



Diocesan Synod

A Service of the Word

The Feast of St Matthias, Apostle

14th May 2022

10.00am

ORDER OF SERVICE

Members of the congregation are invited to join in the texts printed in bold.

Stand to sing the PROCESSIONAL HYMN.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! all the Saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and Seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wast, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth,
and sky, and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity. Amen.

PREPARATION

The Bishop says

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

There is one body and one spirit.
There is one hope to which we were called;

One Lord, one faith, one baptism.
One God and Father of all.

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

The Bishop introduces the service.

Prayers of Penitence

You were sent to preach the good news of light
in the darkness of the world:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You were sent to plant in our hearts the seed of eternal life:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You were sent to reconcile us to yourself
by the shedding of your blood:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God,

Who forgives all who truly repent,

have mercy on 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

The Collect

The Bishop says

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. **Amen.**

Sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Psalmody

Psalm 16

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

Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,
all my good depends on you.'

**All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble in heart.**

Though the idols are legion that many run after,
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,
neither make mention of their names upon my lips.

**The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;
in your hands alone is my fortune.**

My share has fallen in a fair land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

**I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel,
and in the night watches he instructs my heart.**

I have set the Lord always before me;
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

**Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;
my flesh also shall rest secure.**

For you will not abandon my soul to Death,
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
**You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

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

New Testament Reading

Acts 2.37-end

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Prayers

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 men and women 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 told his disciples not to be afraid and at Easter
breathed on them his gift of peace. Look with mercy upon the
world into which he sent them out, and give it that peace for
which it longs...

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your Son formed around him a company who were no longer
servants but friends, and he 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
Sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel and 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.

The Lord's Prayer

As Jesus taught us, so we pray:
**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 Blessing

The Bishop says

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations,
bring you, with 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.**

The Dismissal

The Bishop says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood
Which did in Adam fall,
Should strive afresh against their foe,
Should strive and should prevail;

And that a higher gift than grace
Should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very Self,
And Essence all-divine.

O generous love! that he who smote
In Man for man the foe,
The double agony in Man
For man should undergo;

And in the garden secretly,
And on the Cross on high,
Should teach his brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.