

Pulpit Announcements for the Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21, 2024

**Welcome to all who are here today on this
Fourth Sunday of Easter.**

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

- **A reminder to anyone who is a photographer, writer, or graphic artist: you can participate in the upcoming showcase in our Diocese, celebrating World Communications Day. The application deadline is April 30th.**
- **Bishop Checchio will be presiding at the 10 am Mass next Sunday.**
- **Save the Date of May 21st for our St. Matthias School's annual Golf outing - a day of fun and fellowship. This year it will be held at Neshanic Valley Gold Course.**
- **Our weekly Adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist continues this Monday evening from 6 pm - 8 pm. If you have never come to spend some quiet time in His presence, try once at least.**
- **The 2nd collection next Sunday will be for charitable works of the Catholic Relief Services**

Shepherding is a theme that is dear to God who is described as a shepherd both in the Old and New Testaments. Jesus proclaims himself to be the good shepherd who laid down his life for us. We ourselves have been and are called to be good shepherds. Let us take strength and grace from Jesus, our Good Shepherd, who comes to us in this Eucharist...

Music for Our Assembly

April 21, 2024

4th Sunday of Easter

*The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia*

Gathering Hymn – Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1. Christ, the Lord, is ris'n today;
Christians, haste your vows to pay;
Make your joy and praises known
At the Paschal Victim's throne;
For the sheep the Lamb has bled,
Sinless in the sinner's stead;
Christ, the Lord, is ris'n on high;
Now he lives, no more to die!

2. Christ, the Victim undefiled,
God and sinners reconciled;
When in strange and awesome strife
Met together death and life;
Christians, on this happy day
Haste with joy your vows to pay;
Christ, the Lord, is ris'n on high;
Now he lives, no more to die!

3. Say, O wond'ring Mary, say
What you saw along the way.
"I beheld two angels bright,
Empty tomb and wrappings white;
I beheld the glory bright
Of the risen Lord of light;
Christ, my hope is ris'n again;
Now he lives, and lives to reign!"

4. Christ, who once for sinners bled,
Now the first-born from the dead,
Throned in endless might and pow'r,
Lives and reigns forevermore.
Hail, eternal Hope on high!
Hail, our King of Victory!
Hail, our Prince of Life adored!
Help and save us, gracious Lord!

*Text: 77 77 D; Victimae paschali laudes; ascr. to Wipo of Burgundy, ca. 1000–1050;
tr. by Jane E. Leeson, 1808–1881, alt. Music: Würth's Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1859.*

Prayer of the Faithful

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Our response is: “*Risen Lord, Hear Our Prayer.*”

1. For Pope Francis and church leaders . . . help them to model the example of the Good Shepherd as they work to draw all disciples closer to God’s kingdom, we pray.
2. For global, national, and local leaders . . . make them shepherds of justice, peace, and concern for the well-being of all people, we pray ...
3. For this intentional faith community of St. Matthias to continue our efforts to live our call to holiness as we pray for more vocations to the Permanent Diaconate, Priesthood, and Consecrated Life, we pray. . .
4. For those preparing to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion may this time of preparation bring them to a deeper relationship with God whose profound love is the source of all life, we pray . . .
5. For those who endure illness in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our parish and school sick lists . . . help them find comfort and healing in the sheltering hands of the Good Shepherd, we pray. . .
6. For all those who have died, especially William Thole . . . may they now stand before the Lamb’s throne and rejoice with Jesus forever
7. For the silent intentions we hold deep in our hearts this day, (LONG PAUSE) . . . we pray

The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes the Intercessions.

Preparation of the Gifts - My Shepherd You Supply My Need

My shepherd, you supply my news; Most holy is your name.
In pastures green you make me feed beside the living stream.
You bring my wand'ring spirit back when I forget your ways,
And lead me for your mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, your presence is my stay.
One word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread.
My cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days.
O may your house be my abode and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come.;
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

Text: Psalm 23, Isaac Watts, Tune: Resignation

Communion Hymn – Shepherd Me O God

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears,
from death into life.**

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.
3. Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold
5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore..

Text: Psalm 23; Marty Haugen, b.1950, © 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

Closing Hymn - Alleluia Sing to Jesus

1. Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
His the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by his blood.

3. Alleluia! Bread of Angels,
Here on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful
Flee to you from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluia! King eternal,
You the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth your footstool, heav'n your throne:
You within the veil have entered,
Robed in flesh, our great high priest;
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the Eucharistic feast.

Text: 87 87 D; based on Revelation 5:9–14; William C. Dix, 1837–1898, and Compilers. Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in man.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have been my savior.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD;
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have been my savior.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his kindness endures forever.

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