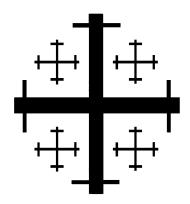
# St. Matthew

# **Apostle & Evangelist**

21 September 2025 9:30 am



# The Liturgy at Calvary

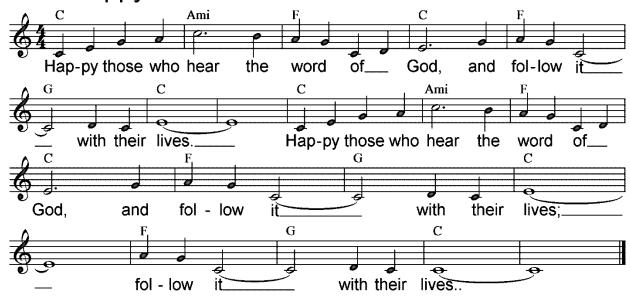


Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were agents of the oppressive empire, and they also had a reputation for extorting more than they had to collect. Jesus' calling Matthew to follow him showed that Jesus not only associated with "bad guys," he welcomed them into his inner circle. His sharing a meal with Matthew and other tax collectors and "sinners" was an enacted parable of the mercy of God. The meal we share at Jesus' table is to be such a parable too.

Please stand & face the Baptismal font

#### **Penitential Rite**

# Happy Those Who Hear the Word of God



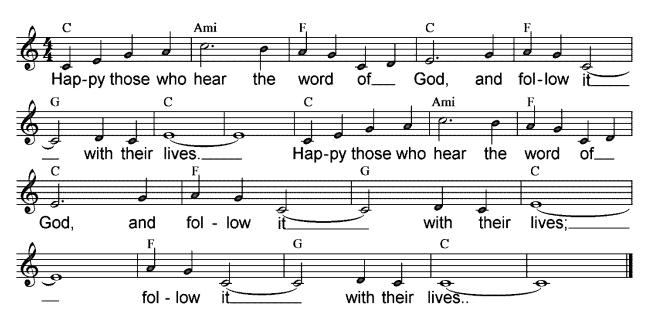
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"...I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and

peaceable life in all godliness and dignity". Let us confess our reluctance to pray for all people.

Silence is kept for confession and reflection

- L Praise the Lord
- C The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes, enthroning them with the rulers of the people. Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.
- L "God our Savior, desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all...".



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# **Apostolic Greeting**

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, 

  the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

# **Kyrie Eleison** [Greek, Lord, Have Mercy]



# **Hymn of Praise**



Text: Psalm 122:1, refrain; Jay Beech, stanzas

Music: PSALM 122, Jay Beech

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# **Prayer of The Day**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray... Almighty God, your Son our Savior called a despised tax collector to become one of his apostles. Help us, like Matthew, to respond to the transforming call of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen

Please sit for today's scripture readings.

## First Reading: Ezekiel 2:8-3:11

<sup>8</sup> "You, mortal, hear what I say to you; do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you." <sup>9</sup> I looked, and a hand was stretched out to me, and a written scroll was in it. <sup>10</sup> He spread it before me; it had writing on the front and on the back, and written on it were words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

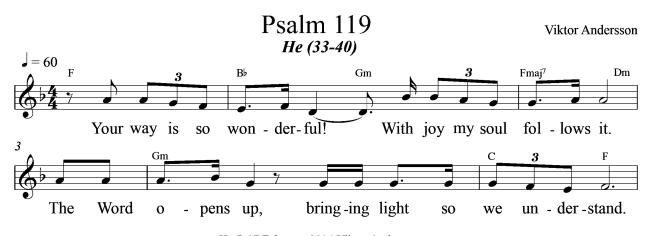
<sup>3:1</sup>He said to me, "O mortal, eat what is offered to you; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." <sup>2</sup>So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it." Then I ate it, and in my mouth it was as sweet as honey.

<sup>4</sup> He said to me, "Mortal, go to the house of Israel and speak my very words to them. <sup>5</sup> For you are not sent to a people of obscure speech and difficult language but to the house of Israel, <sup>6</sup> not to many peoples of obscure speech and difficult language whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to them, they would listen to you. <sup>7</sup> But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me, because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. <sup>8</sup> See, I have made your face hard against their faces and your forehead hard against their foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Like the hardest stone, harder than flint, I have made your forehead; do not fear them or be dismayed at their looks, for they are a

rebellious house." <sup>10</sup> He said to me, "Mortal, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart and hear with your ears; <sup>11</sup> then go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them. Say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GoD,' whether they hear or refuse to hear."

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

# **Psalm 119** Choir/Cantor sings refrain/all echo & sing ff. vs



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- 1. Lord, teach me the way of your commandments, so that as I understand, I'll keep your way with all my heart. **Refrain**
- 2. Lord, incline my heart to keep your teachings. Turn my eyes from falsehood and keep me from all unjust gain. **Refrain**
- 3. O Lord how I long to keep your teachings. For your judgments are so true. Your righteousness enlivens me. **Refrain**

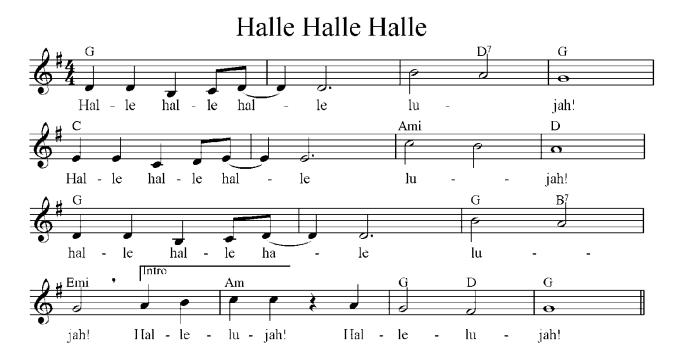
# **Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10**

<sup>4</sup> God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God <sup>9</sup> not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

L The Word of the Lord.

#### C Thanks be to God.

# Please stand for the Holy Gospel Alleluia Verse/Gospel Acclamations



- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 9<sup>th</sup> chapter
- C Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup> But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

- P The Gospel of Our Lord
- C Praise to you, O Christ!

**Sermon** Pr. Kyle

Silent Reflection

# Hymn Of The Day Will You Come and Follow Me, The Summons (ELW 798)



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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#### Creed

A Let us profess the faith in which we are Baptized.

All 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 into hell. 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.

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.



after each petition

A Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.** *concluding with* 

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord C Amen.

#### **Peace**

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord

# Offertory

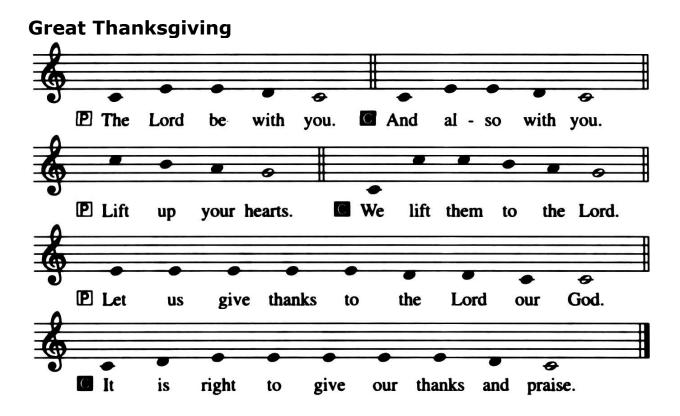
Let All Things Now Living
Gaelic Melody arr. Joyce Weaver (2019)
Cheri Rios & Catherine Gollhofer, harp duo
Christy Gibson, flute



Please stand as our gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar.



- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



P It is indeed right and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, holy God, mighty and immortal, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

The day of your final Jubilee dawned in your Son, Jesus, your Anointed One who announced good news to the poor, bound up the broken-hearted, and set the captives free.

And so with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# **Sanctus & Benedictus** [Latin, Holy & Blessed]



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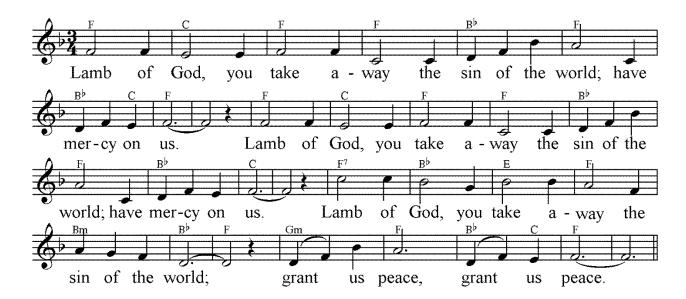
## **Eucharistic Prayer**

#### **Eucharistic Acclamation**



- P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray
- All Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen
- P The body of Christ given for you. Blood of Christ shed for you.

# **Agnus Dei** [Latin, Lamb of God]





#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

**In-Person:** We commune at the Altar. Ushers will guide.

Online at Home: If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to communion each other and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing: "Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

Songs that may be sung during distribution of the Sacrament:

# All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (ELW 461) Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need, Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread; wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light we wor-ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we Called by the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed: who up - on still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead. its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight, the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv-ing deeds to we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart; As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul, mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part. to our world to make it whole. by your Spir - it send your pow - er to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share. us that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984 Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985 Text © 1961 Oxford University Press. Arr. © 1985 Augsburg Fortress.

## Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (ELW 712)



Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993 Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Arr. © 2003 Augsburg Fortress.

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
- C Amen.

#### **Post Communion Canticle**



Text: Nunc dimittis &. Music *Detroit Folk Mass*, Tillis Butler & James Harris © 1986 Fortress Press. admin. Augsburg Fort

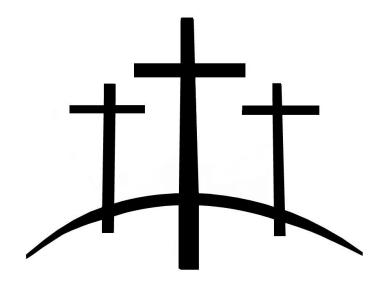
# A Let us pray...

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

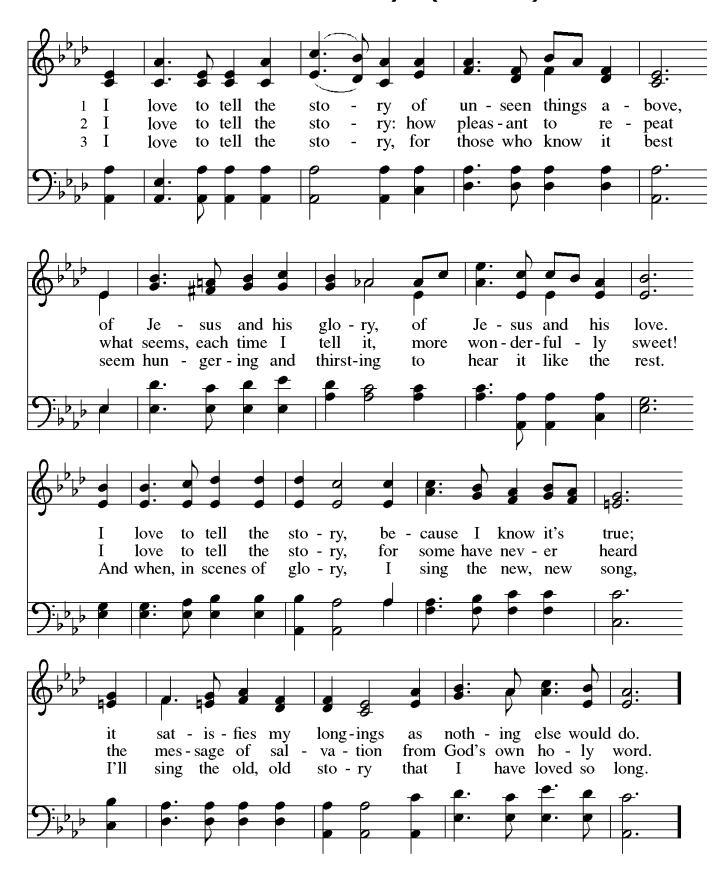
#### C Amen

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and
♣ give you peace.

#### C Amen



## Recessional I Love To Tell The Story (ELW 661)





- A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God!

**Postlude** *March in D*Elizabeth Turner (1700-1756)

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