table, here to embrace
love freely given by God's saving grace.*

*Refrain: BREAD OF LIFE, CUP OF LOVE,
WE SHALL REMEMBER YOUR LIFE GIVEN UP.
STANDING BEFORE YOU, IN FAITH WE SEE
YOUR HOLY PRESENCE IN THIS MYSTERY.*

*2. Here at the banquet welcome the lost.
Shepherd the lonely, the sheep of the flock.
Break bread together strangers and friends,
in this communion of love without end. (Refrain)*

*3. You gave your life-blood, outstretched your hands,
so great a love we cannot understand.
For at this table the first shall be last.
We are made whole by the blood of the lamb. (Refrain)*

***4. This is my body. Drink from this cup.
Be now as one in the promise of love.
Go forth as servants so all may see
God's life within you in this victory. (Refrain)***

CONCLUDING RITE

Meditation: THE TAX COLLECTOR

Prayer after Communion

Dismissal

Closing Song: Go Ye Out

Refrain

***Go ye out and tell the nations,
tell all the nations of his love!
Go ye out and tell the nations,
tell all the nations of his love!***

1. Praise ye the Lord!

Praise him, all you nations!

Glorify him, all you peoples!

Praise ye the Lord!

You got to praise him, all you nations!

Glorify him, all you peoples!

Refrain

2. Steadfast is his love, his kindness lasts forever.

His love is pure, lasting all our days!

Steadfast is his love, his kindness lasts forever.

His love is pure, lasting all our days (*Refrain*)