

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS
April 2, 2021
GOOD FRIDAY PASSION OF THE LORD

**Welcome to all who are here to worship with us.
Today is Good Friday.**

**Whoever you may be, or wherever you find
yourself on the journey, please know that here at
St. Matthias,
All Are Welcome.**

- For safety reasons, there will **NOT** be the usual veneration of the Cross by the congregation. Instead, we will have a brief meditation following the veneration by the priests and Deacons. **WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE DO NOT USE THE KNEELERS AT ALL THIS EVENING. INSTEAD, WE ASK THAT YOU STAND AND BOW YOUR HEADS IN REVERENCE IN PLACES WHERE WE WOULD NORMALLY KNEEL DURING THE SERVICE.** This is prevent unknown exposure caused by kneeler fabric and the inability to clean the fabric after use. In consideration of YOUR safety and the SAFETY OF OTHERS, we ask that you please follow this protocol.
- If you are newly returned to in-person worship or if you are a guest, communion will be at the very end of the service and we will exit through the two side doors here at the front of the church by the altar.

**We begin tonight's remembrance
of the Passion of the Lord
in silence.**

Music for Our Assembly - Good Friday, April 2, 2021 -

Responsorial Psalm - Father, into your hands I commend my spirit...Psalm 31

During the reading of the Passion - Jesus Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.

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Solemn Intercessions - In Jesus' name we pray.

Adoration of the Holy Cross - Behold the Wood

Behold, behold the wood of the Cross, on which is hung our salvation.

O come, let us adore

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Communion Hymn - Only This I Want

Refrain

**Only this I want: but to know the Lord,
and to bear his cross so to wear the crown he wore.**

All but this is loss, worthless refuse to me,
for to gain the Lord is to gain all I need. **Refrain**

I will run the race; I will fight the good fight,
so to win the prize of the Kingdom of my Lord. **Refrain**

Let your heart be glad, always glad in the Lord,
so to shine like stars in the darkness of the night **Refrain**

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Responsorial Psalm
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Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25

R. (Lk 23:46) Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

In you, O LORD, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

In your justice rescue me.

Into your hands I commend my spirit;
you will redeem me, O LORD, O faithful God.

R. Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

For all my foes I am an object of reproach,
a laughingstock to my neighbors, and a dread to my friends;
they who see me abroad flee from me.

I am forgotten like the unremembered dead;
I am like a dish that is broken.

R. Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

But my trust is in you, O LORD;
I say, "You are my God.

In your hands is my destiny; rescue me
from the clutches of my enemies and my persecutors."

R. Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your kindness.

Take courage and be stouthearted,
all you who hope in the LORD.

R. Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Solemn Intercession

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We pray for faith. Before the cross of Jesus, we remember the Church universal. We pray for Pope Francis; may he lead us to be better Disciples of Christ. We pray for our Bishop, James Checchio (Check-ee-oh), may he be an example of faithful service to the people of Christ. We pray for all priests, deacons, and those consecrated in religious life; may their devotion to the faith be an example to all of us. We pray for the Parish Staff, lay leadership and our school teachers of the Catholic Community of St. Matthias; may they be strengthened in faith as they lead us to live out our Gospel calling. At the foot of the cross, we stand...*(Sung response) In Jesus' name, we pray...*

We pray for unity. Before the cross of Jesus, we remember all those who have different beliefs and faith traditions than us. We pray for the people of our Father in faith, Abraham. Our Jewish brothers and sisters; may we all remember our unity in the covenant. For all our Christian brothers and sisters; may we seek to find ecumenism through the waters of Baptism and the cross of Jesus. For our brothers and sisters who follow the ways of Islam; they too are children of Abraham. And for all other religious traditions; may we work towards understanding and accepting each other's differences, and towards recognizing and acknowledging our similarities. We pray for our brothers and sisters who do not believe in God; may we be the non-judgmental Christ among them. At the foot of the cross, we stand...*(Sung response) In Jesus' name, we pray...*

We pray for peace. Before the cross of Jesus, we remember all people, places, and situations that are in need of ever-lasting peace. We pray for the women, men, and children affected by senseless gun violence everywhere, and especially where the recent mass shootings have taken place – Atlanta, GA, Boulder, CO and Orange, CA; We pray for those affected by wars and conflicts all over the world...the Middle East, Africa, parts of Asia, Europe, and the Americas...especially those areas torn by conflict today in Myanmar, Afghanistan, Yemen, Syria, Mexico, Turkey, Somalia, Iraq and others. May the efforts of all our leaders be focused on peace and justice. We pray for the end of the “isms” in this world – racism, classism, sexism, ageism – and all the phobias that create intolerance and hurt. May we continue to tear down the walls of bigotry, hatred and the injustice it leads to that continually divide us as a human race. At the foot of the cross, we stand...*(Sung response) In Jesus' name, we pray...*

We pray for vision. Before the cross of Jesus, we remember all who hold positions of power and leadership. We pray for our President, our Senators and Representatives, our Governor and State officials, and our local officials; may they always commit to healing political wounds and focus on the needs of liberty and justice. We pray for the governments and leaders of every nation; may they have the vision that upholds the dignity of every person. We pray for the leaders across all industries industry - science and technology, health care, the arts, education - may they continue to do what is best for the future of the common good, not the individual. At the foot of the cross, we stand...*(Sung response) In Jesus' name, we pray...*

We pray for grace. Before the cross of Jesus, we remember all those who will come into the Church this coming year. We pray for our Elect, Josalyn Montero, Da'Shawn Durden, Danielle Gille and Nalini (NAL-i-nee) Malik, as they prepare to receive the Waters of Baptism; may they become one with Christ. We pray for our Candidates, Shannon Long, Loren Long, Waid Barfield, Maritza Almonte, Nicholas Chodl, Ava Ortman, Rosanna Garon and Luis Cuevas as they anticipate full communion with the Church; and for our adult Confirmation candidates - Jodie Scanlon, Dominique Marchie, Michael Marchie, Michael Chodl, Udenna (u-DEN-a) Okonkwo (o-KON-kwo), Nick Recine, Natalie Ortman, Helena Cassutt, Vanessa DiRocco, Michael DiRocco, Kristen Camerino, Phoirella Gamboa and Giancarlo Gamboa - may these candidates be added to the number of God's children, We pray for all who will bring their children for Baptism; for our children preparing for First Communion; for our young people preparing for Confirmation; may they begin to learn and understand what it is to be a person of faith. We pray for all who will be married; for those making religious professions; for all to be ordained; may they receive God's graces through their life's vocation. At the foot of the cross, we stand... ***(Sung response) In Jesus' name, we pray...***

We pray for solidarity. Before the cross of Jesus, we remember our call to be in solidarity with those in whom we see the Passion of Jesus. We pray for the poor in our local community and especially our stewardship communities including those at our borders, and all over the world; may we continue to reach out in love and welcome to the least of our brothers and sisters. We pray for the homeless, the hungry and the thirsty; may we give them shelter, food and drink. We pray for the stranger, the immigrant, and the outcast; may we always welcome them and offer them comfort and rest, whoever they may be. We pray for the sick, homebound, and elderly; may we show them God's love and care. We pray for those in prison, especially those accused and imprisoned unjustly; may we always see them as our sisters and brothers deserving of fairness human dignity as any other. At the foot of the cross, we stand... ***(Sung response) In Jesus' name, we pray...***

We pray for patience. Before the cross of Jesus, we remember the gift of patience we receive from the Spirit. We pray for times when our patience is tried by family, friends, co-workers, and strangers; may we always embrace the way of Jesus. We pray for the times of illness and pandemic, unemployment, and insecurity; may we learn to center ourselves on the Lord. We pray for those whose lack of patience causes violence, hurt feelings, and harsh words; may they learn to step-back in situations of high stress. We pray for those unemployed or underemployed; may they find comfort in knowing God has a plan for them. At the foot of the cross, we stand... ***(Sung response) In Jesus' name, we pray...***

We pray for forgiveness. Before the cross of Jesus, we remember to practice forgiveness as a difficult, daily, life-long struggle. We pray for those who ask for our forgiveness; may we forgive them their trespasses as we ask for forgiveness of our own trespasses. We pray for the times humanity has failed; we ask for forgiveness for countries affected by war caused by outsiders; for over-looked genocides; for past acts of violence committed in Auschwitz, Dachau, American Japanese Internment Camps, Hiroshima, Nagasaki, Cambodia, Syria, and even for our failures at our own borders; for slavery and oppression of our African, Latino, Asian, and Middle Eastern brothers and sisters. We pray for the times we have been apathetic or silent; may we be forgiven for standing by idly and

silently. We pray for our own acts of selfishness and cruelty. At the foot of the cross, we stand.....*(Sung response) In Jesus' name, we pray...*

We pray for gratitude. Before the cross of Jesus, we remember all for which we can be grateful. We pray for our friends and family; may we let those relationships flourish and not be silenced by anger or hurt. We pray for a simplified life; may we learn to focus less on what we need and want and more on the blessings we have to give. We pray for all those who have blessed our lives; may their example encourage us to Be the Blessing in the lives of others. At the foot of the cross, we stand...*(Sung response) In Jesus' name, we pray...*

We pray the victims of abuse. For all victims of physical or emotional abuse, especially those who have been harmed by ministers of the Church. May they find understanding, consolation, justice and peace. May those who have suffered a violation of trust at the hands of ministers of the Church find through your constant care and concern, an unyielding source of comfort and healing. We ask that you restore their trust in you and your Church. We ask this through almighty and ever loving God, and through Christ our Lord, Amen. At the foot of the cross, we stand...*(Sung response) In Jesus' name, we pray...*

We pray for rest. Before the foot of the cross of Jesus, we remember all those who have been laid to rest, including the victims of the pandemic and especially those who make up the body of Christ at St. Matthias. We pray for all those who mourn the loss of a loved one, especially those lost in the recent acts of violence; may they find comfort in knowing their loved ones are resting in the Kingdom of Heaven. We pray for those who die alone and forgotten; may they find companionship with Jesus in their eternal rest. At the foot of the cross, we stand...*(Sung response) In Jesus' name, we pray...*

We pray that God the Father, almighty, will extend his hand in mercy to all of us affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. **[PAUSE FOR SILENT PRAYER]** May Almighty and ever-living God heal those who have experience illness from the virus, comfort those who mourn, give solace to all those who are afraid and alone, and protect those who are who are providing medical care. Make us instruments of your peace among our brothers and sisters, in your mercy, alleviate our fears and eliminate this scourge, so that we may come together again as one to give you praise and to build your kingdom, through Christ our Lord. At the foot of the cross, we stand...*(Sung response) In Jesus' name, we pray...*

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I
embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You,
and I believe your words, "Come to me all
you who labor and are heavy laden, and I
will refresh you."
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.