

**WELCOME TO SAINT MATTHEW
ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC CHURCH!
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The Second Sunday of Easter -- April 12, 2026



**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: ALLELUIA! LOVE IS ALIVE

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

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!

2. People of God now rejoicing in Christ,
carry your joy to the darkness of night.
Tell the world! Tell the world! He is alive!
Hear the good news of this glorious day,
every heart singing as heaven proclaims:
He is Lord! He is Lord! He is alive!

Refrain

Greeting

Priest 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 (2:42-47)

**GOD'S LOVE IS EVERLASTING.GOD'S LOVE WILL NEVER END.
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A Reading from the 1st letter of Peter (1Peter 1:3-9)

Gospel Acclamation

please stand

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!

The Gospel Reading

Deacon/ Priest: A reading from the holy gospel according to John (20:19-31)

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

Homily

please be seated

THE 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? –***

***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 is:

"RISEN SAVIOUR HEAR US"

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: PEACE, MY FRIENDS

Refrain:

***PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU, MY FRIENDS.
S-H-A-L-O-M, MY PEACE IN ALL YOU DO.
PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU, MY FRIENDS.
I GIVE TO YOU,
SO YOU CAN GIVE TO OTHERS, TOO.***

***To share God's love is why I came,
To show God's kindness to the world
Go now my friends and do the same,
Until I come again...***

Refrain

***Take my hand and be at peace,
The spirit of our love I send;
And with this love you will be free,
Until I come again...***

Refrain

***With this love you all will know,
That loneliness is at an end,
Rejoice my people though I go
For I will come again...***

Refrain

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 Eucharistic prayer continues.....

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 elevated 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 elevated 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 WELCOME TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Song: IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Refrain

***In the breaking of the bread,
we knew him, Lord Jesus.***

Alleluia! Alleluia!

1. Were not our hearts burning as he spoke?
Were not our hearts yearning for the Word of God?

Refrain

2. Put your hand here, see the place of nails.
Blessed are those who have not seen, but believe.

Refrain

3. Risen is Christ, he who died for us.
Risen is Christ, shepherd who died for his flock.

Refrain

4. Sing to the Lord, all you nations, praise.
Great is our God, worthy to be praised.

Refrain

5. Taste and see, see and behold God.
Taste and see, see your God and believe.

Refrain

6. I am the vine, you, the branches.
Live in me, I in you, and bear much fruit.

Refrain

7. Is not the cup, Christ outpoured, our God?
One bread, one cup show our oneness in God. (**Refrain**)

CONCLUDING RITE

Meditation:

WHEN IN DOUBT

***Refrain: Do not doubt me, do not fear.
Believe in me; I come in peace.
Do not doubt me, do not fear.
With this faith you will have life.***

Prayer after Communion

please stand

Dismissal

Announcements

please be seated

Closing Song: Behold the Glory of God

Refrain

***Behold the glory of God,
the Day-Star arising!
Christ Jesus shines on the earth
with mercy enduring!***

- 1. Dance for joy all you angels of God,
Let the pow'rs of heav'n exult.
All creation, join now in song:
"Salvation is won!"(Refrain)***
- 2. Let the earth in its beauty rejoice,
Radiant as the morning sky.
Chains of death lie shattered this night–
Christ's vict'ry complete! (Refrain)***

Have a blessed week!