

## **Pulpit Announcements – January 1, 2023**

### **The Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God**

**Welcome to all who are here today to celebrate the solemn feast of Mary Mother of God as well as the end of the year Mass/beginning of the new year Mass.**

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

- **Volunteers are needed on Saturday, January 7th at 9:00 am to take down the Christmas trees. We need many hands to accomplish this task. Please bring scissors with you. Many thanks to those who have helped to make this such a successful event, despite many challenges.**
- **Join us for a special Epiphany celebration at the 12:00 Mass next Sunday, January 8. The Children's Choir and the Handbell Choir will lead us in prayer and song, and the Three Kings will join us in procession. Immediately after Mass, the Franklin High School Madrigals will present a short concert of favorite Christmas songs right here in church, a perfect way to end our Christmas season.**
- **The Church and Offices will be closed on Monday, the day after New Year.**
- **(only at the 5 pm Mass): This Sunday, that is tomorrow, the Masses will be at 10 am & 12 noon. But there is no 8 am Mass**

**Merry Christmas! Yes, Christmas spirit is not just for one day, but for a season. Our presence in the church is a reminder to us that our God is walking with us as we enter the New Year 2023. Let us joyfully turn to each other and greet, "Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!"**

# Music for Our Assembly

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*Hail Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth forever.*

#### **Gathering Song – Angels We Have Heard on High**

Angels We Have Heard on High - GLORIA/Dean Baskerville

1. Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo back their joyous strains.

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

#### **Refrain**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

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3. Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

4. See him in a manger laid  
Whom the angels praise above;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
While we raise our hearts in love. (Refrain)

Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. fr. Crown of Jesus Music, II, London, 1862; tr. by James Chadwick, 1813–1882, and others, alt. Music: Trad. French carol;

# Prayer of the Faithful

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

1. For Pope Francis, all church leaders, and church members... Inspire us to spread the message of peace into the new year, as we continue to celebrate our savior's birth, We pray...
2. For global, national, and civic leaders, especially those of our own country...Strengthen them with the courage to work for peace in our world, that the wars and conflicts which terrorize so many come to an end. We pray...
3. For this faith community of Saint Matthias...Help us to become channels of your peace in our communities, that we move beyond our sad divisions and move into an era celebrating what we share. 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. 5. For those who have died, especially **Barbara Gibbons, Mabel Arinzeh, and Mildred DeRasmi** 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- Sing of Mary

1. Sing of Mary meek and lowly,  
Virgin mother pure and mild,  
Sing of God's own Son most holy,  
Who became her little child.  
Fairest child of fairest mother,  
God the Lord who came to earth,  
Word made flesh, our very brother,  
Takes our nature by his birth.
2. Sing of Jesus, son of Mary,  
In the home at Nazareth.  
Toil and labor cannot weary  
Love enduring unto death.  
Constant was the love he gave her,  
Though he went forth from her side,  
Forth to preach, and heal, and suffer,  
Till on Calvary he died.
3. Glory be to God the Father;  
Glory be to God the Son;  
Glory be to God the Spirit;  
Glory to the Three in One.  
From the heart of blessed Mary,  
From all saints the song ascends,  
And the church the strain reechoes  
Unto earth's remotest ends.

*Text: Roland F. Palmer, 1891-1985*

## Communion Hymn – Child of the Poor/What Child Is This

1. Helpless and hungry, lowly he lies,  
wrapped in the chill of midwinter;  
comes now among us,  
born into poverty's embrace,  
new life for the world.

Who is this who lives with the lowly,  
sharing their sorrows, knowing their hunger?  
This is Christ, revealed to the world  
in the eyes of a child, a child of the poor.

2. What child is this who laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleep  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are  
keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king whom shepherds guard and angels sing.  
Haste haste to bring him laud , the babe, the son of Mary.

3. Who is the stranger here in our midst,  
looking for shelter among us?  
Who is the outcast?  
Who do we see amid the poor,  
the children of God

Who is this who lives with the lowly,  
sharing their sorrows, knowing their hunger?  
This is Christ, revealed to the world  
in the eyes of a child, a child of the poor.

4. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are keeping  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
This, this is Christ the king whom shepherds guard and angels sing.  
Haste haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

5. Bring all the thirsty, all who seek peace;  
bring those with nothing to offer.  
Strengthen the feeble,  
say to the frightened heart: Fear not: here is your God!"  
Who is this who lives with the lowly,  
sharing their sorrows, knowing their hunger?  
This is Christ, revealed to the world  
in the eyes of a child, a child of the poor.

6. So bring him incense gold and myrrh, come peasant king to own  
him  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.  
This, this is Christ the king whom shepherds guard and angels sing.  
Haste haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

*Child of the Poor- @OCP 1994*

## **Closing Hymn – Let There Be Peace on Earth**

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our Creator, we are family...  
Let us walk each other in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;  
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

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## **Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8**

**May God bless us in his mercy.**

May God have pity on us and bless us;  
may he let his face shine upon us.  
So may your way be known upon earth;  
among all nations, your salvation.

May the nations be glad and exult  
because you rule the peoples in equity;  
the nations on the earth you guide.

May the peoples praise you, O God;  
may all the peoples praise you!  
May God bless us,  
and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

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