Pulpit Announcements for the Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024

Welcome to all who are here today on this Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Whoever you are or wherever you find yourself on the journey. Know that here at St. Matthias, ALL ARE WELCOME!

- Thanks to the men who emailed Fr. Abraham for attending the Men's Leadership event that will be held on April 26th & 27th. You are not late if you wish to join. See page 7 in our bulletin for more information.
- Hope you have already noted the Holy Week services in your calendar. The Holy Thursday Mass with foot-washing is at 7:30 pm. Stay for the Adoration at least for a few minutes after the Mass.
- Good Friday Stations of the Cross will be at 2 pm in our parking lot. The Service of the Passion with veneration of the cross will be at 7:30 pm.
- The Morning Prayer with psalms, hymns, and witness talks will be held on Good Friday and Holy Saturday at 8:30 am.
- Today's 2nd collection is for the Retired Diocesan Clergy.
- Adoration on Mondays will continue as usual from 6-8 pm.

Palms and passion. Hills and valleys, joys and sorrows. Today's celebration is a reminder to us of these mixed realities of life. As we celebrate the Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, let us intentionally listen to the Lord in prayer and silence. Let us welcome Him today as the people of Jerusalem did with palms, but let us promise not to pain him as they did...

Music for Our Assembly March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads: grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is the king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

Processional at 5:00

Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna to the Chosen One!

Gathering Hymn – All Glory Laud and Honor

 All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer King! To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring. You are the King of Israel, And David's royal Son, Now in the Lord's Name coming, Our King and Blessed One.

2. All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer King! To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring. The company of angels Are praising you on high; And we with all creation In chorus, make reply.

3. All glory, laud, and honorTo you, Redeemer King!To whom the lips of childrenMade sweet hosannas ring.

The people of the Hebrews With palms before you went: Our praise and prayers and anthems Before you we present.

4. All glory, laud, and honor
To you, Redeemer King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
To you before your passion
They sang their hymns of praise:
To you, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.

5. All glory, laud, and honor
To you, Redeemer King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
Their praises you accepted,
Accept the prayers we bring,
Great source of love and goodness,
Our Savior and our King.

Text: 76 76 *D; Theodulph of Orleans, ca.* 760–821; *tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635.*

Prayer of the Faithful

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Our response is: "Lord of Life, hear our prayer."

- 1. For Pope Francis and all Church leaders ...Give them the grace and the strength to lead the Church so that we are a light of faith for the entire world, we ask.
- For all governmental leaders ... Inspire them to be peacemakers, to stand up for the downtrodden and unjustly accused in society, and to have the well-being of their people as their guide, we ask...
- 3. For this faith community of St Matthias...Inspire us to enter this Most Holy Week of the year with a greater sense of attentiveness and participation in all the celebrations, we ask...
- 4. For all who are preparing for the sacraments of initiation...that God will lead them through dying and rising to New Life in Christ, we ask . . .
- 5. For those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our Parish and School family sick list, that you may grant them healing and strength, we ask . . .
- For the intentions in the hearts of all those assembled, (LONG PAUSE) With grateful prayers we request our deepest needs, .
 we ask

The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes.

During the Reading of the Passion -

My God, my God, O why have you abandoned me?

Preparation of the Gifts - Were You There

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?Were you there when they pierced him in the side?Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?Were you there when the sun refused to shine?Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

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Communion Hymn – The Jesus Song

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, have mercy on me. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, have mercy on me. Amen. Jesus, I trust in you. Jesus, I trust in you.

You are the Son of the Living God.

Jesus, I trust in you.

Jesus, I trust in you.

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My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me scoff at me;

they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads: "He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him."

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots.But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.

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