

**Pulpit Announcements for the
Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord
April 20, 2025**

We welcome all of you participating in this liturgy.

Happy Easter to you and your loved ones.

**We invite you to enter into the sacredness of this
Great Easter Sunday celebration.**

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

- **Last night we welcomed into the Church our OCIA Elect and Candidates who have been preparing for many months. Please continue to pray for them as they continue their journey of faith with us, the Catholic Community of St. Matthias.**
- **The 2nd annual Self-Care Fair will be next Sunday, April 27th, 9am-2pm. Mental Health Providers & Agencies will be available to provide information and/or break-out sessions.**
- **There is no Mass tomorrow, Monday, as the church will be closed. The Parish Office also is closed tomorrow.**

***Let us enter into this joyful celebration,
turning to one another and wishing each other
“A Blessed Easter!”***

Music for Our Assembly

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*I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. . You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia. Psalm 139*

Gathering Hymn – Alleluia Love Is Alive

1. People of God, see the morning is new;
rise from your sleeping and run to the tomb.
Come and see! Come and see! He is alive!
A grave that is empty, a promise fulfilled.
God who was with us is here with us still.
He is here! He is here! He is alive!

**Alleluia! Love is alive;
conquered the grave and defeated the night.
Alleluia! Love is alive!
The Son has arisen for all.
Your people sing alleluia!**

2. People of God, let your fear fall away.
Your chains have been broken; abandon your shame.
Lift your hearts! Lift your hearts! He is alive!
Here now is mercy embracing your soul;
here the fulfillment that once was foretold.
It is true! It is true! He is alive!

3. People of God now rejoicing in Christ,
carry your joy to the darkness of night.
Tell the world! Tell the world! He is alive!
Hear the good news of this glorious day,
every heart singing as heaven proclaims:
He is Lord! He is Lord! He is alive!

Prayer of the Faithful

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

1. For Pope Francis, for all Church leaders, for the whole Church, and all world leaders, that we may be instruments of Christ's light for all who live in darkness, as we continue to witness to the joyful truth of the resurrection, we pray. . .
2. For all who are away from Home this Easter, especially members of the military; for Christians not allowed to celebrate Easter freely in different parts of the world, for all who are oppressed and burdened, that the powers of death, poverty, and disease may be conquered by Christ's victory over the grave, we pray. . .
3. For the catechumen and candidates we welcomed into the Catholic family of faith during the Vigil service last night,...that they may have the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit to persevere faithfully in the choice they have made, we pray...
4. For the poor, especially the homeless, the marginalized, the immigrant, those seeking asylum, For those who live in the darkness of addiction, sin and ignorance, that, they may not live in fear, but rather in the knowledge that they are loved and cared for, we pray. . .
5. For all who are chronically or terminally ill, and for all ailing in body, mind or spirit...for those who feel isolated or depressed, and those who feel forgotten, that the Risen Lord will bring them out of darkness and bring light and hope to their hearts, we pray . . .
6. For all who have died, ***Don Roeske, and Julio Ramos III***, that they will be greeted by the Risen Lord,... we pray . . .
7. For those prayers we hold in the depths of our hearts, we pray. . .

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

8 PM: Deceased Members of the Music Ministry
8 AM: Julian and Felisa DeGuzman
10 AM: Rita D'Alessio
12 PM: Intention for the Parishioners

Sprinkling Rite - Living Streams

Blessed Savior, pour upon us living streams of water.
Shower us with godliness, and bathe us in your light.
Chosen people, royal priesthood, heaven's pride and glory,
gathered here to celebrate the wedding feast of Christ, the
Lamb.

Preparation of the Gifts - Were You There

1. Three days our world was broken; the Lord of life lay dead.
"Take up your cross," he told us who followed where he led.
Would we now hang in torment with thieves on every side,
our Passover shattered, our hope crucified?
Three days we hid in silence, in bitter fear and grief.
Three days we clung together where he had washed our feet.
2. Three days— and on the third day, the women came at dawn.
His tomb, they said, was empty, his broken body gone.
Who could believe their story? The dead do not arise,
yet he walks among us, and with our own eyes
we've seen him at this table; we've shared his bread and wine.
Hearts burning bright within us, we've seen his glory shine.
3. Three days our world was broken and in an instant healed,
God's covenant of mercy in mystery revealed.
Two thousand years are one day in God's eternal sight,
and yesterday's sorrows are this day's delight.
Though still Christ's body suffers, pierced daily by the sword,
yet death has no dominion: the risen Christ is Lord!

Communion Hymn – Easter Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. Glory to God who does wondrous things, Let all the people
God's praises now sing,
All of creation in splendor shall ring: Alleluia!
2. See how salvation for all has been won, Up from the grave our
new life has begun,
Life now perfected in Jesus, the Son: Alleluia!
3. Now in our presence the Lord will appear, Shine in the faces
of all of us here,
Fill us with joy and cast out all our fear: Alleluia!
4. Call us, Good Shepherd, we listen for you, Wanting to see you
in all that we do,
We would the gate of salvation pass through: Alleluia!
5. Lord, we are open to all that you say, Ready to listen and
follow your way,
You are the potter and we are the clay: Alleluia!
6. If we have love, then we dwell in the Lord, God will protect us
from fire and sword,
Fill us with love and the peace of his word: Alleluia!

Closing Hymn - Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now he reigns above as King, Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!

Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Spirit blest.. Alleluia!

Text: 77 77 with alleluias; verse 1, Latin, 14th cent., para. in *Lyra Davidica*, 1708.

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,
“His mercy endures forever.”

“The right hand of the LORD has struck with power;
the right hand of the LORD is exalted.
I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.”

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.

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