

# St. Matthew

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

COME FOLLOW ME -- MT 9:12

### **Gathering Song: Procession and Penitential Rite:**

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison, eleison.  
*(repeat after each invocation)*

### **Readings found at G 1025**

### **Responsorial Psalm:**

“Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.”

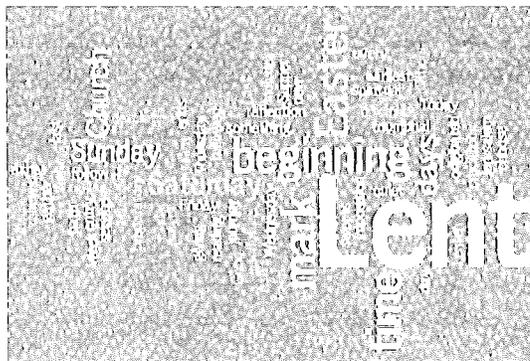
### **Preparation of the Gifts: The Cross of Jesus**

1. Come, O God, renew your people, we who long to see your face.  
Strengthen hearts that have grown feeble; fill our lives with truth & grace.  
Only you can win our freedom; only you can bring us peace.  
Only in the cross of Jesus will the captives find release.
2. Deep within create a new heart; melt away the winter chill.  
Help us now to make a new start; help us now to know your will.  
Washed in waters of forgiveness, cleansed in waters of new birth,  
Lead us to the cross of Jesus, bringing life to all the earth.

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## Communion Song: Take and Eat

Refrain: Take and eat; take and eat: this is my body given up for you.  
Take and drink; take and drink: this is my blood given up for you.

1. I am the Word that spoke and light was made;  
I am the seed that died to be reborn.  
I am the bread that comes from heav'n above;  
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.
2. I am the way that leads the exile home;  
I am the truth that sets the captive free.  
I am the life that raises up the dead.  
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.
3. I am the Lamb that takes away your sin;  
I am the gate that guards you night and day;  
You are my flock: you know the shepherd's voice;  
You are my own: your ransom is my blood.

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## Closing Song: Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
3. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
4. Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Text: St. 1-4, John Newton, 1725-1807

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