

Welcome to Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church!
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**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 CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

**1. All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

**2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

**3. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you have said that the poor are blest and
that theirs is the Kingdom of God: Lord have mercy!

ALL: LORD, HAVE MERCY!

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, you said, "Blessed are the meek and lowly
for they shall inherit the Earth": Christ, have mercy!

ALL: CHRIST HAVE MERCY!

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, you said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for
they shall be called the children of God": Lord, have mercy!

ALL: LORD, HAVE MERCY!

*May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to life. **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 the Prophet Isaiah (9:1-9) *please be seated*

Psalm Response:
"LET ALL THE EARTH CRY OUT,
CRY OUT TO GOD WITH JOY!
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CRY OUT TO GOD WITH JOY!"

2nd reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (8:15-23)

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
(5: 1-12)***

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.***

BLESSINGS FOR ANIMALS

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: THE PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

Verse 1:

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

Verse 2:

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness only light,
And where there's sadness ever joy.**

Refrain:

***Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.***

**Verse 3: Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.
(Refrain to verse 1 as needed)**

***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: CANTICLE OF THE SUN

Refrain

**THE HEAVENS ARE TELLING THE GLORY OF GOD AND ALL
CREATION IS SHOUTING FOR JOY. COME, DANCE IN THE
FOREST, COME PLAY IN THE FIELD
AND SING, SING TO THE GLORY OF THE LORD.**

**1. Praise for the sun, the bringer of day,
he carries the light of the Lord in his rays;
the moon and the stars
who light up the way unto your throne.**

Refrain

**2. Praise the wind that blows through the trees,
the seas' mighty storms, the gentle breeze;
they blow where they will,
they blow where they please to please the Lord.**

Refrain

**3. Praise for the rain that waters our fields,
and blesses our crops so all the earth yields;
from death unto life her myst'ry revealed springs forth
in joy.**

Refrain

**4. Praise for the fire who gives us his light,
the warmth of the sun to brighten our night;
he dances with joy, his spirit so bright, he sings of you.**

Refrain

**5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow,
the creatures you made to let your life show;
the flowers and trees
that help us to know the heart of love.**

Refrain

CONCLUDING RITE

**Prayer after Communion
Dismissal**

Closing Song LET US REJOICE IN THE LORD

**Refrain: Let us rejoice in the Lord with all the saints
and the animals.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Let us rejoice in the Lord
with all the saints and the animals.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 1:

**The example of their story,
their love for humankind
give God all praise and glory.
With strength of heart and mind.
They lived their lives for justice.
They lived their lives for peace,
rooted in the Gospel
with prayers that never cease.**

Refrain

Have a blessed week!