

MORNING PRAYER

ST. MATTHEW'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

A SONNET FOR SAINT MATTHEW'S DAY BY MALCOLM GUIE

First of the four, saint Matthew is the Man;
A gospel that begins with generation,
Family lines entwine around the Son
Born in Judea, born for every nation
Born under Law that all the Law of Moses
Might be fulfilled and flower into Grace
As every word and deed in time discloses
Eternal love within a human face.

This is the gospel of the great reversal
A wayside weed is Solomon in glory
The smallest sparrow's fall is universal
And Christ the heart of every human story
'I will be with you, though you may not see
And all you do, you do it unto me'

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.***

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

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

V: Lord, open our lips.

R: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

***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.***

Alleluia

THE VENITE

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

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Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

***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.***

THE PSALMS APPOINTED:

Psalm 93 *Dominus regnavit*

- ¹ The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; *
the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.
- ² ***He has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;***
- ³ Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.
- ⁴ ***The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.***

- ⁵ Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.
- ⁶ ***Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.***

Psalm 96 *Cantate Domino*

- ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- ² ***Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.***
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- ⁴ ***For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.***
- ⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- ⁶ ***Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!***
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- ⁸ ***Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.***
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- ¹⁰ ***Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with
equity."***
- ¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- ¹² ***Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.***
- ¹³ He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

***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.***

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM PROVERBS 3:1-6

My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments;
for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you.

Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them round your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.

So you will find favour and good repute in the sight of God and of people.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 16: The Song of Zechariah Benedictus Dominus Deus

Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

***He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.***

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

***He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.***

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

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

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

***To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.***

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

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

***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 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN #281: "HE SAT TO WATCH O'ER CUSTOMS PAID"

1 He sat to watch o'er cus - toms paid, a
 2 But grace with - in his heart had stirred, there
 3 E - nough, when thou wast pass - ing by, to
 4 O wise ex - change! with these to part, and

man of scorned and hard - ening trade, a - like the sym - bol
 need - ed but the time - ly word; it came, true Lord of
 hear thy voice, to meet thine eye; he rose, re - spon - sive
 lay up trea - sures in the heart; let them of Mat - thew's

and the tool of for - eign mas - ter's hat - ed rule.
 souls, from thee, that roy - al sum - mons, "Fol - low me."
 to the call, and left his task, his gains, his all.
 wealth par - take, who yield up all for Je - sus' sake.

Words: William Bright (1824-1901), alt. Music: Breslau, melody from *Lochamer Gesangbuch*, 1450?, alt.; harm. after Felix Mendelssohn (1804-1847)

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF 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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Lisa Frost-Phillips

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

V: The Lord be with you.

R: ***And also with you.***

Let us pray.

Our Father, ***who art in heaven
hallowed by 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***

COLLECT FOR ST. MATTHEW

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.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 Justin the Archbishop of

Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sam and Anne our Bishops with all bishops, priests, and deacons. We pray for churches in our Diocese especially: St. John's, Wake Forest; Christ Church, Walnut Cove; and Emmanuel, Warrenton. We also pray for Pastor Holman and Dickerson Chapel AME.

Silence

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 President, our Congress, and our State Government. We pray for the Board of Elections personnel and poll workers during this voting cycle and for an easing of violence and for the spirit of peace to prevail. We pray for Justice United and Durham CAN.

Silence

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. We pray for the Eno River Association and for the communities threatened by wild fires on the west coast and storms on our Gulf coast.

Silence

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 pray for the poor, marginalized, and vulnerable in Orange County. We pray for inmates, first responders, and healthcare workers. We pray for educators, students, and parents of school-aged children.

Silence

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 in our parish family, especially: Jackie, Mildred, Katherine, Lois, Tom, Molly, Jim, Rowen & Jan, Bob, Ann, Anne, Daisy, Tom, Champe, Keyon, Bob, Andy & Barrie, Joseph, Patrick, Laura, John & Sherri, Sandra, and Jodie.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

CLOSING HYMN: "BY ALL YOUR SAINTS STILL STRIVING"



1. By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest, your
 2. We praise you, Lord, for Mat - thew, whose gos - pel words de - clare that,
 3. Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor - ship God the Son and



ho - ly Name, O Je - sus for ev - er more be blessed. You
 world - ly gain for - sak - ing, your path of life we share. From
 sing to God the Spi - rit, e - ter - nal Three in One, till



rose, our King vic - to - rious, that they might wear the crown and
 all un - right - eous mam - mon, O raise your eyes a - new, that
 all the ran - somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne a -



ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect - ed from your throne.
 we, what - e'er our sta - tion may rise and fol - low you.
 scribe all power and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

Words: Horatio Bolton Nelson (1823-1913); ver. *Hymnal 1982*

Music: NYLAND, Finnish folk melody; adapt. David Evans (1874-1948)

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13:14

VESTRY CAMEO: CONRAD FULKERSON

SUNDAY FORUM

ZOOM PHOTO SESSIONS

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

CALENDAR

Sunday Morning Gathering (Worship Zoom): 6/20

9:00 Gathering on Zoom

9:10 Silence & Music

9:15 Morning Prayer

10:15 Children's Programming (Learn Zoom) and Sunday Forum (Worship Zoom)

11:15 Parish Directory Photo Sessions

11:15 Agape Bread pick-up

1:30pm Robin Arcus small house van viewing (til 3:30pm)

6:00pm Agape Service (Worship Zoom)

Compline (Worship Zoom): Every weeknight Monday-Friday, 8:30pm (9/14-9/18)

Monday (9/21):

- **Ruffin Small Group Reflection (Learn Zoom);** 6:30pm
- **Education for Ministry:** 6:30pm

Tuesday (9/22):

- **Morning Silence (Worship Zoom);** 7:30am Gathering for Silent Meditation
- **Tuesday Tea (Meeting Zoom);** 4:00pm Time of Fellowship and Sharing. Lisa+ hosting.
- **Ruffin Small Group Reflection (Learn Zoom);** 6:30pm
- ***Selma* Movie Discussion (Meeting Zoom);** 7:30 p.m. Hosted by the Racial Justice and Reconciliation Committee

Wednesday (9/23):

- **Morning Prayer (Worship Zoom);** 8am
- **Staff Meeting (Meeting Zoom);** 10am
- **Ruffin Small Group Reflection (Learn Zoom);** 11:00am
- **For Those Who Live Alone (Meeting Zoom);** 5pm / Margaret Brill hosting
- **Choir (Meeting Zoom);** 7pm / David Arcus hosting

Thursday (9/24):

- **Ruffin Small Group Reflection (Learn Zoom);** 6:30pm
- **Adult Bible Study;** 7:30pm led by Charles Thomas and Jack Troxell (contact Hugh Tilson for Zoom link)

Friday (9/25):

- **Morning Prayer (Worship Zoom);** 8am
- **Awareness Through Movement (Meeting Zoom);** 9:30am, led by Betty Wolfe
- **Hugh Tilson's Small Bible Study Group:** 10:00am
- **Ruffin Small Group Reflection (Learn Zoom);** 3:30pm

VESTRY CAMEO

Today we continue our monthly “vestry cameos.” Immediately following our service of Morning Prayer, Conrad Fulkerson will introduce himself and speaks briefly about his work on the vestry. Conrad is the Liaison for Faith and Arts.

THE 2020 FALL PARISH DIRECTORY

This month we begin our annual process of updating the parish directory. Have you moved? Dropped your land line? Changed your email address? If any of your contact information has changed in the last year, please send me an email (welcome@stmatthewshillsborough.org) or call the church office (919-732-9308).

If you are new to the parish and want to be included, please send me your name, address, phone numbers, and email address. Thanks for your help!!

Get your picture taken to update the pictorial section of the Directory. There will be a zoom photo session following the Sunday Forum, this Sunday. Or, you could send me a recent picture as long as it is in jpg format.

--Mary Rocap

MINIATURE LIVING VAN VIEWING AT 1:30PM IN THE LOWER PARKING LOT

Robin Arcus has connected up with Homes on Wheels Alliance (HOWA) a non-profit organization outfitting and donating minivans for nomads in need. With a critical shortage of affordable and senior housing, this collective of hearty souls is making van life a respectable living choice. She bought a 2003 Honda Odyssey and in July she and David stripped the inside and rebuilt it. In October they will deliver the van to Pahrump, Nevada, to its HOWA recipient. A live-stream YouTube broadcast of that event is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14 (YouTube Channel: Cheap RV Living). To see the van, Robin will be in the lower lot this Sunday, September from 1:30-3:30pm. Drop by for a masked and socially distanced free tour. Prayers for traveling mercies welcome! See www.HomesOnWheelsAlliance.org for more information about the program.

AGAPE FEAST FOR ST. MATTHEW’S AT 6:00 (WORSHIP ZOOM)

An agape feast or love-feast, is a communal meal shared by Christians. To celebrate the feast of Saint Matthew we are having a virtual agape feast. Kendall Vanderslice, a baker in Durham with a ministry of hosting agape feasts, is going to make the bread and officiate at our virtual love feast. The bread will be available for pick-up in the Ruffin House foyer beginning at 11:15 on Sunday. Even if you didn’t order the bread you can still share in the virtual feast by joining in on zoom.

RACIAL JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE MOVIE DISCUSSION

RJRC will be hosting a discussion, led by Robb Smiley, of the movie *Selma* on Tuesday at 7:30 on the Zoom Meeting Channel. Please join us. The movie is based on the 1965 Selma to Montgomery voting rights marches initiated and directed by James Bevel and led by Martin Luther King Jr., Hosea Williams, and John Lewis.

ORANGE CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION BEEF STEW UPDATE

Providing Beef Stew to Orange Congregations in Mission Food’s Pantry is a commitment St. Matthew’s has made and kept for years now. If each of us brings a can or two, we’ll meet the monthly goal of 175 cans. So far we already have 167 cans; not many to go. You can bring your donated cans by the church anytime. Drop them in the basket under the alcove of the Hayden Building or leave them by one of the doors. Remember, it doesn’t hurt to go over our goal!!

SAINT JOSEPH'S, DURHAM ASKS FOR OUR HELP FOR "MINORITY OWNED AND OPERATED BUSINESSES IN NORTH CAROLINA"

As part of conversations on anti-racism and efforts we can take to support businesses owned and operated by minorities, St. Joseph's, Durham is working on a list of these businesses with an eye toward circulating it among faith based communities in our convocation. It is hoped that whenever possible, folks will use the services of minority owned businesses. We will make every effort to vet and keep the list updated. If you have additions to make to this list, please send the name of the business, name of owner and contact (street address, email and telephone) information to: The Rev. Dr. Monnie Riggin (monnie.riggin@gmail.com). Thanks so much!"

FORWARD DAY BY DAY DEVOTIONALS

These booklets (\$1), issued quarterly, offer opportunity for daily reflection on the Christian life. The current booklet runs for August, September, and October. They are on the table of the Ruffin House foyer if you want to stop by some morning or you can let the church office know and one can be mailed to you.

ORANGE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

OC's Department of Social Services is having a free food distribution this the month from 9-11am on Thursday, September 24th at Carrboro High School. Just drive up and open the trunk and the volunteers will do the rest.

PRAYER RESOURCES

- Lectionary Readings for this Sunday, September 20 (St. Matthew's Day):

<https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC/HolyDays/Matthew.html>

- [Buddhist Loving Kindness Meditation adapted by Robert+ for his Julian Classes.](#)

I share this following Dr. Vera Shanley's offering of Loving Kindness meditation at the Tuesday meditation group

- [Very simple ways of praying with Scripture](#) offered by the Jesuits. Great to use with the Easter Gospels and with the lectionary readings for the week!

- [A very simple way of reflecting on your day before God, called the Daily Examen](#), also offered by the Jesuits. This is extraordinarily helpful in finding direction and meaning in disrupted times.

- [Diocesan resources and materials including the Diocesan Guidelines.](#)

PRAYER LIST

We pray for all who are sick, or in any need or trouble, remembering especially the following members of our parish family: Jackie Fredericks, Mildred Pruessing, Katherine Nelson, Lois Horn, Tom Vail, Molly Zaragoza, Jim Fesperman, Rowen & Jan Grant, Bob Morgan, Ann Burdette, Anne Weaver, Daisy Huffman, Tom Sinn, Champe Davis, Keyon Hutson, Bob Snyder, Andy & Barrie Wallace, Joseph Riddick, Patrick Craft, Laura Middlebrooks, John & Sherri Ingersoll, and Sandra Poffenbarger.

And these others for whom our prayers are desired: Melanie Maupin, Betsy Zaragoza, Gene & Lillian Thompson, Derek Kendall, Harry Dula, Mathew Thomas, Arnold Thomas, Gail Clifford, Dorothy Garton, Erin Vaughan, Bob Caldwell, Baylor Pisano, John Charton, Lucy Gradowski, Ken Foland, Savannah Fonvielle, Colleen Paisley, Ben Mueller, Richard Haase, Linda Saterfield, Chip

Joyner, John Logan, the Spurlocks, the Tuckers, John Thompson, Anna Lawrence & Dan Bass, Fred Edoughs, Timothy, Gogi, Bob, Laura Merrill, Jeannine Beardslee, Brooke Harnisch & Dan Roberts, Amy, Evelyne Accad, Amalia, Maddie Powers, Joe & Pat McDonald, and Allie.

We pray for all doctors and nurses, service workers, inmates, and the unemployed. We pray for educators, students, and parents of school-aged children. We pray for the Board of Elections personnel and poll workers during this voting cycle.