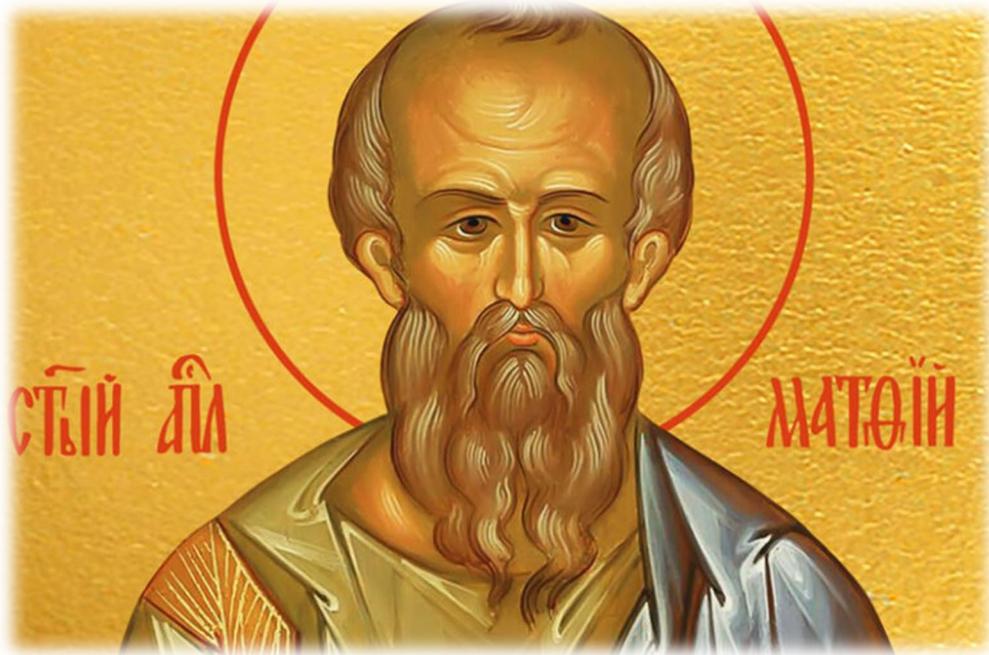


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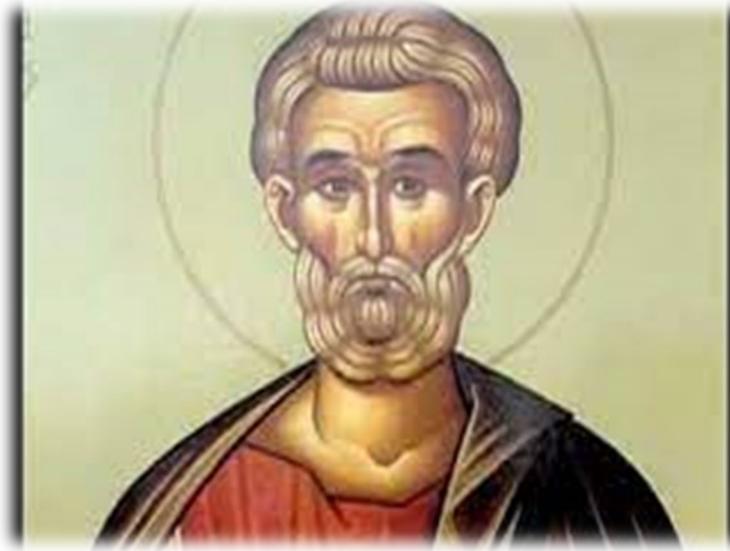
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Saint Matthias the Apostle



Welcome to St. Luke's! After the Ascension of Our Lord, His followers at Jerusalem chose a replacement for Judas. The man chosen was Matthias, "and he was numbered with the Eleven." Apart from the information given in the first chapter of Acts, nothing is known of him.

According to Acts, Matthias had been with Jesus from his baptism by John until the Ascension. In the days following, Peter proposed that the assembled disciples, who numbered about 120, nominate two men to replace Judas. They chose Joseph called Barsabbas (whose surname was Justus) and Matthias.

Then they prayed, "Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all [men], shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." [Acts 1:24–25] Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

No further information about Matthias is to be found in the canonical New Testament. The tradition of the Greeks says that St. Matthias planted the faith about Cappadocia and on the coasts of the Caspian Sea, residing chiefly near the port Issus. According to another tradition, he preached for a time in Jerusalem and eventually he was stoned and beheaded. (He is often portrayed holding an axe, the instrument of his death.) Another tradition claims he preached the Gospel to the barbarians and cannibals in the interior of Ethiopia and was crucified.

Saint Matthias is the patron of carpenters, tailors, those with smallpox, and in prayers for perseverance and for hope.

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Service of Light

The Officiant says:

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. *Psalm 74:15, 16*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: V: O God, make speed to save us.

R: O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

Alleluia

The Officiant then says:

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

O gracious light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Lector: This is my commandment, That you love one another,
as I have loved you.

Psalm 119: Aleph *Beati immaculati*

- ¹ Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
who walk in the law of the LORD!
- ² Happy are they who observe his decrees *
and seek him with all their hearts!
- ³ Who never do any wrong, *
but always walk in his ways.
- ⁴ You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.
- ⁵ Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!
- ⁶ Then I should not be put to shame, *
when I regard all your commandments.
- ⁷ I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- ⁸ I will keep your statutes; *
do not utterly forsake me.

Lector: *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

This is My commandment, That you love one another, as I have loved you.

Officiant: Greater love has no one than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Psalm 119: Beth *In quo corrigit?*

⁹ How shall a young man cleanse his way? *

By keeping to your words.

¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you; *

let me not stray from your commandments.

¹¹ I treasure your promise in my heart, *

that I may not sin against you.

¹² Blessed are you, O LORD; *

instruct me in your statutes.

¹³ With my lips will I recite *

all the judgments of your mouth.

¹⁴ I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees *

than in all manner of riches.

¹⁵ I will meditate on your commandments *

and give attention to your ways.

¹⁶ My delight is in your statutes; *

I will not forget your word.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Greater love has no one than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Lector: You are My friends, if you do whatever I command you, says the Lord.

Psalm 119: Gimel *Retribuere servo tuo*

¹⁷ Deal bountifully with your servant, *
that I may live and keep your word.

¹⁸ Open my eyes, that I may see *
the wonders of your law.

¹⁹ I am a stranger here on earth; *
do not hide your commandments from me.

²⁰ My soul is consumed at all times *
with longing for your judgments.

²¹ You have rebuked the insolent; *
cursed are they who stray from your commandments!

²² Turn from me shame and rebuke, *
for I have kept your decrees.

²³ Even though rulers sit and plot against me, *
I will meditate on your statutes.

²⁴ For your decrees are my delight, *
and they are my counselors.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

You are my friends, if you do whatever I command you, says the Lord.

Officiant: Blessed are the peace-makers, blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Psalm 119: Daleth *Adhaesit pavimento*

²⁵ My soul cleaves to the dust; *

give me life according to your word.

²⁶ I have confessed my ways, and you answered me; *

instruct me in your statutes.

²⁷ Make me understand the way of your commandments, *

that I may meditate on your marvelous works.

²⁸ My soul melts away for sorrow; *

strengthen me according to your word.

²⁹ Take from me the way of lying; *

let me find grace through your law.

³⁰ I have chosen the way of faithfulness; *

I have set your judgments before me.

³¹ I hold fast to your decrees; *

O LORD, let me not be put to shame.

³² I will run the way of your commandments, *

for you have set my heart at liberty.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Blessed are the peace-makers, blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Readings

A period of silence will follow each reading.

First Reading Acts 1:15-26

Lector: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) “For it is written in the book of Psalms, ‘Let his homestead become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it’; and ‘Let another take his position of overseer.’ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Reader Here ends the Reading.

Canticle 9

The First Song of Isaiah Ecce, Deus

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

 I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

 and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

 from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

 see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

 and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

 for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of
Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Amen.

Second Reading Philippians 3:13b-21

Lector: A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained. Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Here ends the Reading.

Canticle 5

The Song of Simeon Nunc dimittis

Officiant: Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *
according to thy word;

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Gospel Reading John 15:1,6-16

Lector: A Reading from John.

Jesus said, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.”

Here ends the Reading.

Homily

by Fr. Jackson

The Song of Mary Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55

Lector: Antiphon: For they will deliver you over * to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues and you shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon: For they will deliver you over * to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues and you shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant: V: The Lord be with you.

R: *And also with you.*

Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Suffrages A

Officiant: V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day

Officiant: Almighty God, who in the place of Judas chose your faithful servant Matthias to be numbered among the Twelve: Grant that your Church, being delivered from false apostles, may always be guided and governed by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

A Collect for Protection

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly

ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. *Amen.*

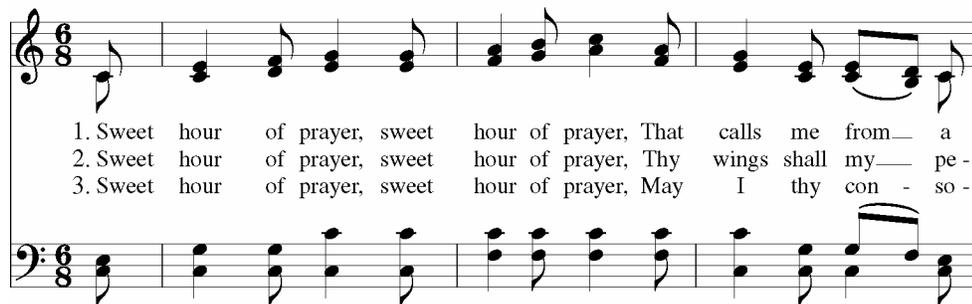
Prayer for Mission

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

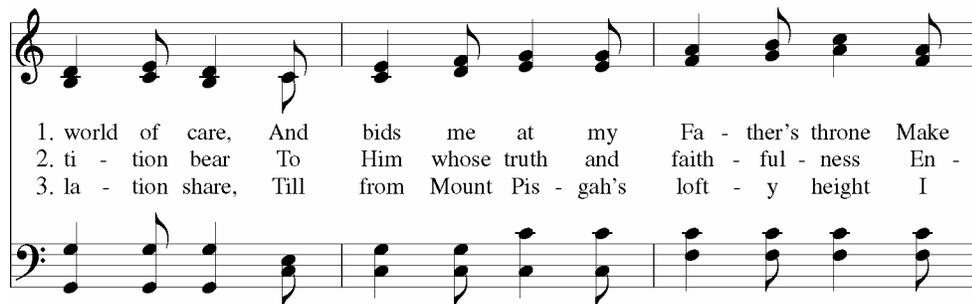
Office Hymn

Sweet Hour of Prayer

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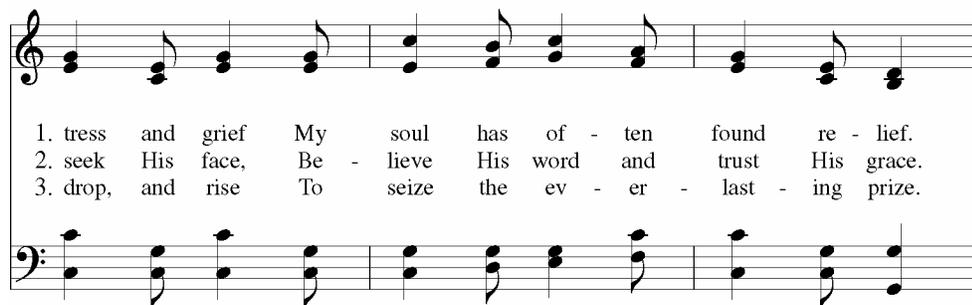
1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from— a
2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my— pe -
3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, May I thy con - so -



1. world of care, And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne Make
2. ti - tion bear To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En -
3. la - tion share, Till from Mount Pis - gah's loft - y height I



1. all my wants— and wish - es known. In sea - sons of dis -
2. gage the wait - ing soul to bless; And since He bids me
3. view my home— and take my flight: This robe of flesh I'll



1. tress and grief My soul has of - ten found re - lief.
2. seek His face, Be - lieve His word and trust His grace.
3. drop, and rise To seize the ev - er - last - ing prize.

1. And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare By
2. I'll cast on Him my ev - 'ry care, And
3. And shout, while pass - ing through the air, "Fare -

1. thy re - turn, _____ sweet hour of prayer.
2. wait for thee, _____ sweet hour of prayer.
3. well, fare - well, _____ sweet hour of prayer!"

The Prayers

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the Evening

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People:

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Officiant:

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing
through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen. Romans 15:13*

Announcements

LENT

Fridays in Lent

- ✠ **Fish fry from 5 to 7:30 p.m.** - \$14; w/shrimp \$15.
- ✠ **Bible Study from 6 to 7 p.m.** - In-person & on Zoom
- ✠ **Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.** - In-person & on Facebook
- ✠ **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Stations** - In-person & on Facebook

Weekdays in Lent

- ✠ **Morning Prayer @ 9 a.m.** seven days a week on our Facebook Page

Sundays in Lent

- ✠ **Morning Prayer @ 9 a.m.** - on our Facebook Page
- ✠ **Mass @ 10 a.m.** - - In-person & on Facebook

