

Pulpit Announcements for the Ascension of the Lord, May 12, 2024

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

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

- **Just 10 more days for our St. Matthias School Annual Golf outing on May 21st. Come and enjoy a day of fun and fellowship.**
- **Thanks to rave reviews from campers, parents and teachers – CAMP INVENTION will be held again this year at St. Matthias School for students from Kindergarten to 6th grade. Christine Taylor is the Camp Director. More information is available in the bulletin...**
- **“Family Matters” is an initiative of the Center for Faith Justice and RENEW International. St. Matthias is one of the parishes chosen for piloting this. Parents are invited to attend an info session on Tuesday, May 14th, at 7 pm in the St. John 23rd Room.**
- **May is Mental Health Awareness month; all are invited to join the SmyleWithBraces Next Level team and SMYLE Youth Ministry in praying the rosary following the 10:00 Mass next Sunday, May 19th.**
- **Our weekly Adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist continues this Monday evening from 6-8 pm.**
- **Next Sunday we will have a 2nd collection to benefit the Catholic Communication Campaign.**

The Feast of the Ascension completes the earthly mission of Jesus Christ. His ascension to heaven is not to distance himself from us but to be with us through the Holy Spirit, whose presence is celebrated with Pentecost next Sunday, so that we can boldly preach and proclaim the gospel. Let us relish this good news as we celebrate this Holy Eucharist...

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 Francis and all Church leaders and the whole church...deriving life from the witness of the first apostles, that we may continue their work of preaching repentance to all the nations for the forgiveness of sins, we pray.
2. For all governmental leaders especially those of our country, and those in countries at war...that Jesus, who ascended to His throne as ruler of them all, may raise up for the nations leaders after His own heart, we pray ...
3. For all mothers and mother figures on this Mother's Day: may God bless them always with patience, wisdom, and love as they tend to their families and those they come in contact with so they may show the face of Christ to others, we pray. . .
4. For all the Nurses on this Nurses Day: may they continue to bring God's healing and comfort to all they care for, and may their ministry in healthcare bring them true peace and joy, we pray . . .
5. For this faith community of St. Matthias, especially for our children receiving the First Holy Communion, may we all follow the example of our patron St. Matthias who preached the Word and proclaimed it witnessing to the gospel, we pray. . .
6. For those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, that that they can feel the comfort of our prayers and know the love of God and His people; and for all who have died, especially **Frank Pirella, Lena Sciotto, and Rustico Castellano** that they will see the Face of God and be welcomed into the place He has prepared for them, we pray...
7. For the intentions in the hearts of all those in this assembly, (LONG PAUSE) , we pray...

The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes the Intercessions.

Preparation of the Gifts - 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.

2. Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! He is near us, Faith
believes, nor questions how: Though the cloud from sight received him, When the
forty days were o'er, Shall our hearts forget his promise, 'I am with you evermore'?

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.

Text: Revelation 5:9; William C. Dix, 1837-1898

Communion Hymn – Worthy Is the Lamb

**Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive honor and glory.
Worthy are the ones who believe
to receive the goodness of God.**

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 - Hail Holy Queen

1. Hail, holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria. Hail, Queen of mercy and of love, O Maria. Triumph, all ye Cherubim, Sing with us, ye Seraphim, Heav'n and earth resound the hymn: Salve, Salve, Salve, Regina.

2. The cause of joy to all below, O Maria. The spring through which all graces flow, O Maria. Angels, all your praises bring, Earth and heaven, with us sing, All creation echoing: Salve, Salve, Salve, Regina.

3. O gentle, loving, holy one, O Maria. The God of light became your Son, O Maria. Triumph, all ye Cherubim, Sing with us, ye Seraphim, Heav'n and earth resound the hymn: Salve, Salve, Salve, Regina.

Text: Salve, Regina, mater misericordia; c.1080; tr. Roman Hymnal, 1884; st. 2-3 adapt. by M. Owen Lee, CSB, b.1930

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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.