

24th (in leap years 25th) February

St Matthias

Apostle

St Matthias, one of the Disciples, was chosen as Apostle in the place of Judas Iscariot. He is the only Apostle buried North of the Alps, in Trier, one of the centres of Constantine's empire. The date of his feast moves in leap years due to the ancient Roman calendar, in which the additional day was not inserted after February 28, as in our reckoning, but on February 24 (the so-called dies bi-sextilis), so that all following feasts are moved by one day.

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INTROIT: Ps. 138:17

Mihi autem nimis honorati sunt amici tui, Deus : nimis confortatus est principatus eorum. Ps. *ibid.* 1-2: Domine probasti me, et cognovisti me : tu cognovisti sessionem meam, et resurrectionem meam. ✠ Gloria.

*To me thy friends, O God, are made exceedingly honourable : their principality is exceedingly strengthened. Ps. *ibid.* 1-2: Lord, thou hast proved me, and known me : thou hast known my sitting down and my rising up. ✠ Glory.*

COLLECT

Deus, qui beatum Matthiam Apostolorum tuorum collegio sociasti : tribue, quæsumus; ut ejus interventione tuæ circa nos pietatis semper viscera sentiamus. Per Dominum.

O God, who didst join blessed Matthias to the company of thine Apostles : grant, we beseech thee, that through his mediation we may continually experience the tenderness of thy love. Through our Lord.

LESSON: Acts 1:15-26

Lectio Actuum Apostolorum.

In diebus illis : Exsurgens Petrus in medio fratrum, dixit (erat autem turba hominum simul, fere centum viginti): Viri fratres, oportet impleri Scripturam, quam prædixit Spiritus Sanctus per os David de Juda, qui fuit dux eorum qui comprehenderunt Jesum; qui connumeratus erat in nobis, et sortitus est sortem ministerii hujus. Et hic quidem possedit agrum de mercede iniquitatis, et suspensus crepuit medius : et diffusa sunt omnia viscera ejus. Et notum factum est omnibus habitantibus Jerusalem, ita ut appellaretur ager ille, lingua eorum, Haceldama, hoc est, ager sanguinis. Scriptum est enim in Libro Psalmorum : Fiat commoratio eorum deserta, et non sit qui inhabitet in ea : et

A lesson from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days: Peter rising up in the midst of the brethren said (now the number of persons together was about a hundred and twenty): Men, brethren, the Scripture must needs be fulfilled which the Holy Ghost spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who was the leader of them that apprehended Jesus; who was numbered with us, and obtained part of this ministry. And he indeed hath possessed a field of the reward of iniquity; and, being hanged, burst asunder in the midst; and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the same field was called in their tongue: Haceldama, that is to say: The field of blood. For it is written in the Book of Psalms: Let their habitation become desolate, and let there be none to

episcopatum ejus accipiat alter. Oportet ergo ex his viris, qui nobiscum sunt congregati in omni tempore, quo intravit et exivit inter nos Dominus Jesus, incipiens a baptisate Joannis usque in diem qua assumptus est a nobis, testem resurrectionis ejus nobiscum fieri unum ex istis. Et statuerunt duos, Joseph qui vocabatur Barsabas, qui cognominatus est Justus, et Matthiam. Et orantes dixerunt : Tu, Domine, qui corda nosti omnium, ostende quem elegeris ex his duobus unum, accipere locum ministerii hujus et apostolatus, de quo prævaricatus est Judas, ut abiret in locum suum. Et dederunt sortes eis; et cecidit sors super Matthiam, et annumeratus est cum undecim Apostolis.

GRADUAL: Ps. 138:17-18

Nimis honorati sunt amici tui, Deus : nimis confortatus est principatus eorum. ✠ Dinumerabo eos : et super arenam multiplicabuntur.

dwell therein, and his bishopric let another take. Wherefore of these men who have companied with us, all the time that the Lord Jesus came in and went out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day wherein he was taken up from us, one of these must be made a witness with us of his resurrection. And they appointed two. Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And praying they said: Thou, Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show whether of these two thou hast chosen, to take the place of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas bath by transgression fallen, that he might go to his own place. And they gave them lots, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven Apostles.

Thy friends, O God, are exceedingly honourable : their principality is exceedingly strengthened. ✠ I will number them, and they shall be multiplied above the sand.

TRACT: Ps. 20:3-4

Desiderium animæ ejus tribuisti ei : et voluntate labiorum ejus non fraudasti eum. ✠ Quoniam prævenisti eum in benedictione dulcedinis. ✠ Posuisti super caput ejus coronam de lapide pretioso.

Thou hast given him his soul's desire : and hast not withholden from him the will of his lips. ✠ For thou hast prevented him with blessings of sweetness. ✠ Thou hast set on his head a crown of precious stones.

GOSPEL: Mt. 11:25-30

Sequentia sancti Evangelii secundum Matthæum.

In illo tempore : Respondens Jesus, dixit : Confiteor tibi, Pater, Domine cæli et terræ, quia abscondisti hæc a sapientibus et prudentibus, et revelasti ea parvulis. Ita Pater : quoniam sic fuit placitum ante te. Omnia mihi tradita sunt a Patre meo. Et nemo novit Filium, nisi Pater; neque Patrem quis novit, nisi Filius, et cui voluerit Filius revelare. Venite ad me omnes, qui laboratis, et onerati estis, et ego reficiam vos. Tollite jugum meum super vos, et discite a me, quia mitis sum, et humilis corde : et invenietis requiem animabus vestris. Jugum enim meum suave est, et onus meum leve.

Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St Matthew.

At that time: Jesus answered and said: I confess to thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them to little ones. Yea, Father; for so bath it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered to me by my Father. And no one knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither doth any one know the Father, but the Son, and he to whom it shall please the Son to reveal him. Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you. Take up my yoke upon you, and learn of me, because I am meek and humble of heart; and you shall find rest in your souls. For my yoke is sweet, and my burden light.

OFFERTORY: Ps. 44:17-18, 2, 2-3, 3-4

Constitues eos principes super omnem terram : memores erunt nominis tui, *in omni progenie et generatione. V. Eructavit cor meum verbum bonum : dico ego opera mea Regi. *In omni V. Lingua mea calamus scribæ velociter scribentis. Speciosus forma præ filiis hominum : diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis. *In omni. V. Propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum : accingere gladio tuo circa femur, potentissime. *In omni.

*Thou shalt make them princes over all the earth : they shall remember thy name, O Lord, *in every progeny and generation. V. My heart hath uttered a good word, I speak my works to the king. *In every. V. My tongue is the pen of a scrivener that writeth swiftly. Thou art beautiful above the sons of men : grace is poured abroad in thy lips. *In every. V. Therefore hath God blessed thee for ever : Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O thou most mighty. *In every.*

SECRET

Hostia tibi, Domine, quas nomini tuo sacrandas offerimus, sancti Matthiæ Apostoli tui prosequatur oratio : per quam nos expiari facias, et defendi. Per Dominum.

May the prayer of thy holy Apostle Matthias accompany the offerings we dedicate to thy name, O Lord : and by it let us be both forgiven and protected. Through our Lord.

PREFACE

Of the Apostles

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare : Te, Domine, suppliciter exorare, ut gregem tuum, pastor æterne, non deseras : sed per beatos Apostolos tuos continua protectione custodias. Ut iisdem rectoribus gubernetur, quos operis tui vicarios eidem contulisti præesse pastores. Et ideo cum Angelis et Archangelis, cum Thronis et Dominationibus, cumque omni militia cælestis exercitus, hymnum gloriæ tuæ canimus, sine fine dicentes :

It is truly meet and just, right and salutary, humbly to pray thee, O Lord, the eternal shepherd, to abandon not thy flock; but through thy blessed Apostles to keep a continual watch over it; that it may be governed by those same rulers whom thou didst set over it as shepherds and as thy vicars. And therefore with the Angels and Archangels, with the Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing a hymn to thy glory, evermore saying:

COMMUNION: Mt. 19:28

Vos qui secuti estis me, sedebitis super sedes, judicantes duodecim tribus Israel.

You who have followed me shall sit on seats judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

POST-COMMUNION

Præsta, quæsumus, omnipotens Deus : ut per hæc sancta quæ sumpsimus, interveniente beato Matthia Apostolo tuo, veniam consequamur, et pacem. Per Dominum.

Grant, we beseech thee, almighty God, that through the holy sacrament we have received and the intercession of thy blessed Apostle Matthias we may obtain pardon and peace. Through our Lord.