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Good morning

Today is the feast of Matthew the apostle and evangelist.

Let's be still and quiet before we begin and 'Rest in God'.....

Dear Lord, we place ourselves in the presence of the Father,
who created us out of love and for his love;
In the presence of the Son, who redeemed us by his love and for his love;
In the presence of the Spirit, who sustains us by his love and for his love.
In Jesus Name. AMEN

Psalm 119:65-72

You have dealt well with your servant,
O LORD, according to your word.
Teach me good judgement and knowledge,
for I believe in your commandments.
Before I was humbled I went astray,
but now I keep your word.
You are good and do good;
teach me your statutes.
The arrogant smear me with lies,
but with my whole heart I keep your precepts.
Their hearts are fat and gross,
but I delight in your law.
It is good for me that I was humbled,
so that I might learn your statutes.
The law of your mouth is better to me
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Matthew 9:9-13

The Calling of Matthew

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.'

Reflection

The Gospel reading for today is “the call of Matthew.” Jesus saw Matthew as he walked by Matthew’s custom post. Jesus said to him, “Follow me,” and immediately Matthew got up and followed Jesus. WOW just to do exactly as Jesus said - how often when Jesus asks us to follow him do we hesitate?

When the Pharisees asked Jesus’ disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” However, the disciples did not have a chance to respond to the question. Jesus had heard their question and he said to the Pharisees: “Those who are well do not have need of a physician, the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’” Jesus then continued, “I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

Today Jesus is calling us to follow him. Will we follow him with a joyful and merciful heart? Will we see the opportunities he lays before us or will we turn the other way? Food for thought and meditation.....AMEN

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. AMEN

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. AMEN

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. AMEN

Blessings and love
Vicky