

## 24 FEBRUARY, SAINT MATHIAS THE APOSTLE:

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*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles**

<sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the brethren (the company of persons was in all about a hundred and twenty), and said, <sup>16</sup> “Brethren, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David, concerning Judas who was guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup> For he was numbered among us, and was allotted his share in this ministry. <sup>18</sup> (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup> And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup> For it is written in the book of Psalms, ‘Let his habitation become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it’; and ‘His office let another take.’ <sup>21</sup> So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us -- one of these men must become with us a

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witness to his resurrection.”<sup>23</sup> And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.<sup>24</sup> And they prayed and said, “Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show which one of these two thou hast chosen<sup>25</sup> to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside, to go to his own place.”<sup>26</sup> And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was enrolled with the eleven apostles.

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

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#### Psalm 15

*The Said Mass Reader says:*

Please join me in reading Psalm 15, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 599.

*The Reader repeats the above information several times.*

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is  
right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

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*The Second Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians**

<sup>13</sup> Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Let those of us who are mature be thus minded; and if in anything you are otherwise minded, God will reveal that also to you. <sup>16</sup> Only let us hold true to what we have attained. <sup>17</sup> Brethren, join in imitating me, and mark those who so live as you have an example in us. <sup>18</sup> For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself.

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*The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.

### Verse before the Gospel

*All stand as the reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, \*  
and that your fruit should abide.

*People* Alleluia.

### The Holy Gospel

*The Minister says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Minister* ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, <sup>1</sup> “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>6</sup> If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you

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abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. <sup>12</sup> This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you."

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.