

**Live streamed Evening Prayer**  
**Feast of St. Matthew the Evangelist**  
**September 21, 2022**

**Opening Sentence:** Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. Psalm 19:4

**Confession of Sin:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence for a moment)*

**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.**

O God, make speed to save us. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**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.**

**Phos Hilaron:**

O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father's glory shone. Immortal, holy, blest is he, and blest are you, his holy Son. | Now sunset comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God who dwells in the eternal light. | Worthy are you of endless praise, O Son of God, Life-giving Lord; wherefore you are through all the earth and in the highest heaven adored.

**Psalter:**

**Psalms 19 & 112**

The heavens declare the glory of God, \* and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, \* and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, \* and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands, \* and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \* it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; \* nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; \* the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; \* the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; \* the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \* sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, \* and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? \* cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; \* then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, \* O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord \* and have great delight in his commandments!  
Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \* the generation of the upright will be blessed.  
Wealth and riches will be in their house, \* and their righteousness will last for ever.  
Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \* the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.  
It is good for them to be generous in lending \* and to manage their affairs with justice.  
For they will never be shaken; \* the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.  
They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \* their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.  
Their heart is established and will not shrink, \* until they see their desire upon their enemies.  
They have given freely to the poor, \* and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.  
The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \* the desires of the wicked will perish.

**1st Reading:                    Isaiah 8: 11-20**

For the Lord spoke thus to me while his hand was strong upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people, saying: Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what it fears, or be in dread. But the Lord of hosts, him you shall regard as holy; let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. He will become a sanctuary, a stone one strikes against; for both houses of Israel he will become a rock one stumbles over—a trap and a snare for the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble; they shall fall and be broken; they shall be snared and taken. Bind up the testimony, seal the teaching among my disciples. I will wait for the Lord, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in him. See, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion. Now if people say to you, ‘Consult the ghosts and the familiar spirits that chirp and mutter; should not a people consult their gods, the dead on behalf of the living, for teaching and for instruction?’ surely, those who speak like this will have no dawn!

**Canticle:                    The Song of Mary - Luke 1: 46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \* for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \* the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \* in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \* he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \* and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \* and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \* for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers, \* to Abraham and his children for ever.

**2nd Reading:                   Matthew 9: 9-13**

As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, “Follow Me.” So he arose and followed Him. Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, “Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” When Jesus heard that, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”

**Canticle:                    The Song of Simeon - Luke 2: 29-32**

Lord, you now have set your servant free \* to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \* whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations, \* and the glory of your people Israel.

### ***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.

Officiant        The Lord be with you.

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

Officiant        Let us pray.

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.***

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

### ***Collects:***

***for the Feast:*** 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.**

***for our Parishes:*** Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for these parish families. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***for Mission:*** O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Hymn 232*** By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest, your holy Name, O Jesus for evermore be blessed. You rose, our King victorious, that they might wear the crown and ever shine in splendor reflected from your throne. | We praise you, Lord, for Matthew, whose Gospel words declare that, worldly gain forsaking, your path of life we share. From all unrighteous mammon, O raise our eyes anew, that we, whate're our station may rise and follow you. | Then let us praise the Father and worship God the Son and sing to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One, till all the ransomed number who stand before the throne ascribe all power and glory and praise to God alone.

He sat to watch o'er custom paid, a man of scorned and hardening trade, alike the symbol and the tool of foreign master's hated rule. But grace within his heart had stirred, there needed but the timely word; it came, true Lord of souls, from thee, that royal summons, 'Follow me.' Enough, when thou wast passing by, to hear thy voice, to meet thine eye; he rose, responsive to the call, and left his task, his gains, his all. O wise exchange! with these to part, and lay up treasures in the heart; let them of Matthew's wealth partake, who yield up all for Jesus' sake.

***Intercessions:***

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. Amen.

***General Thanksgiving:***

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

***Blessing:*** 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.