

## ☩ Morning Prayer

### Easter Season

**Saturday, 14 May 2022**

### Matthias the Apostle

#### Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

In your resurrection, O Christ,

Let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

One or more of the following is said or sung:

this or another prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

As once you ransomed your people from Egypt

and led them to freedom in the promised land,

so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness

and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.

May we, the first fruits of your new creation,

rejoice in this new day you have made,

and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

a suitable hymn, or the Easter Anthems

1 Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us: ☩

so let us celebrate the feast,

2 not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness: ☩

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8

3Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:  $\hat{\square}$ ! death has no more dominion over him.

4In dying he died to sin once for all:  $\hat{\square}$ ! in living he lives to God.

5See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:  $\hat{\square}$ ! and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6.9-11

6Christ has been raised from the dead:  $\hat{\square}$ ! the first fruits of those who sleep.

7For as by man came death:  $\hat{\square}$ ! by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;

8for as in Adam all die:  $\hat{\square}$ ! even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15.20-22

AllGlory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

This opening prayer may be said

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

AllAmen.

## **The Word of God**

## Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

### Psalm 16

Refrain: The Lord is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

1 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;Â â!;

I have said to the Lord, â! You are my lord,

all my good depends on you.â!

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,Â â!;

upon those who are noble in heart.

3 Though the idols are legion that many run after,Â â!;

their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,

neither make mention of their names upon my lips.

4 The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;Â â!;

in your hands alone is my fortune.

5 My share has fallen in a fair land;Â â!;

indeed, I have a goodly heritage.Â R

6 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel,Â â!;

and in the night watches he instructs my heart.

7 I have set the Lord always before me;Â â!;

he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

8 Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;Â â!;

my flesh also shall rest secure.

9 For you will not abandon my soul to Death,Â â!;

nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

10 You will show me the path of life;

in your presence is the fullness of joy,Â â!;

and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Refrain: The Lord is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

Give to us, Lord Christ,

the fullness of grace,  
your presence and your very self,  
for you are our portion and our delight,  
now and for ever.

## Psalm 147.1-12

Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

1 Alleluia.

How good it is to make music for our God,Â â!;  
how joyful to honour him with praise.

2 The Lord builds up JerusalemÂ â!;  
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenheartedÂ â!;  
and binds up all their wounds.Â R

4 He counts the number of the starsÂ â!;  
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power;Â â!;  
his wisdom is beyond all telling.

6 The Lord lifts up the poor,Â â!;  
but casts down the wicked to the ground.Â R

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;Â â!;  
make music to our God upon the lyre;

8 Who covers the heavens with cloudsÂ â!;  
and prepares rain for the earth;

9 Who makes grass to grow upon the mountainsÂ â!;  
and green plants to serve our needs.Â R

10 He gives the beasts their foodÂ â!;  
and the young ravens when they cry.

11 He takes no pleasure in the power of a horse,Â â!;  
no delight in human strength;

12 But the Lord delights in those who fear him,Â â!;

who put their trust in his steadfast love. R

Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

Compassionate God,  
as you know each star you have created,  
so you know the secrets of every heart;  
in your loving mercy bring to your table  
all who are fearful and broken,  
all who are wounded and needy,  
that our hungers may be satisfied  
in the city of your peace;  
through Christ who is our peace.

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

All Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the canticle.

## **1 Samuel 2.27-35**

A man of God came to Eli and said to him, "Thus the Lord has said, 'I revealed myself to the family of your ancestor in Egypt when they were slaves to the house of Pharaoh. I chose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to go up to my altar, to offer incense, to wear an ephod before me; and I gave to the family of your ancestor all my offerings by fire from the people of Israel. Why then look with greedy eye at my sacrifices and my offerings that I commanded, and honour your sons more than me by fattening yourselves on the choicest parts of every offering of my people Israel?' Therefore the Lord the God of Israel declares: 'I promised that your family and the family of your ancestor should go in and out before me for ever'; but now the Lord declares: 'Far be it from me; for those who honour me I will honour, and those who despise me shall be treated with contempt. See, a time is coming when I will cut off your strength and the strength of your ancestor's family, so that no one in your family will live to old age. Then in distress you will look with greedy eye on all the prosperity that shall be bestowed upon Israel; and no one in your family shall ever live to old age. The only one of you whom I shall not cut off from my altar shall be spared to weep out his eyes and grieve his heart; all the members of your household shall die by the sword. The fate of your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, shall be the sign to you—both of them shall die on the same day. I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who shall do according to what is in my heart and in my mind. I will build him a sure house, and he shall go in and out before my anointed one for ever.

## **Canticle**

The following, or another suitable canticle, may be said or sung

Refrain:

All The Lord has anointed me  
and sent me to bring good news to the oppressed. Alleluia.

1 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me  
because he has anointed me.

2 He has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the broken-hearted,

3 To proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

4 To proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,  
to comfort all who mourn,

5 To give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit,

6 That they may be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

7 For as the earth puts forth her blossom,  
and as seeds in the garden spring up,

8 So shall the Lord God make righteousness and praise  
blossom before all the nations.

9 You shall be called priests of the Lord;  
they shall speak of you as ministers of our God.

Isaiah 61.1-3, 11, 6a

All Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

All The Lord has anointed me  
and sent me to bring good news to the oppressed. Alleluia.

## Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

### **Acts 2.37-47**

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

Death is swallowed up in victory.

All Where, O death, is your sting?

Christ is risen from the dead,

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

All Death is swallowed up in victory.

The trumpet will sound

and the dead shall be raised.

All Where, O death, is your sting?

We shall not all sleep,

but we shall be changed.

All Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your sting?

from 1 Corinthians 15

### **Gospel Cantic**

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is normally said,  
or [The Song of Christ's Glory \(page 619\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

All You did not choose me but I chose you  
and I appointed you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that shall last. Alleluia.

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, â€¦  
who has come to his people and set them free.

2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, â€¦  
born of the house of his servant David.

3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old â€¦  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us,

4 To show mercy to our ancestors, â€¦  
and to remember his holy covenant.

5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: â€¦  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6 Free to worship him without fear, â€¦  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.

7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, â€¦  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8 To give his people knowledge of salvation â€¦  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9 In the tender compassion of our God â€¦  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, â€¦  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

All Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;



as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Refrain:

All You did not choose me but I chose you  
and I appointed you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that shall last. Alleluia.

## Prayers

Intercessions are offered

Â¶ for the day and its tasks

Â¶ for the world and its needs

Â¶ for the Church and her life

Prayers may include the following concerns from the [cycle on pages 364-365](#)

Â¶ The people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord

Â¶ God's creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care

Â¶ Those in despair and darkness, that they may find the hope and light of Christ

Â¶ Those in fear of death, that they may find faith through the resurrection

Â¶ Prisoners and captives

A form of prayer found [on page 382](#) may be used.

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer

(or)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

Almighty God,

who in the place of the traitor Judas

chose your faithful servant Matthias

to be of the number of the Twelve:

preserve your Church from false apostles

and, by the ministry of faithful pastors and teachers,  
keep us steadfast in your truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we 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.

Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.

Amen.

(or)

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## The Conclusion

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.  
AllAmen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
AllThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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