

SUNDAY

21 Sept 2025 Saint Matthew,
Apostle & Evangelist

COLLECT

O almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew
the tax collector to be an apostle and
evangelist:

give us grace to forsake the selfish
pursuit of gain

and the possessive love of riches
that we may follow in the way of
your Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Proverbs 3.13-18 *A reading from the
book of Proverbs*

Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding,
for her income is better than silver,
and her revenue better than gold.
She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare
with her.

Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honour.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
She is a tree of life to those who lay
hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called
happy.

PSALM 22.23-28

R: Lead me, O Lord in the path of
your commandments.

You have dealt well with your
servant, O LORD, according to your
word. R

Teach me good judgment and
knowledge, for I believe in your
commandments. R

Before I was humbled I went astray,
but now I keep your word. R

You are good and do good; teach me
your statutes. R

The arrogant smear me with lies, but
with my whole heart I keep your
precepts. R

Their hearts are fat and gross, but I
delight in your law. R

It is good for me that I was humbled,
so that I might learn your statutes. R

The law of your mouth is better to
me than thousands of gold and silver
pieces. R

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4.1-6 *A reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to The Corinthians*

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

I have called you friends, says the Lord, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 9.9-13

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

POST 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.