

Saint Matthias, Apostle

Thursday 14 May 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Jn 15:16

It was not you who chose me, says the Lord, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last (E.T. alleluia).

FIRST READING

Acts 1:15-17. 20-26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The lot fell to Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven Apostles.

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: ‘Brothers, the passage of scripture has to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says:

Let his camp be reduced to ruin, let there be no one to live in it.

And again:

Let someone else take his office.

‘We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.’

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, ‘Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.’ They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 112:1-8. R. cf. v.8

(R.) The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! (R.)
2. From the rising of the sun to its setting praised be the name of the Lord! High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. (R.)
3. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? (R.)
4. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go out and bear fruit that will last. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘As the Father has loved me so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master’s business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.’

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 15:12

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you, says the Lord (E.T. alleluia).