

***Welcome to
Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church
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**July 26, 2026
The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**We are an emergent church practicing
an ancient faith in new ways,
a church of inclusivity where
All Are Welcome! - +Peter**

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP

Introductory Rite

Gathering Song:

Refrain:

***If God is for us, who can be against,
If the Spirit of God has set us free.
If God is for us, who can be against,
If the Spirit of God has set us free.***

***1. I know that nothing in this world
Can ever take us from His love.***

***2. Nothing can take us from His love
Poured out in Jesus the Lord.***

***3. And nothing present or to come
Can ever take us from His love.***

***4. I know that neither death nor life
Can ever take us from His love.***

Greeting

***Presider says/sings: In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.***

ALL: AMEN.

***Presider: 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: Coming together as God's family,
with confidence let us ask
the Father's forgiveness,
for he is full of gentleness and compassion*

***All: I confess to almighty God, and to you,
my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault,
in my thoughts, and
my words, in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do; And I
ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me, to the Lord our God.***

PENITENTIAL RITE

*Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the eternal Word through
whom all creation has come into being.
Lord, have mercy!*

All: Lord, have mercy!

*Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Teacher of wisdom
who reveals to us the truth of the Kingdom of Heaven
Christ, have mercy!*

All: Christ, have mercy!

*Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, You are the great treasure of heaven
freely given for the life of the world. Lord, have mercy!*

All: Lord, have mercy!

*Presider: May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our
sins, and bring us to life everlasting. All: Amen!*

*Whatever you do,
DO IT ALL FOR THE
Glory of God*

1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

The Gloria

***Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest
and peace to all people on earth.***

***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 on 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

First Reading

Lector: A reading from the Book of Kings (1Kings 3:5-7-12)

Lector: The Word of the Lord ALL: Thanks be to God!

Psalm Response:

***" My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord,
thirsting for you, my God.***

***My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord,
thirsting for you , my God, thirsting for you, my God."***

***Second Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church at Rome.
(8:28-30)***

Lector: Hear what the Spirit says to the church.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

please stand

Alleluia, The Gospel

***In the beginning was the Word of God
and the Word was with God and was God..***

***And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us
and we beheld His Glory.***

***Alleluia! The Gospel of the Lord has come to us.
Al le lu ia. Al le lu ia.***

The Gospel Reading

***Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew
(13:44-52)***

All: Glory to you, Lord.

The gospel is read. When the reading is over:

Deacon/Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

***All Sing: Alleluia! The Gospel of the Lord has come to us.
Al le lu ia. Al le lu ia..***

Homily

The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God,
Eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
True God from true God, begotten, not made,
one in Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in fulfillment of the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
And his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen*

Prayers of the Faithful

Our Response is:

“Loving God, Hear our prayer.”

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Giving of our Gifts

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 for ever.



Our Offertory Song: EARTHEN VESSELS

***Refrain: We hold a treasure not made of gold,
in earthen vessels wealth untold;
one treasure only; the Lord the Christ,
in earthen vessels.***

***1. Light has shown in our darkness;
God has shone in our heart
With the light of the glory
Of Jesus the Lord. (Refrain)***

***2. He has chosen the lowly
Who are small in this world
In His weakness, His glory
In Jesus the Lord (Refrain)***

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.

Eucharistic Prayer Introductory Dialogue Preface

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

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

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, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

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

***When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come again,
until you come again.***

Doxology

***Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, forever and ever.
Amen! Amen! Alleluia! 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***

ALL are welcome to receive Holy Communion

Communion Song: LEAD ME, LORD

- 1. Blessed are the poor in spirit longing for their Lord
For God's coming kingdom shall be theirs
Blessed are the sorrowing for they shall be consoled
And the meek shall come to rule the world**

Refrain:

**Lead me, Lord. Lead me Lord by the light of truth to
seek and to find the narrow way.
Be my way, be my truth, be my life my Lord
And lead me, Lord today.**

- 2. Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs
And the pure in heart shall see their God.
Blessed are they whose hunger
only holiness can fill,
For I say they shall be satisfied.**

Refrain

- 3. Blest are they who through their life-times sow the
seeds of peace, all will call them
children of the Lord.**

**Blest are you though persecuted in your holy life,
For in heaven great is your reward**

Refrain

CONCLUDING RITE

Meditation

Greeting

Presider: Peace be with you!

All: And also with you.

Blessing

**Presider: May almighty God bless you +The Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit. All: Amen.**

Announcements

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Recessional and Closing Song

Closing Song: IN THE DAY OF THE LORD

Refrain

***In the day of the Lord, the sun will shine
like the dawn of eternal day.***

***All creation will rise to dance and sing
the glory of the Lord!***

***1. And on that day will justice triumph,
on that day will all be free:
free from want, free from fear, free to live!***

Refrain