

WELCOME to Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church!
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The Lord's Resurrection
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*We are an emergent church
practicing an ancient faith in new ways
A church of inclusivity where
ALL ARE WELCOME!
– Bishop Peter Hickman*

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP

Introductory Rite

Gathering Song: **CHRIST, THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY**

**1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**

**2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!**

**CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!
HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!
WE WILL GIVE HIM ALL THE GLORY! ALLELUIA!
HE IS WORTHY! HE HIS HOLY! ALLELUIA!**

**3. But the pain which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation hath procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!**

**HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!
HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!
HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN! ALLE- ALLE LUIA!**

Greeting

Priest says or 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 fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Gloria

**Refrain: Glory to God in the highest!
Peace to all people on earth.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God on High!**

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 upon us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer. (Refrain)**

**3. 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

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34a,37-43)

**THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HAS MADE.
LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD FOR!
THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HAS MADE.
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians (3:1-4)

Sequence: ROLL AWAY THE STONE (Music Ministry)

Gospel Acclamation

please stand

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!

The Gospel Reading

Deacon/ Priest: A reading from the holy gospel according to John (20:1-9)

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.

All repeat Gospel Acclamation

Renewal of Baptismal Promise

The celebrant invites all those present to renew their baptismal promises.

Priest: Do you renounce Satan? All: I do.

Priest: And all his works? All: I do.

Priest: And all his empty show? All: I do.

***Women: Do you believe in God the Father, Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and of the earth?***

ALL: AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN, WE DO BELIEVE.

***Men: 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.***

Songs for blessing at Baptismal Font:

Come to the River

Refrain:

***Come, O come,
come to the river***

***flowing from the body of Christ.
We'll go down, deep in the water,
but in the Lord we shall arise.***

***1. Washed in the waters of rebirth,
we have put on Christ Jesus.***

Refrain

***2. Priestly people are we,
sealed and sent by the Spirit.***

Refrain

**3. Blest are those who thirst
for the reign of God's justice.**

Refrain

4. Let us walk in the light of God's holy promise.

Refrain

5. Those who sow in tears reap the harvest rejoicing.

Refrain

BATHED IN THE WATERS

**1. Bathed in the waters of life, and filled with the Spirit;
bathed in the waters of life, Jesus went forth.**

Bathed in the waters of life, we hear Christ calling.

We are God's people, bathed in the waters of life.

2. Bathed in the waters of life, we are God's children.

Bathed in the waters of life, we are the church.

Bathed in the waters of life, we serve with compassion.

We are God's people, bathed in the waters of life.

3. Bathed in the waters of life, we work for justice.

Bathed in the waters of life, we tell good news.

Bathed in the waters of life, we serve with compassion.

We are God's people, bathed in the waters of life.

4. Bathed in the waters of life, we sing with gladness.

Bathed in the waters of life, we pray as one.

Bathed in the waters of life, we let our light shine.

We are God's people, bathed in the waters of life.

The Sign of Peace

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles....

...where you live forever and ever. ALL: AMEN.

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU'

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Giving of our Gifts

please be seated

Presentation of the Gifts- Preparation of the Altar

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 for ever!

*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!***

The Song at Offertory: RISE UP WITH HIM

**1. People, wait no more.
God has shown you the glory of the Lord!
By the cross we claim our freedom.
Christ has risen to everlasting life!**

Refrain

**And we'll rise up,
rise up with him, and we'll rise,
rise to new life!
And we'll rise up,
rise up with him, for with Jesus
who leads us
by grace we will rise up with him.**

**2. Ev'ry knee shall bend.
Ev'ry tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
Lord and Savior of all nations,
our salvation to everlasting life!**

**3. Jesus, whom we love,
we proclaim your word
for ages all to come.
Alleluia, sing a new song.
Glory to our God of everlasting life!**

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.

Introductory Rite

Presider: The Lord be with you. ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE WORLD

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 on High!
Blessed is he who comes in the name,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna on High!**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues.....

Words of Consecration:

When the Host is lifted ALL SAY:

**"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT.
THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU."**

When the Cup is lifted ALL SAY:

**"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, but He is risen, Christ will 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. Amen.**

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

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

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

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

Communion

All are invited to receive Holy Communion

Communion Song: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

***I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.***

Refrain

***And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.***

***2. The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live forever, you shall live forever.***

Refrain

***3. Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you.***

Refrain

***4. I am the Resurrection, I am the life.
If you believe in me, even though you die,
you shall live forever. (Refrain)***

CONCLUDING RITE

Communion Meditation: HALLELUJAH (featuring Jasmine Tronco)

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

please stand

Dismissal

Closing Song: ALLELUIA! LOVE IS ALIVE

Refrain

***Alleluia! Love is alive; conquered the grave
and defeated the night.***

***Alleluia! Love is alive! The Son has arisen for all.
Your people sing alleluia!***

***1. People of God, let your fear fall away.
Your chains have been broken; abandon your shame.
Lift your hearts! Lift your hearts! He is alive!
Here now is mercy embracing your soul;
here the fulfillment that once was foretold.
It is true! It is true! He is alive!***

Refrain