

Welcome
to
Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church
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The Mass of the Holy Family
December 28, 2025



**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)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song: Hark The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord.

Late in time, behold him come.

Offspring of a virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail th'incarnate Deity!

Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

3. Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,

Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.

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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.

Invitation: Celebrant: Gathered together as one people the body of Christ, let us give glory to God. In excelsis deo.

A Christmas Gloria

1. Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth.

Lord God heav'n-ly King, mighty God and Fa – ther.

REFRAIN:

GLO-----RIA! IN EXCELSIS DEO!

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**2. We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God. REFRAIN

**3. You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the Father's right hand: receive our prayer.**

REFRAIN

**4. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.**

REFRAIN

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading from the book of *Sirach (3:2-6-13-14)*

**WE PRAISE YOU, O LORD FOR ALL YOUR WORKS ARE WONDERFUL WE
PRAISE YOU, O LORD. FOREVER IS YOUR LOVE.**

2nd Reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians (3:12-21)

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand)

Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia!

The Gospel Reading

*Priest: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew
(2:13-15, 19-23)*

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. (repeat Alleluia)

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! AMEN! AMEN,WE
DO BELIEVE.**

Prayers of the Faithful

Our response today is “Loving God, hear our prayer.”

Sign Of Peace

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
Song for the Preparation of the Gifts:

LET HEAVEN REJOICE

Refrain:

**Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad;
Let all creation sing!**

**Let children proclaim through every land Hosanna to
our King!
(verses solo)**

Prayer over the Gifts

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 and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blest is he, blest is who comes in the name
of the Lord. 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

Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

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

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

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

Communion Song O Come All Ye Faithful

**1. O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the king of angels;
O come let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
O come, let us adore Him. O come, yes come, let us adore Him.**

**2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!
O come, let us adore Him. O come, yes come, let us adore Him.**

**3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!
O come, let us adore Him. O come, yes come, let us adore Him.**

**4. Adeste fideles, laeti, triumphantes, Venite, venite in
Bethlehem.
Natum videte, Regem angelorum.
Venite adoremus, venite adoremus, venite adoremus Dominum.
O come, let us adore Him. O come, yes come, let us adore Him.**

CONCLUDING RITE

Meditation: Child of the Poor/What Child Is This?

Announcements

Dismissal

Closing Song: JOY TO THE WORLD

**JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME;
LET EARTH RECEIVE HER KING.
LET EV'RY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM,
AND HEAV'N AND NATURE SING,
AND HEAV'N AND NATURE SING!
AND HEAV'N AND HEAV'N AND NATURE SING!**

**JOY TO THE WORLD! THE SAVIOR REIGNS;
LET US, OUR SONGS EMPLOY;
WHILE FIELDS AND FLOODS,
ROCKS, HILLS AND PLAINS
REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY,
REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY,
REPEAT, REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY!**

**HE RULES THE WORLD WITH TRUTH AND GRACE
AND MAKES THE NATIONS PROVE
THE GLORIES OF HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS
AND WONDERS OF HIS LOVE, AND WONDERS OF HIS LOVE,
AND WONDERS, WONDERS OF HIS LOVE!**

Merry 5th Day of Christmas to all!