

**Pulpit Announcements for the
The Great Easter Vigil
April 19, 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 Vigil,
Whomever you may be, or wherever you
find yourself on the journey,
know that here at St. Matthias, ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

- **Tonight we joyfully welcome into the Church our OCIA Elect and Candidates who have been preparing for many months for this night. Please continue to pray for them as they move into full communion in the life of our faith and the Catholic Community of St. Matthias.**
- **Tomorrow's Easter Sunday Masses will be at 8:00 and 10:00 am and at 12:00 noon. There is no Mass on Monday, April 21st, and the Parish Office will be closed that day.**
- **We will now begin the Easter Vigil celebration with the blessing of the Fire and lighting of the Paschal Candle. So let us all get up and gather outside in the front of the church.**

Music for Our Assembly

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The Great Easter Vigil

*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 139i*

Reading: Genesis 1:1 - 2:2

Acclamation Rory Cooney

And God saw that it was good,
and there was eve-ning, and mor - ning.

The musical notation is written on two staves in 2/2 time. The first staff contains the melody for 'And God saw that it was good,' and the second staff contains the melody for 'and there was evening, and morning.' The lyrics are written below the notes.

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Reading: Exodus 14:15 - 15:1

Acclamations from Exodus Reading for the Great Vigil (Rory Cooney)

Cantor... All Repeat: ***Sing the song of freedom!***

Cantor... All Repeat: ***God has won the victory!***

Cantor... All Repeat: ***Horse and chariot are cast into the sea!***

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 63

Refrain:

***As the deer that longs for running water
As the deer that longs for running water
So my soul is thirsting, so my soul is thirsting
So my soul is thirsting for you my God.***

Litany of Saints (J.D. Becker): Please stand.

(Cantor ... All Repeat)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

(Cantor ... Saint Invocation) Pray for us ...

All you holy men and women pray for us.

(Cantor ... "Lord, be merciful.") Save your people ...

Christ, hear us. Lord, Jesus, hear our prayer.

(Cantor ... "Lord, give new life.") Save your people ...

Christ, hear us. Lord, Jesus, hear our prayer.

Blessing of Water (please be seated)

***Springs of water, bless the Lord;
praise and exalt Him above all forever.***

Profession of Faith

Baptism / Confirmation

Sprinkling with Holy Water

LIVING STREAMS - SONG FOR THE SPRINKLING RITE

Dan Schutte

Bless-ed Sav-ior, pour up-on us liv-ing streams of wa-ter.

Show-er us with god-li-ness, and bathe us in your light.

Cho-sen peo - ple, roy - al priest - hood, heav-en's pride and

glo - ry, gath-ered here to cel - e - brate the

wed-ding feast of Christ, the Lamb.

Prayer of the Faithful

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Our response is: “Jesus Our Resurrection, hear our prayer.”

1. For Pope Francis, for all Church leaders, and for the whole Church 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 Annika (ANI-ka), Johan (Joe-han), Daiane (Day-annie), and Xander (Zander), whom we have welcomed today into the Catholic family of faith;...That they may have the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit to persevere faithfully in the choice they have made, we pray. . .
3. For John, Cruz, Jorge, Richard, Tammy, Madison, Nailah (Nigh-lah), Chigoziri (Chigo-ziri), Chiamaka (Chia-maka), Nneoma (Ne-oma), Shana, Ava, and Brianna, whom we welcome into full Communion with us today...that the power of the Holy Spirit will guide their path to holiness, 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, especially **Don Roeske** ... 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

**Presentation of the Gifts and Preparation of the Altar
Prayer over the Offerings | Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord's Prayer | Sign of Peace | Lamb of God
Communion**

Our Ministers of Hospitality will assist in guiding you to the Communion line.

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!

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Communion Meditation: Hallelujah from the Mount of Olives (Beethoven)

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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