

**Welcome to Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church!**

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**The 30th 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: WE ARE CALLED**

**1. Come! live in the light!**

**Shine with the joy and the love of the **Lord**!**

**We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God!**

**Refrain: We are called to act with justice.**

**We are called to love tenderly.**

**We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with  
God.**

**2. Come! Open your **heart**!**

**Show your mercy to all those in fear!**

**We are called to be hope for the hopeless,  
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!**

**3. Sing! Sing a new song!**

**Sing of that great day when all will be one!**

**God will **reign** and we'll walk with each other as sisters  
and brothers united in love!**

## *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 teach us how to pray:  
Lord have mercy!

**ALL: LORD, HAVE MERCY!**

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, You intercede for us at the right hand of your  
Father: Christ, have mercy!

**ALL: CHRIST HAVE MERCY!**

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, You assure us that God hears all our prayers:  
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**

*please be seated*  
**1st reading from the Book of Sirach ( 35:12-14,16-18)**

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

**Psalm Response:**  
**"THE LORD HEARS THE CRY OF THE POOR.**  
**BLESSED BE THE LORD."**

**2nd reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.**  
**(2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18)**

**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  
(18:9-14)**

**ALL: GLORY TO YOU, O 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:***

***“Lord, have mercy.”***

### ***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: YOU ARE WELCOME HERE**

**1. Come all you wounded and weary  
Come all you heavy of heart  
Come with your fear and your burden  
Come with your pain and your scars.**

**2. Come to the ocean of mercy  
Be revived, renewed and refreshed  
Wherever you are, no matter how far  
Come find your peace and your rest**

### **Refrain:**

**You are welcome here, come as you are  
You are welcome here, with open arms  
Bring your burdens, bring your pain  
Bring your sorrow and shame  
You are welcome here, come as you are**

**3. Come all you tired and lonely  
All you anxious who long for your place  
Bring your addictions and battles  
Find your forgiveness and strength  
You are welcome here, come as you are  
You are welcome here, with open arms  
Bring your burdens, bring your pain  
Bring your sorrow and shame  
You are welcome here, come as you are**

**Open your heart  
Discover your place  
and your purpose  
Open your eyes  
See the new life that awaits you here  
You are welcome here, come as you are  
You are welcome here, with open arms  
Bring your burdens, bring your pain  
Bring your sorrow and shame  
You are welcome here, come as you are  
You are welcome here, come as you are  
You are welcome here, come as you are**



*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 AMAZING GRACE**

**1. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.**

**It's such amazing grace! It's such amazing mercy!  
It's such amazing love for me!  
It's such amazing grace! It's such amazing mercy!  
It's such amazing love for me!**

**2. Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far  
and Grace will lead me home.**

3. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

4. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun.  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first  
began.

## **CONCLUDING RITE**

### ***Prayer after Communion*** ***Dismissal***

*Closing Song:* **ACT JUSTLY**

*Act justly; love tenderly.*  
*Walk, walk humbly with your God.*

1. How shall we come before you?  
With what gifts to adore you?  
Will our sacrifices please you?  
should we bring today?

*Refrain*

2. This is what the Lord asks you  
only this will remain true,  
what is good has been explained to you:  
Listen again today.

*Refrain*

3. People, lift up your voices  
by your actions make choices  
In this time, the only time we have,  
us the way to live.

**Have a blessed week!**