

Welcome to Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church!

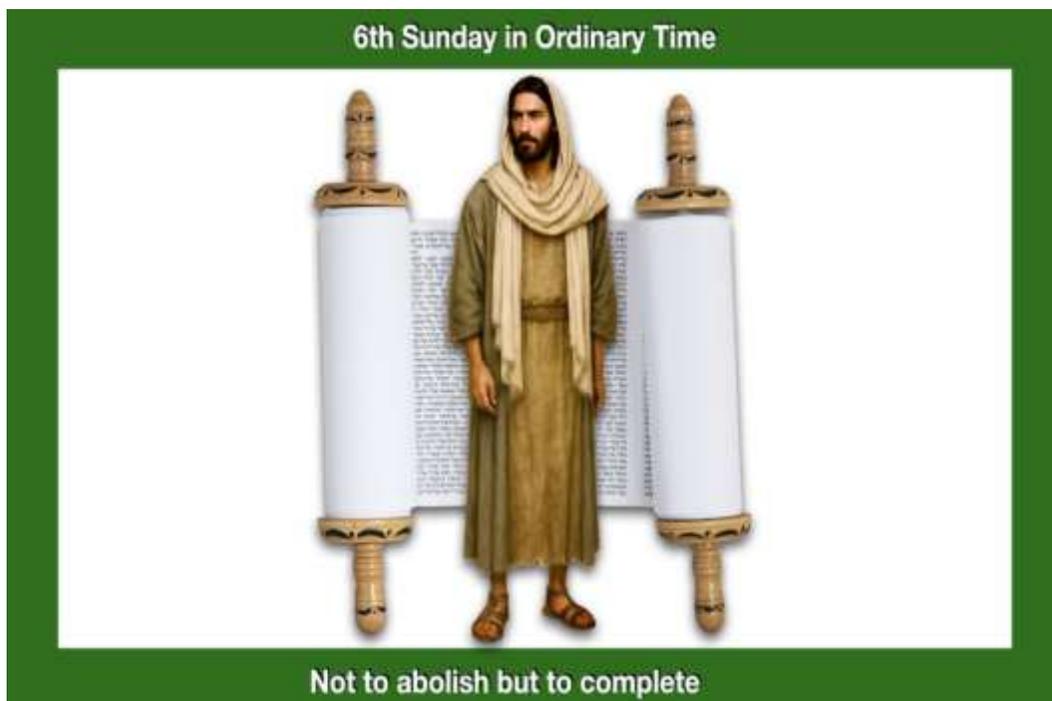
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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**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: 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**

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, For the times we have failed to forgive others:
Lord, have mercy! **All: Lord, have mercy.**

Presider: Christ Jesus, for the times we have been unfaithful to each other:
Christ, have mercy! **All: Christ, have mercy.**

Presider: Lord Jesus, for the times we have failed to keep our word:
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: Almighty and Ever-Living God,
You are the source of all knowledge and all understanding.....
.....Open now our hearts and minds to the teachings of our Lord
Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

please be seated

1st reading from the Book of Sirach (15:14-20)

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

Psalm Response:

**“BLESSED ARE THEY WHO FOLLOW THE LAW OF THE LORD.
BLESSED ARE THEY WHO FOLLOW THE LAW OF THE LORD.”**

2nd reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 2:6-10)

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
(5:17-37) **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:

A HOLY HOUSE HAS WISDOM MADE

Bob Hurd

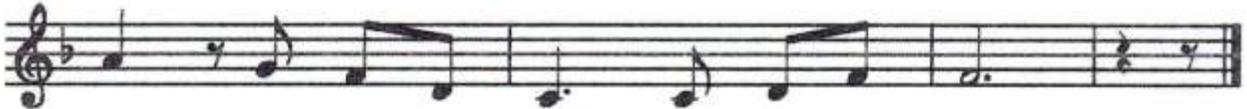
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Arranged by Bob Hurd



1. A ho - ly house has Wis - dom made, with fin - est
2. Nour - ish us now, O Ris - en One, a - round this
3. May we be - come what we re - ceive: God's love em -
4. So may the hun - gry have their fill. So may the
5. With hearts up - lift - ed, voic - es raised, with all cre -



1. food, her ta - ble laid. "All who seek life sit down and
2. ta - ble of your love, and grow the king - dom in our
3. brac - ing hu - man need. As Christ has done, so we must
4. bro - ken heart be healed. So may the great be - come the
5. a - tion we sing praise to God the Fa - ther, God the



1. sup, come eat my bread, come drink my cup."
2. midst where righ - teous - ness and mer - cy kiss.
3. do if our dis - ci - ple - ship be true.
4. least. So may our hu - man war - ring cease.
5. Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One.

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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.**

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: RAIN DOWN

Refrain:

**RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE ON YOUR PEOPLE.**

**RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.**

- 1. FAITHFUL AND TRUE IS THE WORD OF OUR GOD.
ALL OF GOD'S WORKS ARE SO WORTHY OF TRUST.
GOD'S MERCY FALLS ON THE JUST AND THE RIGHT;
FULL OF GOD'S LOVE IS THE EARTH. (Refrain)**
- 2. WE WHO REVERE AND FIND HOPE IN OUR GOD
LIVE IN THE KINDNESS AND JOY OF GOD'S WING.
GOD WILL PROTECT US FROM DARKNESS AND DEATH;
GOD WILL NOT LEAVE US TO STARVE. (Refrain)**
- 3. GOD OF CREATION, WE LONG FOR YOUR TRUTH;
YOU ARE THE WATER OF LIFE THAT WE THIRST.
GRANT THAT YOUR LOVE AND YOUR PEACE TOUCH OUR
HEARTS, ALL OF OUR HOPE IS IN YOU.**

CONCLUDING RITE

Meditation

Prayer after Communion

Dismissal

Closing Song: LEAD ME, LORD

**1. Blessed are the poor in spirit,
longing for their Lord,
for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are the sorrowing,
for they shall be consoled,
and the meek shall come to rule the world.**

Refrain

**Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord,
by the light of truth
to seek and to find the narrow way.
Be my way; be my truth;
be my life, my Lord,
and lead me, Lord, today.**

Blessings for a new week!