

**WELCOME TO SAINT MATTHEW  
ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC CHURCH!  
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*The Third Sunday of Easter - April 19, 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: CHRIST HAS RISEN**

**REFRAIN: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!  
CHRIST HAS RISEN AND IT'S TRUE;  
JESUS MADE US ALL A PROMISE:  
"I'LL PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU."**

**1. BY THE WILL OF GOD HIS FATHER  
AS HE TOOK HIS FINAL BREATH.  
JESUS ENDED HIS COMMITMENT  
ON THE CROSS WHEN PUT TO DEATH.**

**REFRAIN**

**2. WHEN THE TOMB WHERE CHRIST WAS BURIED  
WAS DISCOVERED TO BE BARE  
THERE APPEARED A HEAVENLY ANGEL  
TO PROCLAIM HE WASN'T THERE.**

**REFRAIN**

**3. ON THE THIRD DAY AS PREDICTED  
HE HAD RISEN FROM THE GRAVE.  
BY HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION  
WE ARE GRATEFUL TO BE SAVED.**

**REFRAIN**

**4. HE WILL COME AGAIN IN GLORY,  
JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.  
THEN HE'LL RAISE US UP TO HEAVEN  
BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT JESUS SAID.**

**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. 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. (Refrain)**

**Opening Prayer**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*please be seated*

**A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:14,22-33)**

**I LOVE YOU, LORD, MY STRENGTH.  
I LOVE YOU, LORD, MY STRENGTH.  
I LOVE YOU, LORD, MY STRENGTH.  
I LOVE YOU, LORD, MY STRENGTH.**

**A Reading from the First Letter of Peter (1:17-21)**

**Gospel Acclamation**

*please stand*

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

**The Gospel Reading**

**Deacon/ Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (24: 13-35)**

**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**

***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? –***

***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.***

***Prayers of the Faithful***

***Our prayer response is: “Risen Savior, 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: ON THE JOURNEY TO EMMAUS**

***On the journey to Emmaus with our hearts cold as stone-  
the One who would save us had left us alone.***

***Then a stranger walks with us and, to our surprise,  
he opens our stories and he opens our eyes.***

***And our hearts burned within us as we talked on the way,  
how all that was promised was ours on that day.***

***So we begged him, 'Stay with us and grant us your word.'  
We welcomed the stranger and we welcomed the Lord.***

***And that evening at the table as he blessed and broke bread,  
we saw it was Jesus aris'n from the dead;***

***Though he vanished before us we knew he was near -  
the life in our dying and the hope in our fear.***

***On the journey to Emmaus, in our stories and feast,  
with Jesus we claim that the greatest is least:***

***and his words burn within us - let none be ignored -  
who welcomes the stranger shall welcome the Lord.***

### **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 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**

Communion Meditation: HEARTBURN

Prayer after Communion

please stand

Dismissal

Closing Song: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! LET THE HOLY ANTHEM RISE

**1. Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the holy anthem rise,  
and the choirs of heaven chant it  
in the temple of the skies;  
let the mountain skip with gladness,  
and the joyful valleys ring  
with hosannas in the highest to our Savior and our King!**

**2. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Like the sun from out the wave,  
he has risen up in triumph  
from the darkness of the grave.  
He's the splendor of the nations,  
he's the lamp of endless day;  
he's the very Lord of glory who is risen up today!**

**3. Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed Jesus, make us rise  
from the life of this corruption  
to the life that never dies.  
May your glory be our portion,  
when the days of time are past,  
and the dead shall be awakened by the trumpet's mighty blast!**

**Blessings & Peace to all!**