**St. Matthias, Apostle (February 24)**

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**First Lesson**

**Isaiah 66:1-2**

This is what the Lord says.

The heavens are my throne,

and the earth is a footstool under my feet.

Where, then, is the house that you could build for me?

Where, then, is a place that could serve as my resting place?

2For my hand made all these things,

so all these things came into existence,

declares the Lord.

Yet this is the person I will watch over:

the one who is afflicted and whose spirit is crushed,

the one who trembles at my word.

**Second Lesson**

**Acts 1:15–26**

15In those days, when the group there numbered about 120 people, Peter stood up among the brothers and said, 16“Gentlemen, brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David about Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus. 17Judas was counted as one of us and was given a share in this ministry.

18“Now this man acquired a field with what he was paid for his wicked act. When he fell headfirst, his middle burst open, and all his intestines spilled out. 19This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, and so in their own language that field was called Akeldema, which means Field of Blood. 20Indeed, it is written in the book of Psalms:

May his residence be deserted.

Let there be no one dwelling in it.

And,

let someone else take his position.

21“Therefore it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us during the entire time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22beginning from his baptism by John until the day Jesus was taken up from us, become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

23They proposed two: Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus) and Matthias. 24Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen 25to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.”

26Then they assigned lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias. So he was counted with the eleven apostles.

**Gospel**

**Luke 6:12–16**

12It happened in those days that Jesus went up on the mountain to pray, and he spent all night in prayer to God. 13When it was day, he summoned his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also called apostles: 14Simon, whom he also named Peter, and his brother Andrew; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; 15Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, also Simon, who was called the Zealot; 16Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

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