

Pulpit Announcements for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28, 2024

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

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

- **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 6-8 pm. If you have never come to spend some quiet time in His presence, try once at least.**
- **Today's 2nd collection is for charitable works of the Catholic Relief Services. Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for the development of the people in Latin America, Africa, Eastern Europe and the U.S. Home Mission.**
- **(For 5 pm 8 & 10 am only) Tomorrow/Today there will be a gathering of LIVE LENT Small Group participants in the St. John 23rd Hall soon after the 10 am Mass. All who are interested in hearing about the experience of faith sharing in small groups are also welcome.**

Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. A beautiful metaphor of our relationship with Jesus and with one another. Let us strengthen this unity and love with our praying community with the help of Jesus who comes to us in this Eucharist...

Music for Our Assembly

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*O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia... Psalm 98*

Gathering Hymn – I Know that My Redeemer Live

1. I know that my Redeemer lives, the One who calls me home.
I long to see God face to face, to see with my own eyes.

I know that my Redeemer lives, that I shall rise again.
I know that my Redeemer lives, that I shall rise again.

2. I know that I shall one day see the goodness of the Lord,
when God will wipe away our tears, and death will be no more.

3. The last day I shall rise again, shall be remade like God.
My home shall be by God's own side, the dying, rising Lord.

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Prayer of the Faithful

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

1. For the Church, especially Pope Francis, Bishop Checchio, and all her leaders and its members...May we continually draw life from the resurrection of Christ Jesus, and bear a rich harvest of virtues and Gospel values, we pray.
2. For those leading the charge for peace in war-torn areas, the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti, and many others...May Your mercy and refuge surround everyone suffering from injustice, violence, fear and hunger, we pray ...
3. For our newly initiated members of the Church and all the young to be initiated this spring through the Baptism, Communion and Confirmation...Watch over them and help them continue to grow in their faith, we pray. . .
4. For those who are sick in mind, body, and soul...Be a source of life...ease their pain and suffering...heal their illness...and restore them to good health, we pray . . .
5. For those who have died _____, and victims of war and violence in the world...Welcome them to new life and to Your loving embrace for all eternity, we pray. . .
6. For the prayers that are silent in our hearts...,we pray...

The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes the Intercessions.

Preparation of the Gifts - Many and Great

1. Many and great are bearers of the Word:
the Christ speaks; the heart seeks.
Gathered as one, we listen to the Word
and share the meal of new birth.

**The wheat grows from springtime to fall;
the wine flows; in Christ we recall
the sharing of our lives
with one and all.**

2. Many and great are the seeds upon the field:
the hand sows; the seeds grow.
Take now and eat the covenant fulfilled
the bread of promise and life.

3. Many and great are voices of despair:
the rain falls; the voice calls.
Take now and drink the wine of hope and care;
our cup of blessings we share.

4. Many and great are pebbles in the sand:
the sun glows; the wind blows.
Take now and spread the Word to ev'ry land,
the Word of goodness and hope.

Communion Hymn – One Love Released

**One bread, one body, one cup, one call,
one faith, one Spirit present in us all.
One prayer, one blessing, one hope, one peace,
one church, one people, one love released..**

1. Is not this bread we share, the body of our Lord?
Is not this wine we drink, the blood of Christ outpoured?

2. I am the bread of life, eat and you shall live.
To those who share this meal, my strength I'll always give.

3. I am the living bread, as manna from the sky.
This bread I give to you, that you may never die.

4. No one will come to me, unless our God has led.
And I shall raise them up, raise them from the dead!

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Closing Hymn - At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King.
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from his pierced side;
Praise we him, whose love divine
Gives his sacred Blood for wine,
Gives his Body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

2. Where the Paschal blood is poured,
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.

4. Easter triumph, Easter joy,
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free
Newborn souls in you to be.
Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days,
Three in One, your name we praise.

Text: Ad regias agni dapes; Latin, 4th C.; tr. by Robert Campbell, 1814-1868

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD.
The lowly shall eat their fill;
they who seek the LORD shall praise him:
"May your hearts live forever!"

All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of the nations
shall bow down before him.

To him alone shall bow down
all who sleep in the earth;
before him shall bend
all who go down into the dust.

And to him my soul shall live;
my descendants shall serve him.
Let the coming generation be told of the LORD
that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born
the justice he has shown.

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.