



**Thursday, May 14, 2020:
Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter**



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Good Morning!

Today we celebrate St. Matthias. Our readings come from Acts 1:15-17, 20-26, Psalm 113 and John 15:9-17. Jesus says, "As the Father loves me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you." How does that make you feel? Really, have you felt the love that Jesus has for you? No matter how hard we might try to deny that love, it is there. One of my favorite lines in scripture is from today's gospel, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." Jesus chose us and no matter who we are or what we have done, Jesus still loves us and stays with us. "Remain in my love." Jesus tells this to his disciples before he goes to die and we know that on that road Jesus was denied, deserted, and betrayed. All but one made amends with Jesus. The disciples later needed to fill the spot of Judas and Matthias was chosen, one who from the beginning walked with Jesus. Jesus understands, Jesus forgives, Jesus challenges and Jesus commands, "Love one another."

Jesus shows us in so many ways how to do so. Will you allow yourself to be loved by Jesus today? Can you see how special you are in Jesus' eyes? Jesus says, "Remain in my love." Receive Jesus' joy today!

Peace,

RevKev

<http://www.usccb.org/>"The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people."