

Pulpit Announcements for the Third Sunday of Easter, April 14, 2024

**Welcome to all who are here today on this
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.**

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

- **If you are a photographer, writer, or graphic artist, you can participate in the upcoming showcase in our Diocese, celebrating World Communications Day. More information on page 8 in our bulletin.**
- **Calling all the parents of 8th-12th grade teens: help your teens join the Diocesan Youth Day. The parish will sponsor the event. Contact Sue Lenczewski or Deacon John for more info. See our bulletin for details.**
- **Save the Date of May 21 for our St. Matthias School's annual Golf outing - a day of fun and fellowship.**
- **Our weekly Adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist continues this Monday evening from 6-8 pm. If you have never come to spend some quiet time in His presence, try once at least.**

Even two weeks after Easter, we see in today's gospel that Jesus is at pains to convince the disciples that He is truly risen! This is an invitation for us to evaluate the depth of our faith and reaffirm what we believe: that He is truly risen and is with us. Let us experience His presence at this Mass...

Music for Our Assembly

April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

*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 – Alleluia Love Is Alive

1. People of God, see the morning is new;
rise from your sleeping and run to the tomb.
Come and see! Come and see! He is alive!
A grave that is empty, a promise fulfilled.
God who was with us is here with us still.
He is here! He is here! He is alive!

**Alleluia! Love is alive;
conquered the grave and defeated the night.
Alleluia! Love is alive!
The Son has arisen for all.
Your people sing alleluia!**

2. People of God, let your fear fall away.
Your chains have been broken; abandon your shame.
Lift your hearts! Lift your hearts! He is alive!
Here now is mercy embracing your soul;
here the fulfillment that once was foretold.
It is true! It is true! He is alive!

3. People of God now rejoicing in Christ,
carry your joy to the darkness of night.
Tell the world! Tell the world! He is alive!
Hear the good news of this glorious day,
every heart singing as heaven proclaims:
He is Lord! He is Lord! He is alive!

Prayer of the Faithful

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Our response is: “*Risen Lord, Hear Our Prayers!*”

1. For Pope Francis and all Church leaders ... That they may always have the courage to confront sin in God's people as Peter did and call for repentance and compassion, we pray.
2. For all governmental leaders especially those of our country, ... that their hearts will be opened by the Father and they will lead us into the paths of peace, we pray ...
3. For this faith community of St Matthis and for children making First Communion and Confirmation, and those being ordained, that the sacraments may be a blossoming in their lives that will bear good fruit, we pray. . .
4. For those who are ill in body, mind or spirit, especially those in our bulletin and those in our families, that God may relieve their distress and put gladness in their hearts again, we pray . . .
5. For all who have died, ... That Jesus will welcome them to the dwelling He prepared for them in heaven, we pray. . .
6. For the intentions in the hearts of all those in this assembly,, (LONG PAUSE) . . . we pray

The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes.

Preparation of the Gifts - Now the Green Blade Rises

1. Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;
Love is come again, like wheat arising green.
2. In the grave they laid him, Love by hatred slain,
Thinking he would never wake to life again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
Love is come again, like wheat arising green.
3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
Springing from the grave where three days he had lain;
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
Love is come again, like wheat arising green.
4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
By your touch you call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
Love is come again, like wheat arising green.

Text: John M.C. Crum, 1872-1958, Oxford Book of Carols, © Oxford University Press

Communion Hymn – Gift of Finest Wheat

**You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat;
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.**

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when you call your fam'ly, Lord,
We follow and rejoice.
2. With joyful lips we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude,
That you should count us worthy, Lord,
To share this heav'nly food.
3. Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
Our oneness in the Lord?
4. The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell.
5. You give yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name
In truth and charity.

Closing Hymn - Glory in the Cross

1. Let us ever Glory in the cross of Christ,
our salvation and our hope.
Let us bow in homage to the Lord of Life,
who was broken to make us whole.
There is no greater love, as blessed as this:
to lay down one's life for a friend.
Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ
and the triumph of God's great love.

2. Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ
who is risen from the grave.
He will come in glory to receive our hearts
at the dawn of the lasting day.
For the trumpet will sound,
the dead shall be raised,
and death shall defeat us no more.
Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ
and the triumph of God's great love.

3. Let us raise our voices to the cross of Christ
where the earth and heaven unite.
God has wed creation on the tree of hope
where the darkness becomes our light.
Let us join in the dance of heaven and earth,
give thanks for the goodness of God.
Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ
and the triumph of God's great love.

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

Lord, let your face shine on us

When I call, answer me, O my just God,
you who relieve me when I am in distress;
have pity on me, and hear my prayer!

Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one;
the LORD will hear me when I call upon him.

O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon us!
You put gladness into my heart.

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep,
for you alone, O LORD,
bring security to my dwelling.

Lord, let your face shine on us