Pulpit Announcements for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 6, 2023

Welcome to all who are here today
on this 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time when we keep the Feast
of the Transfiguration of our Lord.
Whoever you are, or
wherever you find yourself on the journey.
Know that here at St. Matthias, ALL ARE WELCOME!

- Tomorrow/Today is the conclusion of the World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. If you have not watched it, tune in to EWTN or online to watch some of the wonderful events that are not only spectacular but also spiritually enriching.
- We are planning to restore our "Children's Liturgy of the Word" as we used to do pre-Pandemic. We are looking for volunteers to help with once a month. Training will be given. Please contact Dee Nann or Fr. Abraham.
- There will be a second collection next weekend for the Missionary Cooperation Plan for Haiti.
- Good news! The new bathroom state-of-the-art and with handicapped access is completed and ready. It is your privilege to be the first ones to use!
- A reminder inviting all to our weekly adoration on Monday. Drop in any time between 6 - 8 pm.

Transfiguration was a shocker and a booster for the disciples. They were shocked to see the divine splendor of their friend and leader. That was also a comfort for them to know that they were following someone who is more than human. May this Feast increase our own faith in Jesus. Let us prepare to experience him during this Mass.

Music for our Assembly August 6, 2023 The Transfiguration of the Lord

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard. This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him...Matthew 17:5

Gathering Hymn – Transfiguration

- 1. Jesus, on the mountain peak, stands alone in glory blazing. Let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising. Alleluia, Alleluia to our Lord! Let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising.
- 2. Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.
 All the prophets and the law shout through them their joyful greeting:
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia to our Lord!
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- 3. Swift the cloud of glory came, God, proclaiming in its thunder, Jesus as the Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia to our Lord!

 Jesus as the Son by name: nations, cry aloud in wonder.
- 4. Jesus is the chosen one, living hope of ev'ry nation, hear and heed him, ev'ryone; sing, with earth and all creation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia to our Lord!

 Hear and heed him, ev'ryone; sing with earth and all creation.

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Prayer of the Faithful Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 6, 2023

Our response will be: "In Your name, O God, we pray."

- For Pope Francis and all church leaders...strengthen them in their mission to bring Your gospel message to all peoples and nations, we pray...
- For world, national, and civic leaders...encourage them to seek fulfillment, not through personal gain, but through service to others, we pray...
- 3. For all the young people at Lisbon for the World Youth day ...transform them through Your spirit to become beacons of light and faith to the world, we pray . . .
- 4. For those who endure illness of body, mind, or spirit...shine Your light of hope into their lives and relieve their daily burdens, we pray...
- 5. For all those who have died, especially Maisie Daley-Appleton, Giuseppe Anselmo and Doris Lubowicki...welcome them into heaven, as sons and daughters and co-heirs to Your kingdom, we pray...
- 6. For the silent intentions we hold deep in our hearts today, (LONG PAUSE) ... we pray . . .

Preparation of the Gifts - Christ in Me Arise

Christ in me arise and dispel all the darkness.
Christ in me arise with your power and your strength.
Christ in me pour out your blessing and healing.
Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.

1. Be now my vision; open these eyes, showing me all that I must see.

Onward to the kingdom, you are the

Christ in me arise and dispel all the darkness.
Christ in me arise with your power and your strength.
Christ in me pour out your blessing and healing.
Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.

2. Be now my footsteps, leading the way, taking me where I must go.
Onward to the kingdom, you are the way.
Arise in me and I shall rise with you.

Christ in me arise and dispel all the darkness.
Christ in me arise with your power and your strength.
Christ in me pour out your blessing and healing.
Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.
Christ in me arise, Christ in me arise,
Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.

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Communion Hymn - The Lord Is My Light

The Lord is my light, the Lord is my help, the Lord is my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light, my help, my salvation.

Why should I fear?

With God I fear no one.

God protects me all my life.

With the Lord what should I dread?

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord that I long for: all of my days with God to be dwelling, gazing with awe at the beauty of God, and in wonder look on God's house.

 I know I will live to see the Lord's goodness, now, in this life I'm sure I will see it.
 Trust in the Lord, be strong and be brave; wait in hope for God, our salvation.

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Closing Hymn - God We Praise You

- 1. God, we praise you! God, we bless you!
 God, we name you sov'reign Lord!
 Mighty King whom angels worship,
 Father, by your church adored:
 All creation shows your glory,
 Heav'n and earth draw near your throne,
 Singing 'Holy, holy,
 Lord of hosts, and God alone!'
- True apostles, faithful prophets,
 Saints who set their world ablaze,
 Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded,
 Join one growing song of praise,
 While your church on earth confesses
 One majestic Trinity:
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 God, our hope eternally.
- 3. Jesus Christ, the king of glory, Everlasting Son of God, Humble was your virgin mother, Hard the lonely path you trod: By your cross is sin defeated, Hell confronted face to face, Heaven opened to believers, Sinners justified by grace.
- 4. Christ, at God's right hand victorious, You will judge the world you made; Lord, in mercy help your servants For whose freedom you have paid: Raise us up from dust to glory, Guard us from all sin today; King enthroned above all praises, Save your people, God, we pray.

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice; let the many islands be glad.
Clouds and darkness are round about him, justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the LORD of all the earth. The heavens proclaim his justice, and all peoples see his glory.

Because you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth, exalted far above all gods.

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.