

Pulpit Announcements for the Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2024

**Welcome to all who are here today on this
2nd Sunday of Advent.**

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

- Our Youth group SMYLE continues to collect items for Unity Square at all Masses this weekend and the next. We greatly appreciate your generosity and support. All teens are invited to help us assemble the donation bags after the noon Mass next Sunday.
- Thank you to all those who came to help with the setting up and decorating of the trees. Please invite your family and friends to visit the trees **that are lit this evening** (that were lit last evening).
- Did you take a look at the Giving Tree that is set up in our church? Thank you to those who have already taken a tag to donate gifts to help someone in need during this Christmas season. All gifts must be returned by next **Sunday, December 15th.**
- Today's Second collection is for the Retirement Fund to help the retired Religious Sisters.
- You are welcome to join many of our parishioners at Eucharistic Adoration on Monday evening - any time between 6-8 pm.

The promise that the Messiah would bring liberation from oppression and foreign domination was wonderful news to the people of Israel. The same Messiah brings liberation to us too from whatever evil is oppressing us. May this Advent help us to experience His freedom as we listen to God's Word today. May we welcome Him into our hearts as He comes to us in the Eucharist.....

Music for Our Assembly
December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent

*O people of Sion, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make
the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.... Isaiah 30*

Gathering Hymn – Come to Us O Emmanuel

Come to us, O Emmanuel

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1. Now throw off your robes of mourning

Come to us...

Wear the splendor of God's glory

Come to us...

Wrapped in justice from our God.

2. O Jerusalem look up now

Come to us...

See your scattered children gathered;

Come to us...

God will lead them home in joy.

3. Bring glad tidings to the lowly

Come to us...

Bind up all the brokenhearted

Come to us...

Set the weary captives free.

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Prayer of the Faithful

The Second Sunday of Advent

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Our response is: "Lord of Peace, Hear Our Prayer."

1. For Pope Francis and all church leaders...that the Church may remain a place of peace and justice reflecting the glory of God's kingdom, filled with her children returning from the east and the west, we pray. . .
2. For all governmental leaders especially those of our country, ... that, God may lead them by the light of His holy laws planted in every heart, with His mercy and justice, we pray. . .
3. For this faith community of St Matthias...that, the voice of John the Baptist may re-echo on the desert of our secular society, helping us to prepare the way of the Lord and to make straight His paths in our lives, we pray. . .
4. For those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, those on our sick lists, and we pray especially for all those suffering from anxiety, that they receive peace of mind and the assurance that Jesus is with them. May they receive guidance from their family and friends and the courage to ask for help. May they surrender all their worries to God, we pray. . .
5. For all who have died, especially _____, that God, who began a good work in our faithful departed may continue to complete it until they are fully ready for heavenly life in Christ Jesus, we pray. . .
6. For the intentions in the hearts of all those in this assembly, (LONG PAUSE) may our Lord hear our deepest prayers during this time of waiting, we pray. . .

The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes the Intercessions:

5 PM: Bill Murphy

8 AM: Adoracion & Esther DeGuzman

10 AM: Intention of Parishioners

12 PM: Eddie Wyckoff / Myrna H. Ignacio

Preparation of the Gifts - My Soul in Stillness Waits

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits, truly my hope is in you.

1. O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory,
your radiance shines in all who look to you,
come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.
2. O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits,
our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word,
come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts.
3. O Root of Life, implant your seed within us,
and in your advent, draw us all to you,
our hope reborn in dying and in rising.
4. O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage,
we ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain,
open to us the pathway of your peace.
5. Come, let us bow before the God who made us,
let ev'ry heart be opened to the Lord,
for we are all the people of his hand.
6. Here we shall meet the Maker of the heavens,
Creator of the mountains and the seas,
Lord of the stars, and present to us now.

Communion Hymn – Christ Be Our Light

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Closing Hymn - at 5:00 Mass - Sweet Chiming Bells

1. Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee

**Sweet chiming bells Oh! How they ring
To welcome Christ, the new born King
Sweet chiming bells Oh! How they ring
To welcome Christ, the King**

2. All Thy people's consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

3. Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now thy gracious kingdom bring

4. By thine own eternal spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

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Closing Hymn - **at all other Masses** - **Sing Out Earth and Skies**

1. **Cantor:** Come, O God of all the earth:
All: Come to us, O Righteous One;
Cantor: Come, and bring our love to birth:
All: In the glory of your Son.

Sing out, earth and skies!
Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries!
Dance to the life around you!

2. **Cantor:** Come, O God of wind and flame:
All: Fill the earth with righteousness;
Cantor: Teach us all to sing your name:
All: May our lives your love confess.
3. **Cantor:** Come, O God of flashing light:
All: Twinkling star and burning sun;
Cantor: God of day and God of night:
All: In your light we all are one.
4. **Cantor:** Come, O God of snow and rain:
All: Shower down upon the earth;
Cantor: Come, O God of joy and pain:
All: God of sorrow, God of mirth.
5. **Cantor:** Come, O Justice, Come, O Peace:
All: Come and shape our hearts anew;
Cantor: Come and make oppression cease:
All: Bring us all to life in you.

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.

God has done great things for us, filled us with laughter and music.

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion,
we were like men dreaming.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with rejoicing.

Then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the torrents in the southern desert.

Those who sow in tears
shall reap rejoicing.

Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown,
They shall come back rejoicing,
carrying their sheaves.

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