

Pulpit Announcements for the Ascension Sunday

May 21, 2023

**Welcome to all who are here today on this Sunday 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!

- **Next Sunday is the great feast of Pentecost - let us prepare spiritually for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in us. Repeat this simple prayer, "Come O Holy Spirit and fill my heart." As our tradition here at St. Matthias, you are welcome to come wearing something red as an external reminder of this solemn feast.**
- **Today's 2nd Collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign, to help the Church spread the Gospel message through the media, locally and nationally.**
- **St. Matthias Ministry Fair is today and tomorrow. Please come to the Cafeteria after this Mass. You are in for a happy surprise to see some 30 ministries of our parish waiting for you. Enjoy some food/drink; chat with the Ministry members at each table and be familiar with the multiple ministries that make St. Matthias such a vibrant community. You will be inspired to join a ministry.**

The Ascension of the Lord reminds us of the commission He gave to us all to be His witnesses and to announce the good news to all. As we get ready to hear God's good news today, let us be willing to share it with others, especially those we meet every day.

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

Entrance Hymn – Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise LLANFAIR

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, all priests, deacons, and ministers of the Word ...Empowered by the Spirit, may they faithfully give witness to the gospel and continue Christ's mission of bringing hope and healing to all who hear, we pray...
2. For government leaders and policymakers of all nations and regions...Help them to recognize the value and dignity that God has given each person so that we might all work together to bring forth the reign of God in the world, we pray...
3. For this community of St. Matthias as we celebrate the ministry fair this weekend...Bring forth a spirit of hospitality and discipleship as we help each other connect with the parish in ways that provide opportunities for the development of our faith and charity to support those in need, we pray . . .
4. For all who are sick in mind, body, and spirit, those who are empty, isolated, persecuted, or abandoned...Let Your healing spirit fill them, ease their pain and suffering, and restore them to wholeness, we pray ..
5. For all who have died, especially ***George Acaro, Meg Ossandon, Michael DiMaggio, and Wilfredo Paredes***...Welcome all the newly departed into the peace of eternal light, we pray . . .
6. For the silent intentions in our hearts we pray...

Presider announces the Mass intention and concludes with the 60th Anniversary Prayer.

Preparation 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.
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'?

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 – Go Make a Difference

**Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence. Go make a diff'rence in the world.**

1. We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see the love of God in you and me. We are the light of the world, not to be hidden but be seen. Go make a diff'rence in the world.
2. We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need, the face of God for all to see. We are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace. Go make a diff'rence in the world.
3. So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see. Go make a diff'rence in the world. And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go. Go make a diff'rence in the world.

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Responsorial 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.