

# **Pulpit Announcements for the Third Sunday of Easter May 4, 2025**

**Welcome to all who are here today to celebrate this  
Third Sunday of Easter.**

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

- **We are in the Month of May, the month of Mary. The Altar Rosary Society invites all to join them to pray the Rosary tomorrow/today after the 10 AM Mass in the church.**
- **The “Novendias” or the Nine days of prayer in memory of Pope Francis concludes **tomorrow/today**.**
- **Our Monday evening adoration will take place as usual from 6-8 pm.**
- **As we enter Teacher Appreciation Week, we thank all teachers of our parish, teaching at St. Matthias or in other schools, and pray for God’s blessings upon them.**
- **The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. is on September 20, 2025. If there are many parishioners planning to join, we could hire a bus for us. A sign-up genius is set up on our parish website for those interested to sign up**

***“Do you love me” was the question that the Risen Christ put to Peter three times, reminding us of the three denials of Peter. After hurting someone, how wonderful it would be if we all can repent and reaffirm our love to that person and promise not to make that mistake again. Then we are on the right path of Jesus. May our gathering here today be a happy experience of the Risen Christ strengthening us in our resolve to do better...***

# Music for Our Assembly

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*Cry out with joy to God all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise....Psalm 66*

### Gathering Hymn – Three Days

1. Three days our world was broken; the Lord of life lay dead.  
“Take up your cross,” he told us who followed where he led.  
Would we now hang in torment with thieves on every side,  
our Passover shattered, our hope crucified?  
Three days we hid in silence, in bitter fear and grief.  
Three days we clung together where he had washed our feet.

2. Three days— and on the third day, the women came at dawn.  
His tomb, they said, was empty, his broken body gone.  
Who could believe their story? The dead do not arise,  
yet he walks among us, and with our own eyes  
we’ve seen him at this table; we’ve shared his bread and wine.  
Hearts burning bright within us, we’ve seen his glory shine.

3. Three days our world was broken and in an instant healed,  
God’s covenant of mercy in mystery revealed.  
Two thousand years are one day in God’s eternal sight,  
and yesterday’s sorrows are this day’s delight.  
Though still Christ’s body suffers, pierced daily by the sword,  
yet death has no dominion: the risen Christ is Lord!

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# Prayer of the Faithful

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**Our response is: “*Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*”**

1. For the universal church, its leaders, and members . . . as we mourn the passing of Pope Francis and offer prayers of support for the College of Cardinals preparing to select a successor, we pray. . .
2. For world, national, and civic leaders, especially those of our own country . . . through their public service, help them bring about justice and peace in a world so often divided, we pray. . .
3. For this faith community of Saint Matthias, especially those who received the sacrament of Confirmation this week . . . help us to be instruments of healing and forgiveness to one another, we pray...
4. For those who endure illness of body, mind, or spirit; for those who live with doubt or fear; for those who are lonely and struggling to find their way in the world . . . in your divine mercy, offer them solace and peace, we pray. . .
5. For those who have died, especially ***Pope Francis, Denis McGrath, Remerlieta Tata Gayo, and Ross Trischetti*** . . . lead them into heaven to share in your everlasting victory over sin and death, we pray . . .
6. For the silent intentions we hold deep in our hearts today,... we pray . . .

***The PRIEST now mentions the Mass intention and says the JUBILEE PRAYER as the concluding prayer:***

**5 PM:** Marion Fischer  
**8 AM:** Intention for the Parishioners  
**10 AM:** Birthday Blessings for Francisca Busono  
**12 PM:** Francis Probus Frankenberger

## Preparation of the Gifts - The Summons

1. Will you come and follow me  
If I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
And never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
Will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown  
In you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind  
If I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
And never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
Should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
In you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see  
If I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free  
And never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
And do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean  
In you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true  
When you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
And never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
Where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
In you and you in me.

## 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 - Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

1. Christ, the Lord, is ris'n today, Alleluia!

All on earth with angels say. Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing O heav'ns and earth reply, Alleluia!

2. Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!

Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

3. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia!

Christ has open'd paradise. Alleluia!

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Foll'wing our exalted head; Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

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## **Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 30: 2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13**

**I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

I will extol you, O LORD, for you drew me clear  
and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O LORD, you brought me up from the netherworld;  
you preserved me from among those going down  
into the pit.

Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger lasts but a moment;  
a lifetime, his good will.

At nightfall, weeping enters in,  
but with the dawn, rejoicing.

Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me;  
O LORD, be my helper.

You changed my mourning into dancing;  
O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks.

**I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**