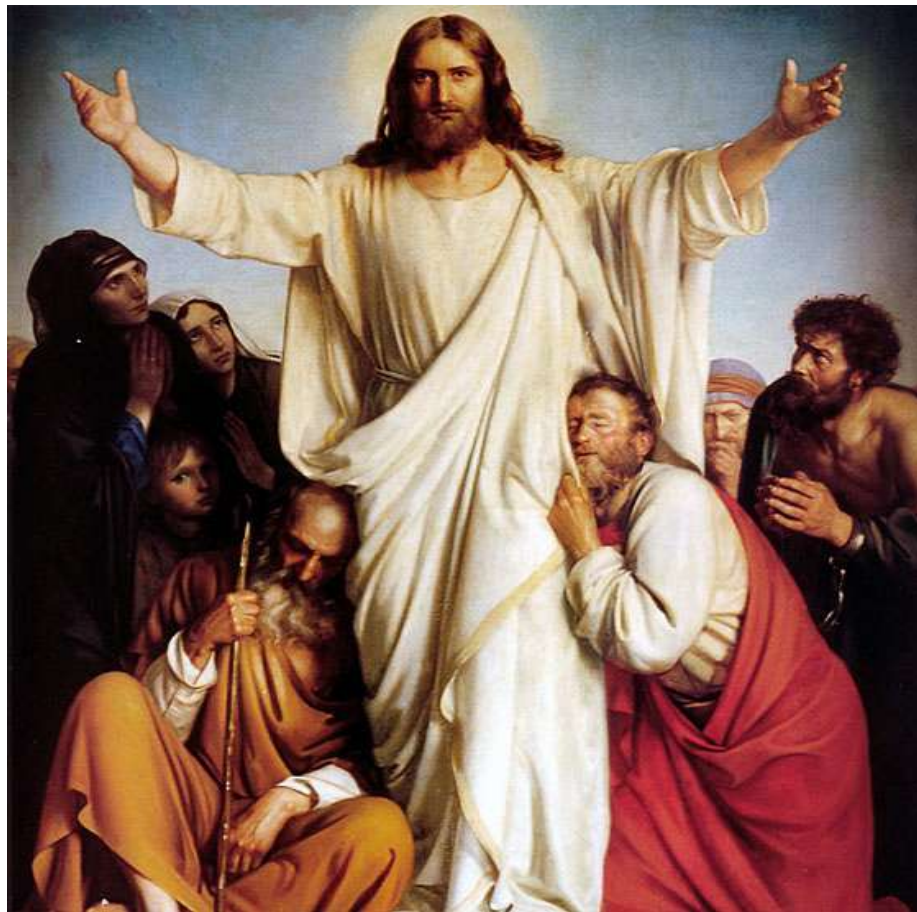


**WELCOME TO SAINT MATTHEW
ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC CHURCH!
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The 5th Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026



**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:* HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION**

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word.
What more can he say, than to you he has said;
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, oh be not dismayed
For I am your God, and will still give you aid.
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of woe shall not you overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless
and sanctify to you, your deepest distress.

The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

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 Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

***Presider: Gathered together as one family,
the Body of Christ, Give glory to God!***

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 (6:1-7)

Psalm Response:

***"PRAISE THE NAME, PRAISE THE NAME.
PRAISE BE THE NAME OF THE LORD.
PRAISE THE NAME, PRAISE THE NAME.
PRAISE BE THE NAME OF THE LORD."***

Second Reading from the first letter of Peter (1Pet 2:4-10)

Gospel Acclamation *please stand*
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!

The Gospel Reading

Deacon/ Priest:

A reading from the holy gospel according to John (14: 1-14)

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

THE LITANY OF THE RISEN CHRIST

**Deacon: Come let us worship and adore
Jesus Christ who has conquered death and
has been raised and now gives us eternal
in the presence of God the Holy Trinity.**

Reader 1: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the eternal Word made flesh.

All: Blessed be your name!

Reader 2: Lord Jesus Christ, you are Emmanuel, God in our midst.

All: Blessed be your name!

**Reader 1: Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the Son of God and the Son of Mary.**

All: Blessed be your name!

**Reader 2: Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the Messiah, the Anointed One of God.**

All: Blessed be your name!

Reader 1: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Hope of Israel.

All: Blessed be your name!

**Reader 2: Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the descendant of Abraham and Sarah.**

All: Blessed be your name!

**Reader 1: Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the promised Son of David.**

All: Blessed be your name!

**Reader 2: Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the Holy One of Israel.**

All: Blessed be your name!

**Reader 1: Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the Prince of Peace.**

All: Blessed be your name!

**Reader 2: Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the Light of the World.**

All: Blessed be your name!

**Reader 1: Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the Good Shepherd who lays down his life.**

All: Blessed be your name!

**Reader 2: Lord Jesus Christ, you are
the True Vine who gives us life.**

All: Blessed be your name!

**Reader 1: Lord Jesus Christ, you are
the Way and the Truth and the Life.**

All: Blessed be your name!

**Reader 2: Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the Door that leads to the Kingdom of God.**

All: Blessed be your name!

**Reader 1: Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the rejected stone that has become the
Chief Cornerstone.**

All: Blessed be your name!

**Reader 2: Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.**

All: Blessed be your name!

**Reader 1: Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the Savior of the whole world.**

All: Blessed be your name!

**Reader 2: Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the Redeemer of the Human race.**

All: Blessed be your name!

**Reader 1: Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the Head of your Body, the Church.**

All: Blessed be your name!

**Reader 2: Lord Jesus Christ, you are
the Resurrection and the Life.**

All: Blessed be your name!

**Reader 1: Lord Jesus Christ, you are
the Son of Man who will come in Glory.**

All: Blessed be your name!

**Reader 2: Lord Jesus
Christ, you are the Image of the Invisible God.**

All: Blessed be your name!

**Reader 1: Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the Radiance of God's Glory.**

All: Blessed be your name!

**Reader 2: Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the very imprint of God's eternal being.**

All: Blessed be your name!

**Reader 1: Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the faithful Witness.**

All: Blessed be your name!

**Reader 2: Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the Alpha and the Omega.**

All: Blessed be your name!

**Reader 1: Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the beginning and the End.**

All: Blessed be your name!

**Reader 2: Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the Beloved of the Father.**

All: Blessed be your name!

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

All: Lord save your people!

Presider: From all evil,

All: Lord save your people!

***Presider: From every sin,
All: Lord save your people!***
***Presider: From everlasting death,
All: Lord save your people!***
***Deacon: By your coming as man,
All: Lord save your people!***
***Deacon: By your death and rising to new life,
All: Lord save your people!***
***Deacon: By your gift of the Holy Spirit,
All: Lord save your people!***
***Presider: Jesus, Son of the Living God,
All: Lord, hear our prayer!***
***Presider: Christ hear us,
All: Christ, hear us!***
***Presider: Lord Jesus, Hear our prayer,
All: Lord Jesus, hear our prayer!***
***Presider: Lord Jesus, let all creation
give you praise and honor and Glory.
Let all your people worship you.
Let everyone who has ever lived give you thanks
and adoration for you live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit, a Trinity
of persons, one God forever and ever.
All: Amen!***

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 TO THE LORD

**1. Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Children, do not fear.**

Though you suffer as I suffered, I am always near.

Refrain

**Come to the Lord;
come to the table of lasting life.
Bring your burdens; there's no price,
just come to the Lord.**

**2. I will never leave you orphans; you are not alone.
I have made your place in heaven, in my father's home.**

**3. Eat this bread and never hunger;
I will give you life.
Drink the cup I place before you;
you will never die.**

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:

"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT.

THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU."

"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: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING?

1. My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.

I hear the real though far-off hymn

That hails a new creation.

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm,

While to that rock I'm clinging.

Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,

How can I keep from singing?

2. Through all the tumult and the strife,

I hear that music ringing; it sounds and echoes in my soul;

How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

3. What though the tempest 'round me roar,

I hear the truth, it liveth;

What though the darkness 'round me close,

songs in the night it giveth. (Refrain)

4. When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,

And hear their death knells ringing;

when friends rejoice both far and near,

How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

5. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,

A fountain ever springing. All things are mine since I am his;

How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

CONCLUDING RITE

Prayer after Communion

please stand

Dismissal

Closing Song: THAT WHERE I AM

1. In my Father's house there are many, many rooms.
In my Father's house there are many, many rooms.
And I'm going up there now to prepare a place for you,
that where I am there you may also be.

2. If I go prepare a place for you, I will come back again.
If I go prepare a place for you, I will come back again.
You know I am the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Keep my command, that where I am,
there you may also be.

Refrain

That where I am, there you may also be,
up where the truth, the truth will set you free.
In the world, you will have trouble,
but I leave you my peace,
that where I am, there you may also be.

Have a blessed week!