

# **Pulpit Announcements for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 4, 2024**

**Welcome to all who are here today on this  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

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

- **Come and enjoy a hearty and healthy breakfast next Sunday. Relish the homemade food by the Knights of Columbus for a noble cause. The cost is affordable for all.**
- **Have you signed up for the LIVE LENT? These Small groups will begin their sessions next week. If you have not experienced this exciting way of sharing God's Word, then please join. See the bulletin for more details.**
- **We will offer again our unique Drive-Thru Ash Wednesday ministry. We need volunteers for this much-appreciated tradition of our parish. Please use the Sign Up Genius on our website to volunteer.**
- **Set aside some time to join us on Monday evenings between 6 PM & 8 PM to quiet your mind, pray, and reflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.**

**When we are beset with challenges and tragedies, we can easily identify with the cry of hopelessness of Job in today's first Reading. But we feel very consoled by Jesus who heals the brokenhearted, who binds up their wounds. Let us take a moment of silence as we soon will be in His Real Presence.**

**Music for Our Assembly**  
**February 4, 2024**  
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*O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for He is the Lord...Psalm 95*

**Gathering Hymn – I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down  
Your head upon my breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
So weary, worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
And he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
Stoop down, and drink, and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that lifegiving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“I am this dark world’s light;  
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
And all thy day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I’ll walk  
Till traveling days are done.

*Text: CMD; Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt. Music: trad. English melody,  
adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958.*

# Prayer of the Faithful

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**Our response is: “In your name, O God, we pray.”**

1. For all of our Church leaders, especially Pope Francis... who will continue to put the truth of Jesus into their words and actions, to guide us as we seek to be more faithful disciples, we pray. . .
2. For all of our world, national, and local leaders...Open their ears so that they will listen to and heed the needs of the powerless and marginalized, we pray...
3. For those who have responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to be a consecrated person, especially Sr. Marie Therese Sherwood and Sr. Maria Derecola, that they may experience the support of the Church as they witness to holiness, we pray. . .
4. For all who are sick, brokenhearted, and suffering...Heal them, give them strength, and sustain them for their difficult journey, we pray . . .
5. For the souls of all who have died, especially **Margaret Ann Finaldi, Barbara Ruziska, Mary Agnello,** and **Msgr. Bill Capik** who served us as Sunday associate for many years, ...Let their grieving family and friends experience Your comforting presence, we pray . . .
6. For those prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts,. . . we pray

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

## Preparation Hymn – There is a Balm in Gilead

**There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole,  
there is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.**

1. Sometimes I feel discouraged,  
And think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit  
Revives my soul again.

2. Don't ever feel discouraged,  
For Jesus is your friend;  
And if you lack for knowledge,  
He'll ne'er refuse to lend.

3. If you cannot preach like Peter,  
If you cannot pray like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus,  
And say, "He died for all."

*Text: 76 76 with refrain; based on Jeremiah 8:22; Spiritual. Music: BALM IN GILEAD.*

## Communion Hymn – We Remember

We remember how you loved us to your death, and still we celebrate, for you are with us here; and we believe that we will see you when you come in your glory, Lord.

**We remember, we celebrate, we believe.**

1. Here, a million wounded souls are yearning just to touch you and be healed.  
Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart.
2. Now we recreate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal.  
Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord.
3. Christ, the Father's great 'Amen' to all the hopes and dreams of ev'ry heart,  
Peace beyond all telling, and freedom from all fear.
4. See the face of Christ revealed in ev'ry person standing by your side,  
Gift to one another, and temples of your love.

*Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950, © 1980, GIA Publications, Inc.*

## **Closing Hymn – How Can I Keep from Singing**

1. My life flows on in endless song Above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the real though far off hymn That hails a new creation.

**No storm can shake my inmost calm, While to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, How can I keep from singing?**

2. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing;  
It sounds and echoes in my soul; How can I keep from singing?
5. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A fountain ever springing.  
All things are mine since I am his; How can I keep from singing?

*Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899; adapted with additional text by Doris Plenn, © 1957, 1964, Sanga Music, Inc.*

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## **Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6**

**Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted.**

Praise the LORD, for he is good;  
sing praise to our God, for he is gracious;  
it is fitting to praise him.

The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem;  
the dispersed of Israel he gathers.

He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.  
He tells the number of the stars;  
he calls each by name.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power;  
to his wisdom there is no limit.  
The LORD sustains the lowly;  
the wicked he casts to the ground.

**Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted.**