

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

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**4<sup>th</sup> 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: SEEK THE LORD**

*Refrain:*

**Seek the Lord while He may be found;  
Call to Him while He is still near.**

**1. Today is the day and now the proper hour.  
To forsake our sinful lives and turn to Lord.**

**Refrain**

**2. As high as the sky is above the earth,  
So high above our ways, the ways of the Lord.**

**Refrain**

**3. Finding the Lord, let us cling to Him.  
His words, His ways, lead us to life.**

**Refrain**

**4. Someday we'll live in the house of God.  
Gaze on His face, and praise His name.**

**Refrain**

Greeting

Priest: 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 are our wisdom and justice:  
Lord have mercy! **All: Lord, have mercy.**

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, You are our sanctification and redemption:  
Christ, have mercy! **All: Christ, have mercy.**

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, You are our hope and peace:  
Lord, have mercy! **All: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**All: Amen..**

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

## **Gloria**

**Refrain: Glory to God in the highest  
and peace to all people on earth.  
(repeat 1st time)**

**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. Amen! Amen! (Refrain)**

**Opening Prayer.....All: Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*please be seated*

**1st reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah (2:3,3:12-13)**

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

**Psalm Response:**

**“I WILL SING OF YOUR SALVATION.  
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2nd reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians  
(1 Corinthians 1:26-31)

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/Deacon: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew  
(5:1-12)

**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!**

**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:**

**“Christ be our wisdom”**

### **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: BEATITUDES**

**1. Blest are you, the poor who trust the Father with your lives.  
For within your heart is born, the kingdom of the Lord.  
Blest are you the sorrowing, who know your Father wise.  
For within your heart is born the kingdom of the Lord.**

**2. Blest are you, the lowly ones, who know your need to share.  
For within your heart is born the kingdom of the Lord.  
Blest are you whose searching souls will draw you to God's care.  
For within your heart is born the kingdom of the Lord.**

**Refrain**

**Let your light shine for all the world to see  
The brightness of your life within, the peace that sets you free.  
Let your light shine to fill your nights and days;  
All will see the deeds you do and give your father praise.**

**3. Blest are you whose mercy shows the Father's love to all.  
For within your heart is born the kingdom of the Lord.  
Blest are you the pure in heart, who live the Father's call.  
For within your heart is born the kingdom of the Lord.**

**4. Blest are you who work for peace among the Father's own,  
For within your heart is born the kingdom of the Lord.  
Blest are you who suffer hate to prepare the day to come,  
For within your heart is born the kingdom of the Lord.**

**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, God of might.**

**Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest! 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**

**Dying you destroyed our death. Rising you restored our life.**

**Lord, Jesus, we're waiting for you to come in glory.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, then concludes with:

**Doxology & Great Amen**

**Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever.**

**Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen!**

**COMMUNION RITE**

**Lamb of God**

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

**Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,**

have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

## **Communion**

**ALL are welcome to receive Holy Communion**

### **Communion Song: BLEST ARE THEY**

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit,  
theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

#### **Refrain**

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones,  
they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst,  
they shall have their fill.

#### **Refrain**

3. Blest are they who show mercy,  
mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God!

#### **Refrain**

4. Blest are they who seek peace;  
they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith,  
the glory of God is theirs.

#### **Refrain**

5. Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom;  
shine for all to see.

#### **Refrain**

**CONCLUDING RITE**  
**Prayer after Communion**  
**Dismissal**

Closing Song: GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**Refrain**

**Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence.**  
**Go make a diff'rence in the world.**  
**Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence.**  
**Go make a diff'rence in the world.**

**1. We are the salt of the earth,**  
**called to let the people see**  
**the love of God in you and me.**  
**We are the light of the world,**  
**not to be hidden but be seen.**  
**Go make a diff'rence in the world.**

**Refrain**

**2. We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need;**  
**the face of God for all to see.**  
**We are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace.**  
**Go make a difference in the world.**

**Have a blessed week!**