

**WELCOME TO SAINT MATTHEW
ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC CHURCH!
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The 4th Sunday of Easter
April 26, 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: THE PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

Verse 1:

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

Verse 2:

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness only light,
And where there's sadness ever joy.**

Refrain:

***Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.***

***Verse 3: Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.
(Refrain to verse 1 as needed)***

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.

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

please be seated

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:14A, 36-41)

Psalm Response:

**“SHEPHERD ME, O GOD, BEYOND MY WANTS,
BEYOND MY FEARS, FROM DEATH INTO LIFE.”**

Second Reading from the first letter of Peter (1Pet2:20b-25)

Gospel Acclamation

please stand

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!

The Gospel Reading

Deacon/ Priest:

A reading from the holy gospel according to John (10:1-10)

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 SING:

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!

Homily

The Profession of Faith

**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.

Prayers of the Faithful

***Our Prayer Response is:
"Christ our Shepherd, 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: COME, WORSHIP THE LORD

Refrain

**Come, worship the Lord
For we are His people
The flock that He shepherds. Alleluia
Come, worship the Lord
For we are His people
The flock that He shepherds. Alleluia**

**1. Come, let us sing to the Lord
And shout with joy to the Rock who saves us
Let us come with thanksgiving
And sing joyful songs to the Lord**

Refrain

**2. The Lord is God, the mighty God
The great King o'er all other gods
He holds in His hands the depths of the Earth
And the highest mountains as well
He made the sea, it belongs to Him
The dry land too, was formed by His hand**

Refrain

**3. Come, let us bow down and worship
Bending the knee for the Lord our maker
For we are His people
We are the flock that He shepherds**

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 HIS NAME, FOR OUR GOOD AND THE
GOOD OF ALL HIS 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 Song: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Refrain

*One bread, one body,
one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many,
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

Refrain

2. Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

Refrain

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

CONCLUDING RITE

Prayer after Communion

Dismissal

please stand

Closing Song: AMAZING GRACE

- 1. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.**

- 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.**

- 3. Through many dangers, toils
and snares I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
and grace will lead me home.**

- 4. The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures:
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

- 5. When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.**

Have a Glorious Day!