

# Pulpit Announcements for the Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time July 21, 2024

Welcome to all who are here today on this  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Whoever you are or wherever you find yourself on the journey.  
Know that here at St. Matthias, ALL ARE WELCOME!

- Registrations are open for both St. Matthias School and Religious Formation. This includes our religious education program, GIFT (Growing In Faith Together), Communion, and Confirmation. Please visit our website for more information.
- The noon Mass on **Sunday, August 4th** will be the farewell Mass for Dee Nann on her retirement after 27 years of ministry at St. Matthias. Following the Mass, we will have the opportunity to personally offer her well wishes in the cafeteria over some light refreshments.
- Our weekly adoration is a peaceful experience for more and more of our parishioners. Join us this Monday evening, anytime between 6 pm - 8 pm, to spend time with the Eucharistic Lord.
- Tuition Angels funds are running low. A report on Tuition Angels and their standing can be found on our website under *Latest News*. Please consider donating to this worthy cause.

Today we find Christ coming ashore and seeing a large crowd of people. We are told He sees them 'with compassion'. He feels a certain pity and sadness for those people, who are like 'sheep without a shepherd'. Somehow, they are lost on the journey of life. As we enter prayerfully into this Eucharist let us be fully aware that He does not want any of us to be lost but to reach the destination of our journey.

It may help for us to consider what Jesus sees when He looks at each one of us gathered here.....

**Music for Our Assembly**  
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*See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with a willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.....Psalm 54*

**Gathering Hymn – Gather the People**

**Gather the people! Enter the feast!  
All are invited, the greatest and least.  
The banquet is ready, now to be shared.  
Join in the heavenly feast that God has prepared.**

1. Around this table we dine as kin,  
beloved fam'ly of God.

We share the Body of Christ, the Lord.  
Here we become what we eat.

2. Around this table we tell great tales,  
the wondrous stories of grace.  
We hold the mem'ry of Christ, the Lord.  
So we become what we eat.

3. Around this table God's bounty falls  
on all who hunger and thirst.  
We drink the fullness of Christ, the Lord.  
So we become what we eat.

# Prayer of the Faithful

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**Our response is: "In Your Name, Oh God, We Pray."**

1. For the Church and her leaders, especially Pope Francis...Give them the hearts of true shepherds, guiding the faithful to work for justice, peace, love, compassion, and care, we pray.
2. For government leaders...Place their gifts unselfishly in the service of others so that we might achieve a vision of the common good for all, we pray ...
3. For the faith community of St. Matthias...Grant us the rest and peace in these summer days of Ordinary Time for balance, renewal, and a deepening relationship with Jesus, we pray. . .
4. For those who attended the National Eucharistic Congress this past week, may they continue to be guided by the Eucharistic Lord, we pray...
5. For those who are ill in mind, body, or spirit...Fill them with hope and courage and restore them to good health, we pray...
6. For those who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_ . . . bring peace and comfort to those who mourn them, we pray. . .
7. For the prayers that are silent in our hearts, we pray...

***The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes the Intercessions.***

## Preparation of the Gifts - I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down  
Your head upon my breast.”

I came to Jesus as I was,  
So weary, worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
And he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
Stoop down, and drink, and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that lifegiving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“I am this dark world’s light;  
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
And all your day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I’ll walk  
Till traveling days are done.

# Communion Hymn – Shepherd Me O God

## Hold on to Love, where hope is found.

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.
3. Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.
5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

*Text: Psalm 23; Marty Haugen, b.1950, © 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.*

## Closing Hymn - Lead Me Guide Me

Lead, me, guide me, along the way,  
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
to help me over my weakest hour.  
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me,  
I am blind without thy Light to see.  
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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## **Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6**

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;  
beside restful waters he leads me;  
he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk in the dark valley  
I fear no evil; for you are at my side  
with your rod and your staff  
that give me courage.

You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Only goodness and kindness follow me  
all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
for years to come.

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**