

Sunday, 20 September 2015
The Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost
The Feast of St. Matthew

First Lesson: Proverbs 3:1-6

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Psalms 119:33-40

- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes, *
and I shall keep it unto the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; *
yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
- 35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; *
for therein is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, *
and not to covetousness.
- 37 O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity; *
and quicken thou me in thy way.
- 38 O stablish thy word in thy servant, *
that I may fear thee.
- 39 Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of; *
for thy judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, my delight is in thy commandments; *
O quicken me in thy righteousness.

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13

And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him. And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.