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“I was glad when they said to me,

Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

***Psalm 122:1***

VESPERS

The Vigil of Saint Matthias, Apostle

***Silent prayer before worship:***  Almighty God, You sent Your Son to die and rise again that all who believe in him may live. Grant that I may faithfully walk the way of the cross and show forth true love for You and for my neighbors. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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**Opening Hymn: LSB #828 “We Are Called to Stand Together”**

Stand















Psalmody

Psalm: Psalm 52:8a, 9b

I am like a green olive tree in the house of God:

 I trust in the mercy of my God,

and I will wait on Thy name;

 for it is good before Thy saints.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: LSB #831 “’How Shall They Hear,’ Who Have Not Heard”

Readings

First Reading: Sirach 31:8-11 (NKJV)

Blessed is the rich man who is found blameless, and who does not go after gold. Who is he? And we will call him blessed, for he has done wonderful things among his people. Who has been tested by it and been found perfect? Let it be for him a ground for boasting. Who has had the power to transgress and did not transgress, and to do evil and did not do it? His prosperity will be established, and the assembly will relate his acts of charity.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel: Matthew 10:5-8 (NKJV)

At that time: Jesus sent out the twelve and commanded them, saying: “Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory (Lent) LSB 231





Sit

Sermon

Canticle

Stand

Antiphon (Common) 231





Magnificat 231





























Prayer

Kyrie LSB 233



The Lord’s Prayer LSB 957

















Collects

Introduction to Collects LSB 233





Collect of the Day: St. Matthias

P Almighty God, You chose Your servant Matthias to be numbered among the Twelve. Grant that Your Church, ever preserved from false teachers, may be taught and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect for Peace

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benedicamus LSB 234





Benediction LSB 234







Closing Hymn: LSB #901 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

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***Silent prayer after worship:*** Lord Jesus, as I go forth from this worship service, cause me to remember Your great love for me and all people. Give me boldness and faith to share Your love with others through my words and deeds. Amen.

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