



Election of the Apostle Matthias by the Eleven from the Rabbula Gospels (completed in the year 586 at Monastery of St. John of Zagba in Syria), Florence [Italy], Biblioteca Mediceo Laurenziana.

*The Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024 — 9:00 am*

Christ Church

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II, Prayer C
May 12, 2024 — 9:00 A.M.

Prelude *“Andante Festivo”*

J. Sibelius

Processional Hymn 214 *“Hail the day that sees him rise”*

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant : Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

Celebrant : Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Gloria S-280 *“Glory to God in the highest”*

The Collect of the Day --

Celebrant : The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant : Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

A Reading (Lesson) from Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) 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. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Anthem "*Savior, Blessed Savior*"

J. Althouse

Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

1. Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
***nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!***
2. Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
3. They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
4. It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
5. Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
6. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

A Reading (Lesson) from 1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

The Gospel Hymn 215 “See The Conquerer Mounts In Triumph”

Then, all standing, the Deacon:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

John 17:1-19

People: ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have

my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon The Rev. Leslie Mazzacano, *Deacon*

The Nicene Creed (*Sung to the tune of Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing 686 or Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 657*)

We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan,
earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began.

Jesus infant born of Mary He grew up in Galilee.

From the water with John the Baptist, He began his ministry.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead.,

We believe in Jesus risen, heaven’s king to rule and reign,
to the Father’s side ascended. till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above;
saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.

So by faith, our sins forgiven,. Christ our Savior,

Lord and friend. we shall rise with him in glory.

to the life that knows no end.

Prayers of the People for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

Presider: Not belonging to the world, we intercede for the world. Let us offer prayers to God for all persons everywhere, to protect them from the evil one.

Leader: For this holy gathering and all who enter our circle of faith.
Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the whole world and all the churches of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For our leaders, Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sally, our Bishop, Don our Priest, Leslie our Deacon, and for all the holy people of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all nations leaders, especially Joseph, the President of the United States, Phillip the Governor of New Jersey and peace in the world.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For this town and the community around us.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all in any pain and all who sorrow, especially *Ruth, Sharon, Donna, Cheryl, Carol, Jeanette, Susan, Lynn, Jane, Cynthia, Katie, Kelly, Eileen, Doris, Sean, Arlene, Barry, Joan, Mel, Carol, Pat, Paul, David, Stephanie, Natalie, Shannon, Sylvia, Ted, and Alice.*

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the dying and the dead, especially, *Katie Bednarek, Joyce Morozin, and William & Florence Cameron.*

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Lifting our voices with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord.***

Presider: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who sent your Son into the world. Hear our prayers for all your creation and sanctify us in the truth of your word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Peace (*All stand.*)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Offertory Hymn “For All The Faithful Women”

See insert

The Doxology (*Hymnal 380 Verse 3*)

*All: Praise God of whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above the heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen*

The Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer C

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant : The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant : Lift up your hearts.

People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant : Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: ***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy Holy, Holy Lord (*Hymnal S-130*)

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

Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of

coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

(spoken)

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation

Communion Anthem “*Wonderful, Merciful Savior*” Rogers

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,

*to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory,
now and for ever. Amen.*

Birthday Blessings

Anniversary Blessings

Announcements

Final Blessing

Recessional Hymn LEVAS 60 “*How Great Thou Art*”

The Deacon, dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Alleluia, Alleluia

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia

Organ Postlude “*Improvisation*”

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THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR TODAY are in memory of
Katie Bednarek, In remembrance of the 10h anniversary of Prom
Queen, By Joe, Denise & Joseph Bednarek, and in honor of
Robert Bindert’s birthday, by Judy Lewis

THE CHAPEL SANCTUARY LIGHT is lit in memory of
Joyce Morozin, by the Thursday Morning Study Group, and
in memory of *William & Florence Cameron*
by The Rev. Canon Dr. Alan K. Salmon

Participating in the 9am. Service

Musicians include: Susan Engel, Helen Mack, Hank Mamet

Lector: Fred Hill

Acolyte: Mary Shea, Jeff Mack, Shea Gulbin, Christian Gulbin

Ushers: Roger King, Fred Hill *Videographer:* Mike Kinsler

Altar Guild: Fred & Doreen Hill, Roger & Pat King

Counters: Paul Stevens, Fred Hill

MEDITATION GROUP meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 2:30 p.m. in the Parish House parlor. All are welcome- contact Mel Caron at melanieannecaron@gmail.com.

MID-WEEK SERVICE A celebration of the Eucharist is held every Wednesday at 10:00. It includes special mention of the persons on the parish prayer list and asks for God's healing for the world. The Service lasts about 45 minutes, with a conversation on the Person and scriptures of the day. *There will not be a service this week.*

THURSDAY STUDY GROUP will continue, Thursday, May 16th at 10 a.m. in the Parish Parlor. Our study title is "FIRST LIGHT; JESUS AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD". This is a study of the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God with John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg, two of the world's leading Jesus scholars on location throughout the Galilee and Jerusalem. The title of the first session is "The Matrix of Jesus."

MEN'S GROUP. We will meet for about an hour every first and third Saturday of each month @ 9:00 am, and we will talk about the things that are important for a man's spiritual life. It's an opportunity to deepen relationships with other men of the parish, too.

MINISTRY TO RIVERVIEW ESTATES - On the first and third Sunday of each month, at 3:00 pm Christ Church leads a Communion service for the residents. Members of the parish are welcome to help the participants beginning at 2:45.

FISHES AND LOAVES MINISTRY May 21st, Noon to 2pm
Join us for a free Lunch and Fellowship, all are invited and welcome, Bring a friend, Chair lift is available, No charge, but donations are welcome

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