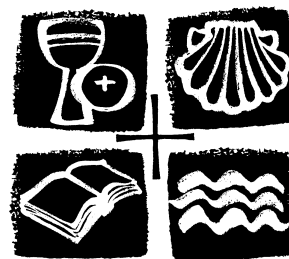




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**The Feast of St. Matthew (tr.) and  
 The Seventeenth Sunday  
 after Pentecost  
 Proper 21**

**September 27, 2020**



**A Liturgy of Mission and  
 Morning Prayer**

*Officiant* Holy God, you have called for yourself a people.

*People* **Fill us with your presence, affirm us with your love.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.  
 O God, the source of all beginnings: we thank you for bringing us to this new day.

*Officiant* **Send us your Spirit as we continue our journey as the people of St. Matthew. Equip us to proclaim the Good News of Jesus, defend us from all evil, and give us grace to live together in peace and common prayer. In your power, may we be a holy community that transforms the world around us.**

*Leader* All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**A Reading from Matthew** (9:9-13)

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

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**A Litany for the Mission of the Church**

Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,

**Have mercy on us.**

Jesus the Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father,

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God,

**Have mercy on us.**

Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,

**Have mercy on us.**

From blind hearts and petty spirits, that refuse to see the need of all humankind for your love,

**Savior, deliver us.**

From pride, self-sufficiency and the unwillingness to admit our own need of your compassion,

**Savior, deliver us.**

From discouragement in the face of pain and

disappointment, and from lack of persistence and thoroughness,

**Savior, deliver us.**

From ignorance, apathy, and complacency that prevent us from spreading the Gospel,

**Savior, deliver us.**

O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry. Inspire our minds with a vision of your kingdom in this time and place.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our lips, that we may tell in every tongue and dialect the wonderful works of God.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our hearts, that we may discern the mission to which you call us.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our feet, that we may take your Good News into our neighborhood, our wider community, and all parts of the world.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our hands, that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Strengthen and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous and unresponsive places.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

*Officiant*

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Celebration Hymn**

Bind us together

*Chorus*

Bind us together, Lord  
Bind us together  
With cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord  
Bind us together,  
Bind us together with love.

There is only one Lord,  
There is only one King.  
There is only one Body.  
That is why we sing.

*(Repeat Chorus)*

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*Officiant*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Officiant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Officiant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

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.**

**Jubilate** *Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;\* serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; \* he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;\* give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

**For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;\* and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**Psalm 25:1-8**

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \* let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame; \* let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*and teach me your paths.

4 **Lead me in your truth and teach me, \* for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \* for they are from everlasting.

6 **Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \* remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \* therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 **He guides the humble in doing right \* and teaches his way to the lowly.**

*Officiant and People*

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.**

**A Reading from Ezekiel** (18:1-4, 25-32)

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 9 – The First Song of Isaiah**

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.

*Officiant and People*

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.**

### **A Reading from Philippians** (2:1-13)

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord  
*People* **Thanks be to God**

### **Canticle 18 – A Song to the Lamb**

Splendor and honor and kingly power\* are yours  
by right, O Lord our God,

**For you created everything that is,\* and by your  
will they were created and have their being;**

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,\* for  
with your blood you have redeemed for God,

**From every family, language, people, and  
nation,\* a kingdom of priests to serve our  
God.**

And so, to him who sits upon the throne,\* and to  
Christ the Lamb,

**Be worship and praise, dominion and  
splendor\* for ever and for evermore.**

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew** (21:23-32)

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **The Sermon**

*Silence for reflection*

Fr. Haynes

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together*

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* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* 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 this day 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.**

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.**

*Officiant*

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Leader*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for the Anglican Communion, especially for the Dioceses of Kiteto - (Tanzania), Kitgum - (Uganda), Kitui - (Kenya), Panama - (Central America), Central Pennsylvania - (The Episcopal Church), Kivu - (Rwanda), Pankshin - (Nigeria), Central Philippines - (Philippines), Panyana - (South Sudan), Central Solomons - (Melanesia), Central Tanganyika - (Tanzania), Central Zambia - (Central Africa), Paraguay - (South America), Central Zimbabwe - (Central Africa), Kobe - (Japan), and the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; our diocese, especially for St. Timothy, Chehalis; St. Peter, Seaview; and for our parish, especially our Peach Pie Buddy Group: Andy & Arren Bartels; Art & Pam Ladley; Bob Wright; Steve Dennett; Jerry Toohey; Francine Dennis; Tammie Corley; Jim & Kresha Warnock; Barbara Shirkofsky and Pamela Nefzger.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our armed forces, their families, and those who are deployed, especially for those we now name;

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We thank you for all the blessings of this life, especially for those we now name.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for those on our prayer list and those in our hearts, praying especially for Lyn, Areewa, Brenda, Marisa, Sandy, Paulette, Erica, Rico, Steven, David, Hollie, Christine, Theresa, Beth, Justin, Saray, Julianne, Jessica, Antonette, Ryan, Jackie, Bill & Paula, Janis, Leif, Kari, Kathryn, Deb, Mike, Judy, Elizabeth, Melaine, Dorothy, Alisande, Jenny, Peggy, Gordon, and for those we now name;

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled. We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Officiant*

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries**

*After the Offering is collected and placed upon the altar, the following is sung*

### **Song of Praise Hymn #380 vs. 3** *Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **The General Thanksgiving**

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 our selves 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.**

### **The Blessing**

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **St. Matthew Mission Statement**

**To be a church that passionately embraces and values all people, growing in the love of Christ through word and action.**

*Officiant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**