

5.30pm Tuesday 14 May 2024 APOSTLE CHORAL EUCHARIST



WELCOME

MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

After the betrayal of Jesus by Judas Iscariot, the apostles brought their number back to twelve by choosing Matthias to replace him. He was chosen by lot from amongst the disciples. The point of being chosen by lot, rather than by some democratic method, indicated the election or choosing by God, rather than by mortals.

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PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICE

We sing the hymns and the responses and say together the words in **bold** type. Although posture is suggested please do whatever is most comfortable for you.

MASS SETTING

Mass for five voices William Byrd (c1540-1623)



Stand THE GATHERING



Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil, and see the saints above, how great their joys, how bright their glories be.

Once they were mourning here below, their couch was wet with tears; they wrestled hard, as we do now, with sins and doubts and fears.

We ask them whence their victory came: they, with united breath, ascribe the conquest to the Lamb, their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod, his zeal inspired their breast, and, following their incarnate God, possess the promised rest.

Our glorious Leader claims our praise for his own pattern given; while the long cloud of witnesses show the same path to heaven.

> Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: CP 216 tune ii San Rocco, Derek Williams (b. 1945)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, Alleluia.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Jesus said to his apostles, 'You are my friends if you obey my commands.' Let us now confess our disobedience to God.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis. Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris: qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostrum; qui sedes ad dexteram Patris: miserere nobis. Ouoniam tu solus sanctus: tu solus Dominus; tu solus Altissimus. Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in Gloria Dei Patris, Amen.

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you. We give thanks to you for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King. God the Father almighty. Only Son of the Father, Jesus Christ. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us; who takes away the sin of the world, receive our prayer; who sits at the right hand of the Father: have mercy upon us. For you alone are holy; you alone are the Lord; you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

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 our Lord. **Amen.**

Sit THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT Acts 1.15-end

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) 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 throughout 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.

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Stand GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING John 15.9-17

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



Jesus said to his 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. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'



Sit **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Encouraged by our fellowship with all the saints, let us make our prayers to the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father, your Son called people to leave the past behind them and to follow him as his disciples in the way of the cross.

Look with mercy upon those whom he calls today, marks with the cross and makes his disciples within the Church.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your Son called all those who obeyed him his brother and sister and mother. Look with mercy upon our families and our friends and upon the communities in which we share.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your Son sent out disciples to preach and heal the sick. Look with mercy on all those who yearn to hear the good news of salvation, and renew among your people the gifts of healing. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your Son promised to those who followed him that they would share the banquet of the kingdom. According to your promise, look with mercy on those who have walked with Christ in this life and now have passed through death. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Almighty God, grant that your Church may faithfully hold and make known the faith that has come to us through the apostles, that with them and all your saints we may inherit the glories of eternal life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Stand THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE



For all the saints, who from their labours rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness, their one true light. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

O blest communion, fellowship divine! we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; all are one in thee, for all are thine. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array: the King of glory passes on his way. *Alleluia, alleluia.* From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost *Alleluia, alleluia.*

> Text: W. Walsham How (1823-1897) Music: CP 232 (verses 3 and 5 omitted) Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Blessed be God, who feeds the hungry, who raises the poor, who fills our praise. Blessed be God for ever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. And now we give you thanks because your Son Jesus Christ after his resurrection sent forth his apostles and evangelists to preach the gospel to all nations and to teach us the way of truth.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

Hosanna in excelsis.

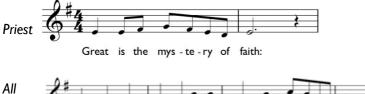
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.

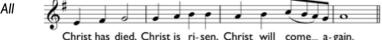
Hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.





Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:



Sit THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Jesus says, I am the bread of life, whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All who are communicants are welcome to receive the bread and wine. There is no obligation to drink from the common cup. However, please do not dip your wafer in the wine. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your hands at your sides. Gluten-free bread is available.

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei,	Lamb of God,
qui tollis peccata mundi,	who takes away the sin of the world,
miserere nobis.	have mercy on us.
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miserere nobis.	have mercy on us.
Agnus Dei,	Lamb of God,
qui tollis peccata mundi,	who takes away the sin of the world,
dona nobis pacem.	grant us peace.

ANTHEM

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you for ever: even the spirit of truth. And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

> Words: John 14 vv.15-18 Music: Philip Wilby (b.1949)

Stand PRAYER AFTER 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. **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with Matthias and all the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Praeludium in G minor (BuxWV 149) Dieterich Buxtehude (c.1637-1707)

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