

**Pulpit Announcements for the
FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
April 18, 2025**

Welcome to all who are here to worship with us.

Today is Good Friday.

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

- **Today's collection is for the upkeep of the Holy Land and to aid the persecuted and dwindling Christian population in the Holy Land.**
- **Tonight's Good Friday Service has three parts: the Liturgy of the Word with the Passion Reading, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion**
- **For the Veneration of the Cross, there will be three crosses. Everyone is asked to process up the center aisle in two lines, guided by the Hospitality Ministers. We ask you not to touch or kiss the cross, but show prayerful reverence to the Cross by bowing or genuflecting ..**

We begin tonight's remembrance of the Passion of the Lord in silence.

The celebrants will process in silence.

As they prostrate, we shall kneel...

Music for Our Assembly
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Veneration of the Cross— Way of the Cross

We carry the saving cross through the roads of the world,
through the alleys of poverty and misery,
marching to a dawning day, to freedom and victory,
to God's life and endless glory.

1. Christ, sent by God,
obedient to the Father's will:
He leads the way of the cross.

2. Christ, Redeemer,
crowned with piercing thorns:
He leads the way of the cross.

3. Christ, Son of David,
stripped of his glory:
He leads the way of the cross.

4. Christ, Son of Mary,
immolated for all of us:
He leads the way of the cross.

5. Christ, Lamb of God,
for us sinners crucified:
He leads the way of the cross.

6. Christ, our Savior,
in the tomb laid to rest:
He leads the way of the cross.

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Tree of Life

1. Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,
In your death we are reborn,
Though you die in all of hist'ry,
Still you rise with ev'ry morn,
Still you rise with ev'ry morn.
2. Seed that dies to rise in glory,
May we see ourselves in you,
If we learn to live your story
We may die to rise anew,
We may die to rise anew.
3. We remember truth once spoken,
Love passed on through act and word,
Ev'ry person lost and broken
Wears the body of our Lord,
Wears the body of our Lord.
4. Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,
Come inflame our hearts anew,
We may all your joy inherit
If we bear the cross with you,
If we bear the cross with you.
5. Christ, you lead and we shall follow,
Stumbling though our steps may be,
One with you in joy and sorrow,
We the river, you the sea,
We the river, you the sea.

Communion Hymn – Only This I Want

Only this I want:
but to know the Lord,
and to bear his cross,
so to wear the crown he wore.

1. All but this is loss,
worthless refuse to me,
for to gain the Lord
is to gain all I need.

2. I will run the race;
I will fight the good fight,
so to win the prize
of the kingdom of my Lord.

3. Let your heart be glad,
always glad in the Lord,
so to shine like stars
in the darkness of the night.

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25

Father, I put my life in your hands.

In you, O LORD, I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame.

In your justice rescue me.

Into your hands I commend my spirit;
you will redeem me, O LORD, O faithful God.

For all my foes I am an object of reproach,
a laughingstock to my neighbors, and a dread to my friends;
they who see me abroad flee from me.

I am forgotten like the unremembered dead;
I am like a dish that is broken.

But my trust is in you, O LORD;

I say, "You are my God.

In your hands is my destiny; rescue me
from the clutches of my enemies and my persecutors."

Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your kindness.

Take courage and be stouthearted,
all you who hope in the LORD.

Father, I put my life in your hands.