

Pulpit Announcements for the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord June 1, 2025

**Welcome to all who are here today to celebrate this
Feast of the Ascension of the Lord.**

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

- You have been hearing this announcement about the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine in Washington D.C. is on September 20, 2025. It is time to make a decision about having a bus for our parish if there are enough parishioners. A sign up genius is set up on our parish website, and some have already signed up. Please sign up if you are interested.
- Congratulations to our St. Matthias students who graduated this Friday. We rejoice together with their parents, faculty and staff, Tuition Angels, and all other well-wishers who helped them in their achievement.
- Today's 2nd collection is to benefit the Catholic Communication Campaign and the Catholic University of America.
- Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for our Parish Building and Maintenance fund.
- Our Monday Adoration will be from 6-8 PM. Come at your convenience and experience some quiet time with the Lord.

The feast of the Ascension invites us to lift up our hearts and minds to the heavenly realities. But the angel asked the disciples who kept looking at heaven: "Why are you looking up?" Meaning, when we live our life on earth well, following the gospel teachings, then we will inherit the heavenly realities. Jesus, who comes to this altar, is the one who will help us in this. Let us prepare our hearts to welcome Him...

Music for Our Assembly
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*Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, Alleluia!... Acts 1:11*

Gathering Hymn – Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise
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1. Hail the day that sees him rise Alleluia!
To his throne beyond the skies; Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heav'n! Alleluia!
2. There the glorious triumph waits: Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates; Alleluia!
He has conquered death and sin; Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!
3. Highest heav'n its Lord receives; Alleluia!
Yet he loves the earth he leaves; Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
Still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!

*Text: 77 77 with alleluias; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, and Thomas Cotterill, 1779–1823, alt.
Music: Robert Williams, 1781–1821.*

Prayer of the Faithful

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

1. For Pope Leo and all church leaders . . . guide and steer the church into a more perfect reflection of the Gospel message, and for all Christians to be inspired by today’s feast of the Ascension to lift their hearts to heavenly realities, we pray . . .
2. For world, national, and civic leaders, especially those of our own country . . . Inspire them to set goals that unite us in our common bond as children of God, we pray . . .
3. For this intentional faith community of St. Matthias, especially for our St. Matthias School students who graduated on Friday, help us to fully follow the Way that leads to the kingdom of peace, we pray ...
4. For those who endure illness of body, mind, or spirit; for those who live with anxiety or doubt; for those searching for guidance . . . reassure them, by your constant presence, that they are never alone on their journey, we pray . . .
5. For those who have died, especially ***Domenica Fama and George Georgiana*** (*PAUSE*), welcome them into the New Jerusalem and surround them with the light of your glory, we pray . . .
6. For the silent intentions we hold deep in our hearts today (*LONG PAUSE*), we pray. . .

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

5 PM: Russell & Hedwig Demkovitz
8 AM: Intention for the Parishioners
10 AM: Birthday Blessings Joseph A. Ramos
12 PM: Jean Elguicze

Preparation of the Gifts - I Have Been Anointed

I have been anointed with the song of the Lord!

A song of love and compassion, a song to set me free!

God is my rock of salvation! A beacon for my soul!

Hallelujah! Amen! Hallelujah! Amen!

Praise to the rock and the wellspring, creator of my soul!

1. My heart knew darkness, My soul was filled with despair,
Lifeless and silent, no music anywhere,
and then my Lord and companion, He filled my waiting soul:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! For God has made me whole!

2. The Lord has called me to sing his word to the poor.
Ring out his justice, his love forevermore.
To preach with words of compassion to feed the famished souls
Hallelujah, Hallelujah! For God has made me whole.

Communion Hymn – Worthy Is the Lamb

**In the bread, blessed, broken and shared,
Christ is our life, whose presence we bear.
Come, O Spirit, make your grace revealed in this holy meal.**

1. Worthy are you, O Paschal Lamb.

Wisdom and strength belong now to you.

You laid down your life and died upon the cross:
we've become a people of hope.

2. Worthy are you, O Bread of Life.

Salvation and joy belong now to us.

By conquering death and rising to new life,
we've become a people of praise.

3. Worthy are you, O Risen Christ.

Wonders and signs, revealing your might.

Your power and glory shine upon our lives:
we've become your light for the world.

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Closing Hymn - To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King

1. To Jesus Christ, our sov'reign King,
Who is the world's salvation,
All praise and homage do we bring
And thanks and adoration.
Christ Jesus, Victor!
Christ Jesus, Ruler!
Christ Jesus, Lord and Redeemer!
2. Your reign extend, O King benign,
To ev'ry land and nation;
For in your Kingdom, Lord divine,
Alone we find salvation.
Christ Jesus, Victor!
Christ Jesus, Ruler!
3. To you, and to your church, great King,
We pledge our heart's oblation;
Until before your throne we sing
In endless jubilation.
Christ Jesus, Victor!
Christ Jesus, Ruler!

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

God mounts His throne to shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All you peoples, clap your hands,
shout to God with cries of gladness,
For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,
is the great king over all the earth.

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.
Sing praise to God, sing praise;
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

For king of all the earth is God;
sing hymns of praise.

God reigns over the nations,
God sits upon his holy throne.

God mounts His throne to shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets for the Lord.