

# **Pulpit Announcements for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 15, 2023**

**Welcome to all who are here today on this  
28th Sunday of Ordinary Time.**

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

- **The Mass Intentions Book for 2024 will be opened next week. Please read the guidelines in today's bulletin and come to the parish office any day from Monday, October 16th onwards.**
- **Our Parish Vocations Committee is inviting all those in the healing profession to come for a special blessing of hands on Sunday, October 22 at the 12 noon Mass. We will be celebrating the feast of St. Luke who was a physician himself.**
- **Have you joined one of our many Small Faith groups? You are not late to join one to be enriched by the Word of God.**
- **Next Sunday there will be a 2nd collection for the World Mission Sunday.**
- **The first presentation of the Eucharistic Spirituality organized by the Eucharistic Revival Committee will be held this Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the John 23rd Conference Room. No registration. No cost. Just show up and enjoy the presentation and fellowship.**
- **Please join our weekly Monday evening Adoration - any time between 6-8 pm.**

**Today's gospel parable is about a King who invites everyone to a banquet, but many turned it down. Jesus used this parable to remind us to say yes to His invitation to the Eucharistic banquet here in this very church. God is certainly happy that we are here. Let us joyfully enjoy this banquet ...**

# Music for Our Assembly

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*If you, O Lord, should mark our iniquities, Lord who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel... Psalm 130*

### 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, the Bishops, and all the Synod delegates; that they might have the grace to listen humbly and speak boldly as the Church gathers in Synod, we pray...
2. For all political leaders, especially those in the war-torn areas of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia, and elsewhere: that they might work together for peaceful and just solutions, without hurting innocent civilians, we pray...
3. For the Church including this faith community of St. Matthias...Fill us with the spirit of justice, compassion, mercy, and forgiveness, as we practice respectful listening, we pray...
4. For the healing of all who are sick, especially those listed in our church bulletin...; and for eternal rest to those departed, especially Ermina Tagaan, we pray...
5. For those prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts, ...we pray...

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

## Preparation Hymn – Many and Great

1. Many and great are bearers of the Word:  
the Christ speaks; the heart seeks.  
Gathered as one, we listen to the Word  
and share the meal of new birth.

### Refrain

**The wheat grows from springtime to fall;  
the wine flows; in Christ we recall  
the sharing of our lives  
with one and all.**

2. Many and great are the seeds upon the field:  
the hand sows; the seeds grow.  
Take now and eat the covenant fulfilled  
the bread of promise and life.

3. Many and great are voices of despair:  
the rain falls; the voice calls.  
Take now and drink the wine of hope and care;  
our cup of blessings we share.

4. Many and great are pebbles in the sand:  
the sun glows; the wind blows.  
Take now and spread the Word to ev'ry land,  
the Word of goodness and hope.

## Communion Hymn – The Supper of the Lord

Precious body, precious blood,  
seen as bread and wine;  
here the Lord prepares the feast divine.  
Bread of love is broken now,  
cup of life is poured:  
come, share the supper of the Lord.

1. This is the bread of God  
coming down from heav'n,  
giving life to us,  
to all the world.

2. "I am the living spring  
of eternal life;  
you that drink from me  
shall not thirst again."

3. "I am the bread of heav'n  
giving life to you;  
you that eat this bread  
shall never die."

4. "All those who feed on me  
have their life in me,  
as I have my life  
in the living God."

5. All praise to you, O Christ,  
present in this feast;  
in this bread, we share  
in one life, one Lord.

## **Closing Hymn – Alleluia Raise the Gospel**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Raise the Gospel over the earth!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Peace and justice bringing to birth!**

1. Blessed those whose hearts are gentle.  
Blessed those whose spirits are strong.  
Blessed those who choose to bring forth  
right where there is wrong.
  
2. Blessed those who work for justice.  
Blessed those who answer the call.  
Blessed those who dare to dream of  
lasting peace for all.
  
6. Glory to the Word of Justice.  
Glory to the Spirit of Peace.  
Glory to the God of Love whose  
blessings never cease.

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

**I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

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.

**I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**