

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. **Amen.**

Proverbs 3.13-18

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.

Matthew 9.9-13

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. **Amen**

Readings for the week ahead:

Monday 21st September

Psalms 49, 117; 1 Kings 19.15-end;
2 Timothy 3.14-end.

Tuesday 22nd September

Psalms 48, 52; 1 Kings 13.11-end;
Acts 19.21-end.

Wednesday 23rd September

Psalms 119.57-80; 1 Kings 17;
Acts 20.1-16.

Thursday 24th September

Psalms 56, 57; 1 Kings 18.1-20;
Acts 20.17-end.

Friday 25th September

Psalms 51, 54; 1 Kings 18.21-end;
Acts 21.1-16.

Saturday 19th September

Psalms 68; 1 Kings 19;
Acts 21.17-36.