

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

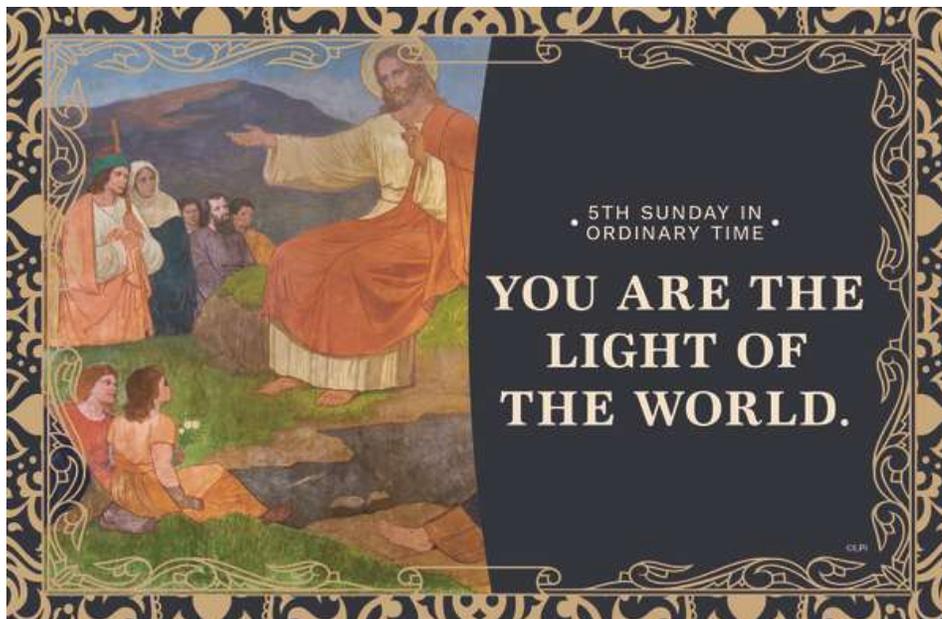
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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**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: 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!**

*Refrain*

**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!**

*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.

#### **PENITENTIAL RITE**

**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.**

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, you are our teacher of wisdom and justice:  
Lord have mercy! **All: Lord, have mercy.**

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Christ crucified for the Sins of the  
world: Christ, have mercy! **All: Christ, have mercy.**

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the risen Lord who calls us from death  
to life  
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..**

## **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:** Eternal and Ever living God,.....Through Jesus, your holy Son, you declared us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the World.....**All: Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*please be seated*

**1st reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (58:7-10)**

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

**Psalm Response:**

**“THE JUST MAN IS A LIGHT IN DARKNESS TO THE UPRIGHT.  
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**2nd reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians  
(1 Corinthians 2:1-5)**

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  
(5:13-16) **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:  
**Lord Jesus, 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: WHAT YOU HEAR IN THE DARK**

*Refrain*

*What you hear in the dark,  
You must speak in the light.  
You are salt for the earth,  
You are the light for the world.*

**Let your light be seen;  
Stand against the night.  
Let your words of mercy tell  
The glory of the Lord.**

*Refrain*

**Earth shall pass away;  
Heaven will be undone.  
Never shall the word of God  
Be broken or destroyed.**

*Refrain*

**God will keep you safe;  
See the sparrows that fly.  
You are worth a world of sparrows  
Sheltered, by the Lord.**

*Refrain*

**Strengthen weary arms;  
Steady all trembling knees.  
Say to every fearful heart:  
Have courage, trust in God. (*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!**

## **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: WE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

**1. Blessed are they who are poor in spirit,  
Theirs is the kingdom of God.**

**Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit;  
Bless us, O Lord, our God.**

#### **Refrain**

**We are the light of the world, may our light shine before all,  
That they may see the good that we do, and give glory to God.**

**2. Blessed are they who are meek and humble,  
They will inherit the earth.**

**Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and humble;  
Bless us, O Lord, our God.**

#### **Refrain**

**3. Blessed are they who will mourn in sorrow,  
They will be comforted.**

**Bless us, O Lord, when we share their sorrow;  
Bless us, O Lord, our God.**

#### **Refrain**

**4. Bless those who hunger and thirst for justice,  
They will be satisfied.**

**Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for justice;  
Bless us, O Lord, our God.**

**Refrain**

## **CONCLUDING RITE**

**Meditation: WHATSOEVER YOU DO**

**Whatsoever you do to the least of my people  
That you do unto me.**

**When I was hungry, you gave me to eat;  
When I was thirsty you gave me to drink.**

**Now enter into the home of my Father.**

**Whatsoever you do to the least of my people  
That you do unto me.**

**When I was homeless, you opened your door;  
When I was naked, you gave me your coat.**

**Now enter into the home of my Father.**

**Whatsoever you do to the least of my people  
That you do unto me.**

**When I was weary, you helped me find rest;  
When I was anxious, you calmed all my fears.**

**Now enter into the home of my Father.**

**Whatsoever you do to the least of my people  
That you do unto me.**

**Prayer after Communion  
Dismissal**

Closing Song: **SHINE, JESUS, SHINE**

**Refrain:**

**SHINE, JESUS, SHINE  
FILL THIS LAND WITH THE FATHER'S GLORY;  
BLAZE, SPIRIT, BLAZE, SET OUR HEARTS ON FIRE.  
FLOW, RIVER, FLOW, FLOOD THE NATIONS  
WITH GRACE AND MERCY.  
SEND FORTH YOUR WORD, LORD,  
AND LET THERE BE LIGHT.**

**1. Lord, the Light of Your Love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness shining,  
Jesus, Light of the World, shining upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,  
Shine on me. Shine on me. (Refrain)**

**Blessings for a new week!**