

Morning Meditation

St. Matthew's Day

September 21st, is the day we celebrate St. Matthew. What do we know or remember about him?

He was a Jewish tax collector, not a popular job in this time and place in history. Could have been the person to whom Jesus was accused of keeping company. William Barclay reminds us that when Jesus called Matthew as he sat at the customs table Matthew rose up and followed him, left everything behind except one thing--- his pen. He used his literal skills to become one of the first men to compile an account of the teachings of Jesus. Perhaps the passage we all know the best is the Sermon on the Mount.

During this summer we have read, heard and listened to sermons from Matthew's Gospel during Sunday Worship.

This month parables about conflict in community, forgiveness (7x70) and celebration of faith and understanding.

Many years ago, I was involved at St. Matthew's House, an outreach ministry in Hamilton where the words of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel; 25: 31-46 were experienced every day, especially, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to the least of these who are members of my Family you did it to me".

Collect from the BAS

Almighty God,
Who through your son called Matthew to be your apostle and evangelist, free us from all greed and selfish love, that we may follow in the steps of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Peace and Blessings, Maria