

Vesper Propers, November 16, 2025
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

The holy apostle and evangelist Mathew who, named Levi, was called by Jesus to follow him and leave his job of publican or tax collector. Chosen among the Apostles, he wrote a Gospel in which Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham, is particularly proclaimed to fulfill the Old Testament.

Supplement for *The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 82), stichera 10-7.

Cantor: (Tone 4) If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

Stichera of the Apostle - Tone 4 samohlasen

He who knows the hu - man heart, in his divine foreknowledge saw your
sentiments toward him, O ho - ly A - pos - tle, and separated you from the world,
de - liv - ering you from iniquity, O Mat - thew. Then he made you a lamp
to enlight-en the ends of the earth, and at his command, you shone forth.
There-fore, you were worthy to write his di-vine Gos - pel. Pray to him to save
and en - light - en our souls.

Cantor: My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.
(Repeat "He who knows the human heart..")

Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.



The Word who had no be-gin - ning called you from the ranks of pub - li-cans
to be his disci-ple, O Mat - thew, and urged you to fol - low him
in or - der to share in the king-dom he prom - ised. Then, O blessed one,
you left all things, re - noun-cing trouble and con - fu - sion, and you
fol-lowed him with a sure step. Now, O eyewitness of our God,
you are filled with the ineffa-ble vi - sion of God. Pray to him to save
and en - light - en our souls.



call you bless - - - ed.

Cantor: Now and ever...

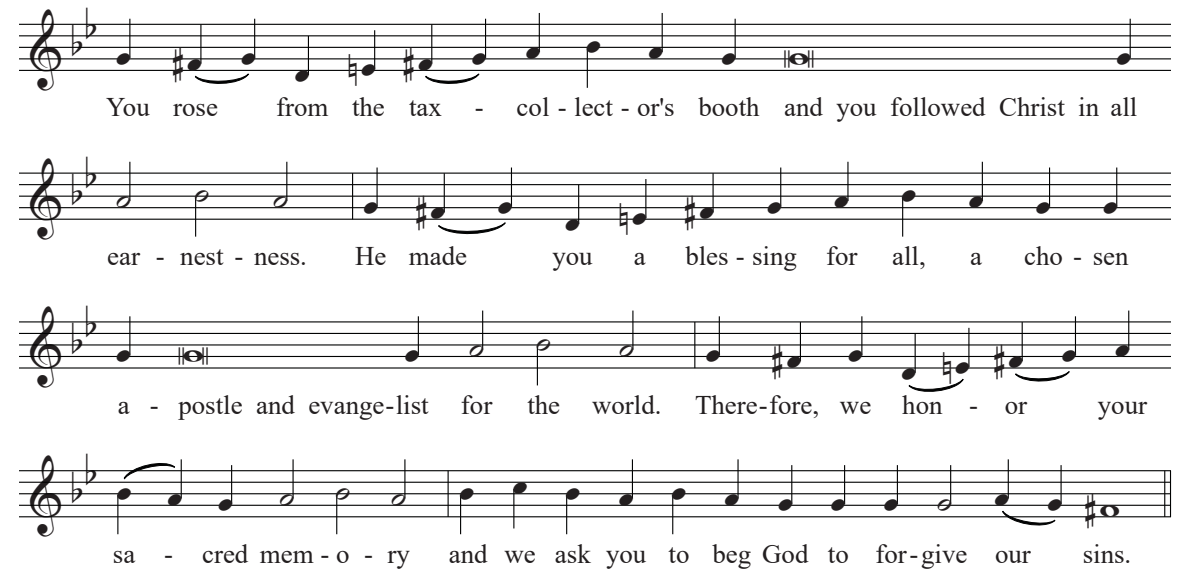
Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 6), page 90.

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 91).

Cantor: (Tone 3) Glory....

Troparion of the Apostle - Tone 3



You rose from the tax - col - lect - or's booth and you followed Christ in all
ear - nest - ness. He made you a bles - sing for all, a cho - sen
a - postle and evange-list for the world. There-fore, we hon - or your
sa - cred mem - o - ry and we ask you to beg God to for-give our sins.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Festal Theotokion in the same Tone (Tone 3), page 57

Readings:

I Peter 1: 2-6

I Peter 2: 21 - 3: 9

I Peter 4: 1-11

Aposticha

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 88), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of the Apostle - Tone 6 samohlasen

Soar-ing like an ea-gle on high, you have wondrous-ly as-cend - ed from the
depths of infamy to the heights of the vir - tues, O il - lustrious Apos-tle
Mat - thew. You have followed in the foot-steps of Christ, who cov-ered the heavens
with his praise, and the earth with his knowl - edge. In all things you showed
yourself to be his im-i - ta - tor, an - nouncing the Gospel of peace, life, and
sal - va - tion to the faith - ful open to his di-vine pre - cepts. Guide us
a - long the way that we may be acceptable to the Cre - a - tor and

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

The penetrating gaze of a proph - et once saw you as a ho - ly stone,
roll - ing over the earth to crush the ways of the wick - ed. O bless-ed one,
the In - car - nate Word has made you a light for the world, a her - ald
of jus-tice and truth, ra-diant with the splendor flowing from the tri - ple Sun.
Pray to him to save and en-light-en our souls.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, **Psalm 116**
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!

When the Un - ap-proach - a - ble Light willed to come in the flesh
to scatter the darkness of igno-rance and er - ror, at his call, his life-giv-ing
com-mand, you fol - lowed him As a ser - vant of the di-vine Wis - dom.

You kept the law of God and were an inef-fa - ble light, a dwell-ing -
 place of Christ for the Church, O Mat - thew. Pray to him to save and en-light-en
 our souls.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

① With your words of fire, you consumed all er - ror, O Apostle worthy of praise,
 all - wise Mat - thew, who received the visit of the Par - a - clete
 when he il - lu-mined your whole be - ing. Thus you filled with won-der the
 spir - its of those who heard you speak when you announced to the peo - ple
 the mag-ni - ficence of the Al-might-y One. Your mes-sage, in-spired by God,
 has gone out through all the world. Pray to him to save

and en-light-en our souls.

Cantor: Glory...

Doxastikon of the Apostle

Christ called you to the school of heav - en, and by divine inspiration, you
 followed him with your whole heart, in - stantly leaving all earthly oc - cu - pa-tions.
 Tak-ing by obedience the dis-po-si - tions in keep-ing with the King-dom on high,
 you renounced all the vainglory and greed of a publi-can, O Mat-thew, and be-came
 an evangelist, a light for dark-ened hearts. You lead err-ing sheep to sal-va - tion
 as an always fervent intercessor for the world be-fore God, and a saving protector
 of the faith - ful who glo - ri - fy you.

Cantor: *(Tone 6)* Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 87).