

# **Pulpit Announcements for the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 7, 2023**

**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!**

- **Parents who love to take their teenagers to SIX FLAGS have a wonderful opportunity: The New Jersey Catholic Youth Rally is coming up on May 21. See the bulletin for more information to register.**
- **Do you know how many ministries we have here at St. Matthias? Drop into the Cafeteria the weekend of May 20-21 and see many of the ministries at the Ministry Fair.**
- **If any golf player missed out on registering for the 2023 St. Matthias School Golf Classic, please register soon. It is scheduled for May 15, 2023, at Royce Brook Golf Club.**

**Concern for the spiritual and temporal needs of the Community is the beautiful theme in the readings of today. St. Matthias is well known for our outreach and generous help to those in need of material things. Where do we stand in our concern for the spiritual needs of those around us?**

# Music for Our Assembly

May 7, 2023

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

*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*

### Entrance Hymn – I Know That My Redeemer Lives

1. I know that my Redeemer lives!  
What joy the blest assurance gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head!

2. He lives to bless me with his love.  
He lives to plead for me above.  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in times of need.

3. He lives and grants me daily breath,  
He lives, and I shall conquer death.  
He lives my mansion to prepare  
He lives to bring me safely there.

4. He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
What joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

*Text: LM; based on Job 19:25; Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt. Music: John Hatton, c. 1710–1793.*

# Prayer of the Faithful

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

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

1. For Pope Francis, Church leaders and for the whole Church... That we may tirelessly announce the good news of the Risen Lord; For leaders of all nations ... That they will practice justice and right reason in their decision-making, we pray...
2. For our children receiving First Holy Communion this week, for their parents and catechists who prepared them... Jesus will guide them to live the gospel values and as true disciples, we pray...
3. For the deacons of the church...that they may be filled with faith and the Holy Spirit as they live their call to serve the community and proclaim the Word of God for all, especially for the people of St. Matthias, we pray . . .
4. That those who are in distress and pain may not allow their hearts to be troubled, but put their faith in God and in Jesus, who is the way that guides them, the truth that consoles them, and the life that receives them, we pray...
5. For all who have died, especially Brian Reilly. That Jesus who has prepared a place for each of them in the Father's house, may now welcome them home into heavenly joy, we pray . . .
6. For the intentions in the hearts of all those in this assembly, (LONG PAUSE)...we pray...

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

## Preparation Hymn – Morning Has Broken

1. Morning has broken like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken like the  
first bird

Praise for the singing, praise for the morning  
Praise for them springing  
fresh from the world.

2. Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from Heaven  
Like the first dewfall on the  
first grass

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where  
His feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning  
Born of the one light, Eden saw  
play

Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day.

*Eleanor Farjeon / Richard Vincent Hill / Traditional*

## Communion Hymn – Eye Has Not See

**Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready  
for those who love him;  
Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus, teach us  
the wisdom of God.**

1. When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O Lord,  
forgive the weakness of our faith, and bear us up within your peaceful  
word.
2. Our lives are but a single breath, we flower and we fade,  
yet all our days are in your hands, so we return in love what love has  
mad.
3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ever near,  
reflected in the faces of all the poor and lowly of the world
4. We sing a myst'ry from the past in halls where saints have trod,  
yet ever new the music rings to Jesus, Living Song of God.

*Text: 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; Marty Haugen, b.1950, © 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.*

## Closing Hymn – Joyful Joyful We Adore You

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before you,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!
2. All your works with joy surround you,  
Earth and heav'n reflect your rays,  
Stars and angels sing around you,  
Center of unbroken praise;  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
Praising you eternally!
3. You are giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
God our Father, Christ our brother,  
Let your light upon us shine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine
4. Mortals join the mighty chorus,  
Which the morning stars began;  
God's own love is reigning o'er us,  
Joining people hand in hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.

*Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933, alt.*

*Permission to podcast / stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license #A-621391 All rights reserved*

## **Responsorial Psalm - 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6**

**Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

Exult, you just, in the LORD;  
praise from the upright is fitting.  
Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;  
with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.

Upright is the word of the LORD,  
and all his works are trustworthy.  
He loves justice and right;  
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,  
upon those who hope for his kindness,  
To deliver them from death  
and preserve them in spite of famine.

**Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**