



St. Matthew

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

COMMIT. FOLLOW. LOVE. SERVE.

Gathering Song: River of Glory

Refrain: River of glory, springs 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!
2. Bread for our journey God will provide.
Hope for all ages, Jesus, companion and guide.

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Readings found at G 1012

Responsorial Psalm:

“Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (repeat)”

Preparation of the Gifts: Here I Am, Lord (G 777)

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

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Communion Song: Life-Giving Bread, Saving Cup (G 926)

Refrain: Life-giving Bread, saving Cup, we offer in thanksgiving, O God.

Life-giving Bread, saving Cup, we offer as a sign of our love.

1. For bread that is broken, we give thanks,
For wine that is poured we give praise.
For life and for knowledge of the kingdom:
All praise to you until the end of time!
2. We thank you, O Father, for your name,
Which you give to dwell in our hearts.
You bring us together as one fam'ly: All praise to you until the end of time!
3. Creator of all, we offer thanks;
You give us a share in your life.
You strengthen our body and our spirit:
All praise to you until the end of time!
4. Remember your church which sings your praise;
Perfect it in truth and in love.
And gather your people all together to praise you until the end of time!

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Closing Song: Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

