

Pulpit Announcements for the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe November 26, 2023

**Welcome to all who are here today on this
last Sunday of the Liturgical Year –
Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe.
Whoever you are, or wherever you find yourself on the journey.
Know that here at St. Matthias, ALL ARE WELCOME!**

- Thank you to the many people of goodwill who came to set up the Christmas trees today/yesterday. They braved the cold weather with a warm heart and some hot coffee. Thanks to their sacrifice, we can now look forward to the tree-lighting next Saturday.
- The Knights of Columbus, along with St. Matthias Home School Association, will hold a Blood drive on Saturday, December 9th from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Kindly save the date to participate in this noble mission.
- If you have not joined our weekly Monday evening Adoration, this is a reminder. Do drop in any time between 6-8 pm.

Like a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, the judgment scene in today's gospel is about separating those who have lived their lives for others and those who have lived for themselves. Certainly we want to be on the right side of the King, with those called to His kingdom. Jesus Christ is that King who comes to us today in the Holy Eucharist. Let us welcome him as the King of our hearts...

Music for Our Assembly

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*How worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honor.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever... Revelation 5:12; 1:6*

Gathering Hymn – To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King

1. To Jesus Christ, our sov'reign King,
Who is the world's salvation,
All praise and homage do we bring
And thanks and adoration.
Christ Jesus, Victor!
Christ Jesus, Ruler!
2. Christ Jesus, Lord and Redeemer!
Your reign extend, O King benign,
To ev'ry land and nation;
For in your Kingdom, Lord divine,
Alone we find salvation.
Christ Jesus, Victor!
Christ Jesus, Ruler!
3. To you, and to your church, great King,
We pledge our heart's oblation;
Until before your throne we sing
In endless jubilation.
Christ Jesus, Victor!
Christ Jesus, Ruler!

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Prayer of the Faithful
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Our response is: “King of the Universe, hear our prayer.”

1. For Pope Francis and all church leaders...Guide them, Lord Jesus Christ, as they shepherd the faithful to bring about God’s kingdom on earth, we ask . . .

2. For world and civic leaders...Help them, Lord Jesus Christ, to be servant leaders who govern justly by feeding the hungry and caring for the poor, we ask.

3. For this faith community of St. Matthias parish...Help us to be a welcoming presence and a good neighbor here in Franklin Township, we ask . . .

4. For those who have been adversely affected by hatred and war, and for those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, and all who are on our parish and school sick lists...that their struggles will be eased by loving families and supportive caregivers, we ask . . .

5. For those who have died especially _____ that they may be joined to Jesus Christ our King in the eternal joy of heaven ..., we ask. . .

6. For the intentions we hold in the quiet of our hearts, (LONG PAUSE)
..... we ask. . .

The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes.

Preparation Hymn – Worthy Is the Lamb

1. Worthy are you, O Paschal Lamb.

Wisdom and strength belong now to you.

You laid down your life and died upon the cross:

we've become a people of hope.

2. Worthy are you, O Bread of Life.

Salvation and joy belong now to us.

By conquering death and rising to new life,

we've become a people of praise.

3. Worthy are you, O Risen Christ.

Wonders and signs, revealing your might.

Your power and glory shine upon our lives:

we've become your light for the world.

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Communion Hymn – Like a Shepherd

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock
and gathers the lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart,
leading them home.

1. Say to the cities of Judah:
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Go to the mountaintop, lift your voice:
Jerusalem, here is your God.

2. I myself will shepherd them,
for others have led them astray.
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds
and pasture them, giving them rest.

3. Come unto me if you are heavily burdened,
and take my yoke upon your shoulders.
I will give you rest.

Text: Based on Isaiah 40:9ff; Ezekiel 34:11ff; Matthew 11:28ff.
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Closing Hymn – Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who set us free,
And hail him as your heav'nly King Through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, And lives that death may die.

5. Crown him the Lord of years, The master of all time
Creator of the rolling spheres, And risen Lord sublime
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For you have died for me;
Your praise and glory shall not fail Throughout eternity.

Text: SMD; Revelation 19:12; verses 1, 3–5, Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894; verse 2, Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt. Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893.

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose.

Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.