

# **Pulpit Announcements – December 18, 2022**

## **4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**Welcome to all who are here today  
on this Fourth Sunday in Advent.**

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

- **Our Advent Penance Service will be tomorrow/today at 6:30 pm. Extra priests will be available for Confessions.**
- **Christmas spirit is already around us. Our Church decoration date is the morning of Friday, December 23rd, from 10 am onwards. We do hope that many of you can come for a couple of hours and help get our church ready for Christmas.**
- **Please note the Christmas schedule, share it with others who may be interested, and invite at least one other person to join you to church.**
- **A reminder for those who would like Oplatek wafers, they are available in the Parish Office during regular hours to pick up for those who would like to celebrate this tradition.**

**Are you feeling the rush? Do you feel that you are not ready for Christmas yet? Well, you are in the right place to slow down and relax in the presence of Emmanuel, God-with-us, as the Scriptures proclaim today. Be present to Him fully in this hour. You will be surprised how well you are re-energized with His grace!**

**Music for Our Assembly**  
**December 18, 2022**  
**4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT - Cycle A**

*Drop dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.....Isaiah 45:8*

**Gathering Song – O Come O Come Emmanuel**

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

5. O come, O Key of David, come  
and open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe for us the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.

6. O come, O Dayspring from on high  
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadow put to flight.

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of humankind;  
O bid our sad divisions cease,  
And be for us our Prince of Peace.

*Text: LM with refrain; 'O' Antiphons, Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3–6 para. in Psalterium  
Cantionum Catholicarum, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866; verses 2, 7 tr.  
fr. The Hymnal 1940, alt.  
Music: Chant, Mode I; Processionale, French, 15th cent.; adapt. by Thomas Helmore,  
1811–1890.*

# Prayer of the Faithful

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**Our response is: “Lord of Joy, hear our prayer ...”**

1. For the universal church, her leaders, and members . . .  
teach us to accept Your will and to spread the Gospel as a  
welcoming message to all people, we pray . . .
2. For global, national, and civic leaders, especially those of our  
own country . . . give them the courage to work for a more just  
world for the communities they serve, we pray . . .
3. For this intentional faith community of Saint Matthias . . .  
prepare us to joyfully receive the gift of salvation that You so  
generously offer to all humankind, we pray . . .
4. For those who endure illness of body, mind, or spirit . . .  
surround them with the comfort and support of family, friends,  
and caregivers, we pray.
5. For those who have died, especially ***Alexis Lippencott and  
Benito Charles Joseph*** . . . receive them into the heavenly choir  
to sing Your praises forever, we pray . . .
6. For the silent intentions we hold deep in our hearts today, we  
pray . . .

**PRIEST \_\_\_\_\_ (MASS INTENTION)**  
(conclude with our 60th Anniversary Prayer)

## Preparation Hymn- Like a Child Rests

Like a child rests in its mother's arms, so will I rest  
in you (2x)

1. My God, I am not proud.  
I do not look for things too great.
2. My God, I trust in you.  
You care for me, you give me peace.
3. O Israel, trust in God,  
now and always trust in God.

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## Communion Hymn – My Soul in Stillness Waits

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits, truly my hope is in you.

1. O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory,  
your radiance shines in all who look to you,  
come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.
2. O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits,  
our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word,  
come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts.
3. O Root of Life, implant your seed within us,  
and in your advent, draw us all to you,  
our hope reborn in dying and in rising.
4. O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage,  
we ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain,  
open to us the pathway of your peace.

*Text: Psalm 95 and 'O' Antiphons; Marty Haugen, b.1950, © 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.*

## Closing Hymn – People, Look East

1. People, look east. The time is near  
Of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
Trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the guest, is on the way.
  
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the star, is on the way.
  
5. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
With the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way..

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## **Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6.**

**Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;  
the world and those who dwell in it.  
For he founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?  
or who may stand in his holy place?  
One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,  
who desires not what is vain.

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,  
a reward from God his savior.  
Such is the race that seeks for him,  
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

**Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**