

Pulpit Announcements for the GREAT EASTER VIGIL April 8, 2023

We welcome all of you participating in this liturgy.

Happy Easter to you and your loved ones.

**We invite you to enter into the sacredness of this Great
Easter Vigil, whomever you may be, or
wherever you find yourself on the journey.**

Know that here at St. Matthias, ALL ARE WELCOME!

- **Tonight we welcome into the Church our RCIA Elect and Candidates who have been preparing for many months for this night. Please continue to pray for them as they move into full communion in the life of our faith and the Catholic Community of St. Matthias.**
- **Tomorrow's Easter Sunday Masses will be at 8:00 and 10:00 am and at 12:00 noon. Our Bishop Checchio will be the presider at the 10 am Mass. There is no Mass on Monday, April 10th and the Parish Office will be closed that day.**
- **We will now begin the Easter Vigil celebration with the blessing of the Fire and lighting of the Paschal Candle. So let us all get up and gather outside in the front of the church.**

Lighting of the Easter Fire – The Light of Christ

**The light of cross surrounds us,
The love of Christ enfolds us
The power Christ protects us
The presence of Christ watches over us.**

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Liturgy of the Word

**And God saw that it was good, and there was
evening and morning, the next day.**

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**Sing a song of freedom, God has won the victory
Horse and Chariot are cast into the sea.**

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**As a deer that longs for running water,
as a deer that longs for running water
So my soul is thirsting, so my soul is thirsting
So my soul is thirsting for my God.**

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Prayer of the Faithful
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Our response is: “Risen Lord hear our prayer.”

1. For Pope Francis and all Church leaders ... Inspire them to spread the gospel in all that they do; and for this Faith-Community, guide us to live the Easter message, we pray...
2. For world leaders ... Give them clarity of purpose in bringing about peace, justice, and healing for all the nations, we pray...
3. For our newly baptized and confirmed as they joyfully receive the sacraments of initiation...Help them continue to grow in faith and knowledge as they experience new life in You, we pray...
4. For those who suffer from any form of illness, in mind, body or spirit, ... Bring them relief from their suffering and restore them to health, we pray . . .
5. For all who have died... especially Doris Kempton welcome them into the joy of Your glory, we pray...
6. For the intentions in our hearts . . . Answer our innermost needs and draw our prayer into closer communion with You, we pray...

Presider announces the Mass intention and concludes with the 60th Anniversary Prayer.

Initiation – Living Streams

**Blessed Savior, pour upon us living streams of water.
Shower us with godliness, and bathe us in your light.
Chosen people, royal priesthood, heaven's pride, and glory,
gathered here to celebrate the wedding feast of Christ, the
Lamb.**

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Preparation Hymn – Out of Darkness

**Out of darkness the light of Christ will shine,
as the dawn of day breaks through the night.
Then the poor and oppressed will cry out
and be heard by the light that rises from the night.**

1. Let the darkness flee from here.
Put an end to sadness and fear.
The hungry will eat, the sick will dance,
the dead will live again.
2. This is the night, O holy of nights,
the chains of death are destroyed.
This is the light;
the glory of God is raised to life again.
3. A single flame,
a flicker of hope spreads like a sea of fire.
Open the door, shout to the night:
We will live again.

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Communion Hymn – Easter Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. Glory to God who does wondrous things,
Let all the people God's praises now sing,
All of creation in splendor shall ring: Alleluia!
2. See how salvation for all has been won,
Up from the grave our new life has begun,
Life now perfected in Jesus, the Son: Alleluia!
3. Now in our presence the Lord will appear,
Shine in the faces of all of us here,
Fill us with joy and cast out all our fear: Alleluia!
4. Call us, Good Shepherd, we listen for you,
Wanting to see you in all that we do,
We would the gate of salvation pass through: Alleluia!
5. Lord, we are open to all that you say,
Ready to listen and follow your way,
You are the potter and we are the clay: Alleluia!
6. If we have love, then we dwell in the Lord,
God will protect us from fire and sword,
Fill us with love and the peace of his word: Alleluia!

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Closing Hymn – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now he reigns above as King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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Responsorial Psalm - 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!
You are clothed with majesty and glory,
robed in light as with a cloak.

You fixed the earth upon its foundation,
not to be moved forever;
with the ocean, as with a garment, you covered it;
above the mountains the waters stood.

You send forth springs into the watercourses
that wind among the mountains.
Beside them the birds of heaven dwell;
from among the branches they send forth their song.

You water the mountains from your palace;
the earth is replete with the fruit of your works.
You raise grass for the cattle,
and vegetation for man's use,
Producing bread from the earth.

How manifold are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have wrought them all—
the earth is full of your creatures.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.