

**Pulpit Announcements**  
**The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
**January 1, 2022**

**Happy New Year and Welcome to all who are here today on the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Whoever you are, or wherever you find yourself on the journey, know that here at St. Matthias, All Are Welcome.**

*As we begin this liturgy, let us take the time to reflect on these words by Joyce Rupp on "Welcoming a New Year".*

**A new year stands on my doorstep ready to enter my life's journey. Something in me welcomes this visitor: the hope of bountiful blessings, the joy of a new beginning, the freshness of unclaimed surprises.**

**Something in me rebuffs this visitor: the swiftness of the coming, the boldness of the entrance, the challenge of a year's goodbye.**

**Something in me fears this visitor: the unnamed events of future days, the wisdom needed to walk love well, the demands of giving away and growing.**

**A new year stands on my doorstep. With fragile caution I move to open the door for its entrance. My heart leaps with surprises. Joy jumps in my eyes. For there beside this brand new year, stands my God with outstretched hand!**

**God smiles and gently asks of me: "Can we walk this year together?"**

**And I, so overwhelmed with goodness, I can barely whisper my reply, "Welcome in!"**

**Music for Our Assembly**  
**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
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**Entrance Hymn- Gentle Mary Laid Her Child**

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger.  
There he lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger.  
Such a babe in such a place. "Can he be the Savior?"  
Ask the saved of all the race who have found his favor.

Angels sang about his birth; wise men sought and found him;  
Heaven's star shone brightly forth, glory all around him.  
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing.  
All the plains were lit that night. All the hills were ringing.

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger.  
He is still the undefiled, but no more a stranger.  
Son of God, of humble birth, beautiful the story.  
Praise his name in all the earth. Hail the King of glory!

**Responsorial Psalm 67**

May God bless us in His mercy.

**Communion Hymn - Sing of Mary**

Sing of Mary pure and lowly, Virgin mother undefiled.  
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.

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.

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*

## **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 with my 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.

*Text: Sy Miller, 1908-1941, Jill Jackson, © 1955, 1983, Jan-Lee Music*

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

### **CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

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

**R. 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!**

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

**Prayers of the Faithful**  
**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God**  
**January 1, 2022**

**Our response is: Lord of Love, hear our prayer.**

1. For Pope Francis and all church leaders, as well as this faith community at St. Matthias...Make us thankful today especially for the Blessed Mother and inspire us to hear the Spirit in our hearts and proclaim “peace on Earth” to all that we meet throughout this Christmas season, we pray...
2. For world, national, and local civic leaders...As they face the challenges and the hope of the new year, help them to bring justice and peace to all who are suffering around the world, especially refugees and those whose lives have been shattered by war and conflict, we pray...
3. For the sick, the lonely, the forgotten, and the marginalized...Strengthen them with your consoling spirit and through the example of Mary, the Mother of God as she welcomed new life even in the midst of fear, doubt and uncertainty, we pray...
4. For those who have died, especially Kathleen O’Neill, Patricia Rantkowski, Carol Demler, Julia Mae Burch and Joyce Shamy...May they find eternal rest with the Lord, we pray...
5. For the intentions we hold in our hearts..., we pray...

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

# Prayer of Spiritual Communion

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 now 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