

Sunday 21st September 2025

Matthew / Trinity 14

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Reading Notes: Use this provision if Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist is celebrated on Sunday 21 September.

Collect

O Almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector
to be an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches
that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Psalms 119.65–72

65 You have dealt graciously with your servant, •
according to your word, O Lord.
66 O teach me true understanding and knowledge, •
for I have trusted in your commandments.
67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, •
but now I keep your word.
68 You are gracious and do good; •
O Lord, teach me your statutes.
69 The proud have smeared me with lies, •
but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart.
70 Their heart has become gross with fat, •
but my delight is in your law.
71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted, •
that I may learn your statutes.
72 The law of your mouth is dearer to me •
than a hoard of gold and silver.

2 Corinthians 4.1–6

4 Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.
2 We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.
3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.
4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.
5 For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.
6 For it is the God who said, Let light shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 9.9–13

9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, Follow me. And he got up and followed him.

10 And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples.

11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?

12 But when he heard this, he said, Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

13 Go and learn what this means, I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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