

## **Pulpit Announcements – April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday**

**Welcome to all who are here today on this Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Whoever you are, or wherever you find yourself on the journey, know that here at St. Matthias, All Are Welcome.**

- The Feast of Divine Mercy is on the Sunday after Easter. The Novena in preparation for this great feast begins on Good Friday. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 11:45 am, before the noon Mass on April 16. All are welcome.
- Our Parish Reconciliation Service will be **tomorrow / today** at 6 pm. There will be at least six priests for individual confessions.
- Welcome to attend all the Holy Week Services if you can. Our 8 pm Easter Vigil in particular is unlike anything you have seen in terms of the grandeur of rituals, and vibrant singing. See the schedule, which is also on the cover page of the bulletin.
- Today's second collection is for the Retirement needs of the Diocesan Clergy

**As we enter this most Holy Week, we are invited to experience a deeper connection with Jesus who suffered and died for us. After the liturgy we do not have a closing hymn, because the Church wants us to depart in silence - a symbol of entering into the meditative journey of the Holy Week....  
But, how comfortable are we with silence.....?**

# Music for Our Assembly

## April 2, 2023

### Palm Sunday

*Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads: grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is the king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!*

#### Processional at 5:00 –

Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna to the Chosen One!

#### Gathering Song – The Cross of Jesus

1. All glory, laud, and honor  
To you, Redeemer King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
You are the King of Israel,  
And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's Name coming,  
Our King and Blessed One.

2. All glory, laud, and honor  
To you, Redeemer King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
The company of angels  
Are praising you on high;  
And we with all creation  
In chorus, make reply.

3. All glory, laud, and honor  
To you, Redeemer King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
The people of the Hebrews

With palms before you went:  
Our praise and prayers and  
anthems  
Before you we present.

4. All glory, laud, and honor  
To you, Redeemer King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
To you before your passion  
They sang their hymns of praise:  
To you, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.

5. All glory, laud, and honor  
To you, Redeemer King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
Their praises you accepted,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Great source of love and  
goodness,  
Our Savior and our King.

*Text: 76 76 D; Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 760–821; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635.*

**During the Reading of the Passion - My God, my God, O why have you abandoned me?**

# Prayer of the Faithful

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

1. For the universal church, its leaders, and members . . . as Holy Week begins, strengthen the church’s commitment to its mission of spreading the Gospel to all, we pray...
2. For global, national, and civic leaders, especially those of our own country . . . teach them to follow Your example of humility and selflessness in their service to others, we pray...
3. For this intentional faith community of Saint Matthias, in particular those preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation at Easter . . . confirm us in faithfulness and fortify us in spirit, we pray . . .
4. For those who suffer illness of body, mind, or spirit . . . relieve their fear of abandonment and reassure them of Your constant presence on their journey, we pray . . .
5. For those who have died, especially **James Isola, Tippur Seshagiri, and Bernadine Pasternak** . . . bring them from death to new life so that they may sing “Hosannas” in praise to You eternally, we pray . . .
6. For the silent intentions we hold deep in our hearts today ..., we pray...

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

## Preparation Hymn - Were You There

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

*Text: 10 10 14 10. Text and music: Spiritual; Old Plantation Hymns, Boston, 1899.*

## Communion Hymn – The Jesus Song

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
have mercy on me,  
have mercy on me.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
have mercy on me,  
have mercy on me.  
Amen.

Jesus, I trust in you.  
Jesus, I trust in you.  
You are the Son of the Living God.  
Jesus, I trust in you.  
Jesus, I trust in you.

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## Closing Hymn - **No Closing Hymn**

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## **Responsorial Psalm - 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24**

### **My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me scoff at me;  
they mock me with parted lips, they wag their  
heads:

“He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him,  
let him rescue him, if he loves him.”.

Indeed, many dogs surround me,  
a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;  
They have pierced my hands and my feet;  
I can count all my bones.

They divide my garments among them,  
and for my vesture they cast lots.  
But you, O LORD, be not far from me;  
O my help, hasten to aid me.

I will proclaim your name to my brethren;  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:  
“You who fear the LORD, praise him;  
all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him;  
revere him, all you descendants of Israel!”

### **My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**