

# **Pulpit Announcements for the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 10, 2023**

**Welcome to all who are here today on this  
23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time.**

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

- **On the 9/11 anniversary on Monday/tomorrow, there will be a Special Memorial Service here in our Church at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.**
- **There will be no adoration tomorrow as the Church will be used for the 9/11 Service.**
- **Please take a copy of “The Word Among Us” magazine in the back of the church; You will find it very helpful as it has the Mass readings and reflections for each day of the Month**
- **Our St. Matthias Sunday Choir, Folk Group, Children's Choir, and Handbell Choir will start rehearsals again this week. Thanks for visiting our Music Ministry display by the Music Office after Mass. We'll answer your questions and help you choose which choir would be just the right one for you!**
- **Thanks to the many who already reserved the Christmas Trees for the “Our Spread the Light Tree campaign.” If you have not signed up yet, please consider sponsoring a tree - latest by mid-October. The forms are in the back of the church, and on the website. Do not miss this chance to honor a loved one, and celebrate your family and/or business.**
- **Today’s 2nd collection, Peter’s Pence collection, is for the Holy Father’s works of mercy.**

**Mutual correction is something essential for true fellowship. Today’s gospel speaks about the right way of correcting others with genuine understanding, respect, and compassion. We expect the same when others correct us. But do we practice this towards others? We ask for God’s help as we enter into this liturgy.**

# Music for Our Assembly

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*You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love...Psalm 119*

## Entrance Hymn – As We Gather at Your Table

1. As we gather at your table,  
As we listen to your word,  
Help us know, O God, your presence;  
Let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story  
Till we claim it as our own;  
Teach us through this holy banquet  
How to make Love's vict'ry known.
2. Turn our worship into witness  
In the sacrament of life;  
Send us forth to love and serve you,  
Bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
To forgive as you forgave;  
May we still behold your image  
In the world you died to save.
3. Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
Other guests to share that feast  
Where triumphant Love will welcome  
Those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us,  
Nor will pride our peace destroy,  
As we join with saints and angels  
To repeat the sounding joy.

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# Prayer of the Faithful

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**Our response is: "In Your name, O God, we pray."**

1. For Pope Francis' intentions for September...That people living on the margins of society in inhumane life conditions, may not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance, we pray...
2. For all world leaders: May they work together to eradicate terrorism while continuing to give care and healing for all victims of violence, especially those affected by the 9/11 tragedy, we pray...
3. For the Church including this faith community of St. Matthias...May we be a community through our call that 'ALL ARE WELCOME', continue Christ's mission of evangelizing and reconciling those who are estranged, we pray...
4. For educational leaders as they begin this new school year...Give them wisdom and insight in providing safe and productive learning environments for students and staff during the coming year, we pray...
5. For the healing of all who are sick, especially those listed in our church bulletin...Bestow on them and their caregivers Your healing presence, comfort, and love, we pray...
6. For the souls of all who have died, especially *Mary Barrood*...May they now celebrate everlasting life with Christ Jesus, we pray...
7. For those prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts ...PAUSE, we pray...

**Presider announces the Mass intention and concludes.**

## Preparation Hymn – Where Charity and Love Prevail

1. Where charity and love prevail,  
There God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love,  
By love are we thus bound.
2. With grateful joy and holy fear  
God's charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and soul  
Now love God in return.
3. Forgive we now each other's faults  
As we our faults confess;  
And let us love each other well  
In Christian holiness.
4. Let strife among us be unknown,  
Let all contention cease;  
Be God's the glory that we seek,  
Be ours God's holy peace.
5. Let us recall that in our midst  
Dwells Gods begotten Son;  
As members of his body joined,  
We are in Christ made one.
6. No race nor creed can love exclude  
If honored be God's name;  
Our family embraces all Whose Father is the  
same.

*Text: Ubi caritas; tr. by Omer Westendorf, 1916-1998*

*Tune: CHRISTIAN LOVE, CM; Paul Benoit, OSB, 1893-1976*

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## Communion Hymn – I Am the Bread of Life

1. I am the Bread of life.  
You who come to me shall not hunger;  
and who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
unless the Father beckons.

And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.

2. The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live for ever,  
you shall live for ever.
3. Unless you eat  
of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood,  
and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you.
4. I am the Resurrection,  
I am the life.  
If you believe in me,  
even though you die,  
you shall live for ever.
5. Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God, Who has come  
into the world.

## Closing Hymn – Rain Down

**Rain down, rain down,  
rain down your love on your people.**

**Rain down, rain down,  
rain down your love, God of life.**

1. Faithful and true is the word of our God.  
All of God's works are so worthy of trust.  
God's mercy falls on the just and the right;  
full of God's love is the earth.
2. We who revere and find hope in our God  
live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.  
God will protect us from darkness and death;  
God will not leave us to starve.
3. God of creation, we long for your truth;  
you are the water of life that we thirst.  
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts,  
all of our hope lies in you.

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## **Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9**

**If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;  
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he  
guides.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:  
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as in the day of Massah in the desert,  
where your fathers tempted me;  
they tested me though they had seen my works."

**If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**