

# PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 5/8/22

**Happy Easter and welcome to all who are here to worship with us. Today is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day and World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Whoever you may be, or wherever you find yourself on the journey, please know that here at St. Matthias, All Are Welcome.**

- Don't miss the St. Matthias 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary kickoff at the 5:00 pm Mass next Saturday, May 14th, followed by a reception in the cafeteria. St. Matthias is also celebrating with the creation of the 60th Anniversary Cookbook. Submit your favorite recipe right on the St. Matthias website. The deadline is May 22nd and a link to submit your recipe as well as to order the cookbook is in the bulletin on page 7.
- Attention all moviegoers!!! Join us as we enter the last week of Easter on May 28th, with a viewing of *Jesus Christ Superstar* in Live Concert with John Legend. The movie will be shown in the St. John XXIII Room after the 5pm Mass and a pizza dinner with beverages and cookies. Please RSVP by using the email address on page 8 of the bulletin in the ad.
- This year the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated on Sunday, May 29th, the 7th Sunday of Easter. Please mark your calendars accordingly.
- The NJ Statewide Catholic Youth Rally takes place at SixFlags Great Adventure next Sunday, May 15th. Details for the purchase of tickets through the Diocese of Metuchen are on page 7 of the bulletin.
- Finally, don't forget to sign up for the June 8th SMS Golf Classic at Royce Brook Golf Course. See registration details in the bulletin.

**Jesus offers us the security and safety of eternal life if we commit our lives into his hands and obey his voice. Although the Easter Triduum teaches us how costly Jesus' care is of his flock will be, the Shepherd that is ravaged in death is also raised in glory, so that we might share in that glory.**

# Music for Our Assembly

## May 8, 2022 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

*The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia! Psalm, 33*

### Gathering Song -Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken, like the first morning. Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them springing fresh from the word.

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dew fall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet passed.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation. Praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

### Responsorial Psalm 100

We are his people, the sheep of his flock

### Communion Hymn - You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;  
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;  
So when you call your fam'ly, Lord, we follow and rejoice. Refrain

With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude,  
That you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly food. Refrain

Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? Refrain

The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:  
Whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. Refrain

You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,  
to serve each other in your name In truth and charity. Refrain

*Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1998, © 1977, Archdiocese of Philadelphia*

## **Closing - How Can I Keep from Singing**

**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?**

**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**

**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**

*Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899; adapted with additional text by Doris Plenn, © 1957, 1964, Sanga Music, Inc*

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# PRAYERS FOR THE MASS

## Gloria

***Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.***

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

***Glory to God...***

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

***Glory to God...***

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the world, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

***Glory to God...***

## Creed

***I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

## **Responsorial Psalm 100:1-2, 3-5**

**R We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

**Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;  
serve the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful song.**

**Know that the LORD is God;  
he made us, his we are;  
his people, the flock he tends.**

**The LORD is good:  
his kindness endures forever,  
and his faithfulness, to all generations.**

**R We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**  
**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**May 8, 2022**

Our response will be: ***"Risen Lord, hear our prayer."***

1. For the church, her leaders, and members, especially on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations...Inspire women and men of faith to follow You, the Good Shepherd, in dedicated lives of service to Your flock, we pray...
2. For global, national, and local leaders...Give them wisdom and courage as they shepherd their people and communities toward a more inclusive world, we pray...
3. For all the women we honor with the name of "Mother"...Bless them today and always as they share in the life-giving mission of Christ, we pray...
4. For all who are receiving the sacraments of initiation, in particular our own First Communicants and Confirmandi...Nourish and strengthen them to grow in faith as they deepen their relationship with You, we pray...
5. For those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit...Hold them close, tend to their needs, and guide them on the path to well-being, we pray...
6. For those who have died, especially Albert Larangeira and the victims of the war in Ukraine . . . lead them to their heavenly home and give them the joys of everlasting life, we pray . . .
7. For the silent intentions we hold deep in our hearts today..., we pray...

***PRIEST \_\_\_\_\_(MASS INTENTION)***

## 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.