

**Welcome to**

**Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church**  
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**January 12, 2025**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**



**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**  
**(a liturgical aid to today's Mass)**  
**January 12, 2025**

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**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

Gathering Song: Ready The Way

1. "Ready the way of the Lord." "Ready the way of the Lord.  
" A voice cries out in the wilderness:  
"Ready the way for the Lord."
2. "Let every valley be filled. Let every valley be filled.  
Let every mountain be humbled.  
Let every valley be filled."

**Refrain: Here is your God, coming with your vindication.  
Look and behold the saving power of God.**

3. Desert and waste land will bloom.  
Desert and waste land will bloom.  
Glory and splendor will fill the land.  
Desert and waste land will bloom.

4. Those who are blind will then see.  
Those who are deaf will then hear.  
Those who are lame will then leap for joy.  
Those who are mute will then sing. Refrain

5. Strengthen the ones who are weak.  
Strengthen the ones who are weak.  
Say to the frightened: "Have courage."  
Strengthen the ones who are weak. Refrain

*Greeting      Penitential Rite      Opening Prayer*

*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.**

Presider: Lord Jesus.....Lord, Have Mercy:

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Presider: Christ Jesus..... Christ have mercy:

All: Christ have mercy.

Presider: Lord Jesus.....Lord, have mercy:

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**GLORIA:**

**Refrain: 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. Amen! Amen! (Refrain)**

*Opening Prayer*

Presider: Father of great and everlasting glory.....,.....who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever.

**All: Amen**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*please be seated*

**First Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (40:1-5, 9-11)**

**Psalm Response:**

**"THE LORD WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE.  
THE LORD WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE.  
THE LORD WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE.  
THE LORD WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE".**

**Second Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus (2:11-14; 3:4-7)**

**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/ Priest: A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke (3:15-16, 21-22))**

**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. (REPEAT ABOVE)**

*Homily*

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES/ Profession of Faith**

**Priest/Deacon: Do you reject Satan?**

**ALL: I do.**

**Priest/Deacon: And all his works?**

**ALL: I do.**

**Priest/Deacon: And all his empty promises?**

**ALL: I do.**

**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 response is: “Beloved of God, hear our prayer.”**

*The Sign of Peace*

*Lord, Jesus Christ.....The peace of the Lord be with you always*

**ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

(Joy of Worship)

The Giving of our Gifts

*please be seated*

**Our Offertory Song:**

River of Glory

River of glory, streams of our birth,  
flood of God's riches poured on the earth.

We are born from the darkness and clothed in the light

We are bathed in the glory of God.

1. Fountain of mercy, grace flowing free,  
streams of salvation, spilling with love from a tree!

Refrain

2. Here there is haven, healing and health,  
joy for the asking, love in abundance of wealth!

Refrain

3. Bread for our journey; God will provide.  
Hope for all ages, Jesus, companion and guide!

Refrain

4. Darkness is banished, night turned away.  
Christ is our sunlight, lifting and leading our way!

Refrain

*Prayer of the Faithful    The Sign of Peace*

**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.**

***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. God of might.**

**Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

*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**

**Dying you destroyed our death. Rising you restored our life.**

**Lord, Jesus, we're waiting for you to come in glory.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues, then concludes with:*

**Doxology & Great Amen**

**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! Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen!**

**COMMUNION RITE**

**Lamb of God**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us your peace.**

**Communion Song: Come To The Water**

O let all who thirst  
Let them come to the water  
And let all who have nothing  
Let them come to the Lord  
Without money without price  
Why should u pay the price  
Except for the Lord

And let all who seek  
Let them come to the water  
And let all who have nothing  
Let them come to the Lord  
Without money without strife  
Why should you spend your life  
Except for the Lord

And let all who toil  
Let them come to the water  
And let all who are weary  
Let them come to the Lord  
All who labor without rest  
How can your soul find rest  
Except for the Lord

And let all the poor  
Let them come to the water  
Let the ones who are laden  
Let them come to the Lord  
Bring the children without might  
Easy the load and light

Come to the Lord Come to the Lord  
Come to the Lord Come to the Lord

I will run to You, I will run to You, I will run to you, my Lord.

**CONCLUDING RITE**

**Meditation Song: LEAD US T O THE WATER**

**Prayer after Communion**

*please stand*

**Dismissal**

**Closing Song:**

**Down By the Riverside**

**1. Gonna lay down my burden,  
Down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside.  
Gonna lay down my burden,  
Down by the riverside,  
I'll study war no more.**

**Chorus:**

**I ain't go study war no more,  
study war no more,  
ain't go study war no more.  
I ain't go study war no more,  
study war no more,  
ain't go study war no more.**

**2. Gonna lay down my sword and shield  
Down by the riverside...**

**3. Gonna lay down my burden,  
Down by the riverside.....**