



✠ Holy Eucharist ✠

Feast of St. Matthew Sunday (Observed)

– September 20, 2020 –

11:00 a.m.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Tocatta from Triptych (by Ian Hare)

Opening Hymn #631

Book of Books, Our People's Strength

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Christ, our Lord. **AMEN.**

Gloria In Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, 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 of the Day

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.

"A reading from the Book of Proverbs"

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 favor 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."**

"Psalm 119 is appointed for today."

PSALM 119:33-40

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end. ³⁴ **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; I shall keep it with all my heart.** ³⁵ Make me go in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire. ³⁶ **Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.** ³⁷ Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; give me life in your ways. ³⁸ **Fulfill your promise to your servant, which you make to those who fear you.** ³⁹ Turn away the reproach which I dread, because your judgments are good. ⁴⁰ **Behold, I long for your commandments; in your righteousness preserve my life.**

"A Reading from the Second Letter of Timothy."

2Timothy 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."

Gradual Hymn #281 He Sat to Watch o'er Customs Paid

Matthew 9:9-13

"The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew."

"Glory to you Lord Christ."

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 Gospel of the Lord."* **"Praise to you Lord Christ."**

Sermon

The Interim Rector & Fr. Robert Matheus

"And now let us join together in reaffirming our faith as stated in the Nicene Creed."

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "*LORD, HAVE MERCY.*" For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the cities of Fort Lauderdale and Oakland Park, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. Mark and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence & The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Hasten, O God, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we and all thy servants, walking in new life and in the eternal fellowship of thy Holy Spirit, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty, even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *AMEN.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Confession & Absolution

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 you, forgive you all your 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 Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory Response 380 *Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to our Lord God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For you have built your Church to stand firm on apostolic foundations, to be a lasting sign of your holiness on earth and offer all humanity your heavenly teaching. And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending hymn of praise:

Sanctus

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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word

spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”** Therefore, according to his command, O God, **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.** And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

The Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever. AMEN.

THE BLESSING

Closing Hymn #632 *O Christ, the Word Incarnate*

Postlude *Fanfare (by John Cook)*

OUR WORSHIP IS OVER, OUR SERVICE BEGINS

** In the spirit of Jesus Christ this church extends a cordial welcome to all persons regardless of age, economic or marital status, gender or sexual orientation.*

INTER RECTOR BOX

If you need to be in touch with Fr. Johan – his cell phone (212) 534-4810 or email Jjohnson@saintmarks.com

Fr. J also has “SANCTUARY HOURS” – you can find in the church weekday mornings (Monday through Thursday) from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

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REST IN PEACE

RICHARD NOLAN
1937 – 2020

**Retired Episcopal priest and Professor, originally from Connecticut who was living with his husband in John Knox Village. A private prayer service will be conducted in the near future by the Interim Rector and his surviving spouse, Bob Pingpak.*

CHURCH NOTES

CHURCH DONATIONS

If you are a first-time visitor or pledging member (OR somewhere in between) please consider making a financial donation to help maintain our ministry and presence in your life. You can donate on our website

<http://saintmarksftl.com/annual-giving/> mailing a check to: 1750 East Oakland Park Boulevard Fort Lauderdale,

FL 33334 OR by leaving your donation in our offertory plate. We understand what a stressful economic time we are all experiencing, but we are sure you will do your best for your church.

CHURCH & MEMORIAL GARDEN OPEN DAILY

St. Mark's is open Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; Saturday from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, from 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

WELCOME FR. ROB FROM OHIO – FOR A STREAMING DIALOGUE

Today the Interim Rector and Fr. Rob will be *attempting* a dialogue sermon that will be broadcast both online to our streaming congregants, as well as our congregants gathered here in the sanctuary.

ABOUT ST. MATTHEW

Not a great deal is known about St. Matthew, except that he was the son of Alpheus, and he was likely born in Galilee. He worked as a tax collector, which was a hated profession during the time of Christ. According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Christ came to him and asked, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ. The Gospel account of Matthew tells the same story as that found in the other three Gospels, and scholars believe it is the oldest of the four Gospels in the Second Testament. Matthew was a tax collector and is therefore the patron saint of bankers. The Church established St. Matthew's feast day as September 21.

JOYS & CONCERNS

James Carroll	Gail Cuthbertson	Riley Dew	Nancy Carter
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MONDAY EVENING ZOOM BIBLE STUDY - RENEW YOURSELF IN GOD'S WORD

Zoom Bible discussion Monday at 7:00 p.m. The link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8516509108>. Dr. Norm Carroll will lead the gathering, in easy-to-understand language.

TRUE FUND SUNDAY

Historically St. Mark's takes up a second goodwill offering on every third Sunday of the month designated for those in need. Thank you for your support and interest. There will be a report to the congregation on the applications and numbers of people we have helped. The TRUE FUND Committee that considers applications consists of: Lillie Griffin, Christy Hatzfeld, Doug Reynolds and Yuly Van Brakel. Please give as you are able and clearly mark what is earmarked for the TRUE FUND.

MOMMY'S MORNING OUT – NOW OPEN!

Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please contact Francia Willberg, MMO Director at franciawillberg@yahoo.com.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN PICKLEBALL?

St. Mark's now has two pickleball courts, and we are gauging your interest in coming to play Pickleball. A gathering is planned for this Saturday (September 26) at 6:15 p.m. following Evening Prayer.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK FROM ST. MARK'S

SATURDAY (September 26th) @ 5:30 p.m.: You are invited to an Evening Prayer service, which will also be livestreamed from the sanctuary – Fr. J. will officiate. Lancelot Andrewes Scripture: Isaiah 11:1–5 7 Luke 11:1–4.

SUNDAY (September 27th): Dr. Norm Carroll will preach and Fr. Johan will celebrate. Pentecost 17 Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13 & Matthew 21:23-32.