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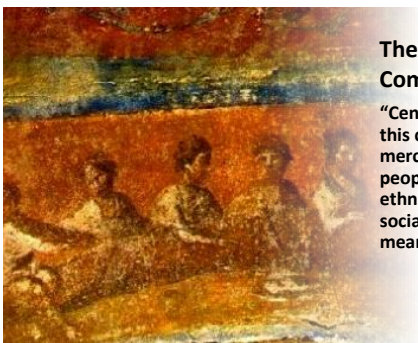


The Matthean Community

“This community, guided by the words of Jesus and assured by his promised presence “to the end of the age” (28:20), embodies God’s presence in its daily living...”

- Warren Carter, *Matthew: Storyteller, Interpreter, Evangelist*

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The Matthean Community

“Centered on Jesus, this community is merciful, inclusive of all people, regardless of ethnicity, race, gender, social class, economic means, or age...”

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The Matthean Community

“Shaped by the story of God’s action in Jesus, it lives against the grain of its society...”

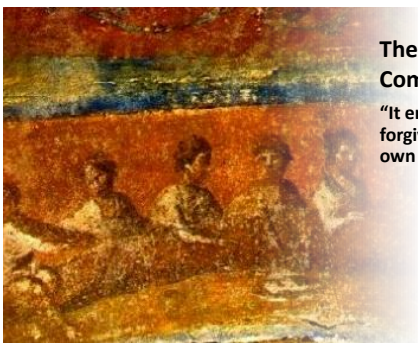
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The Matthean Community

“It is suspicious of the values of a society that does not acknowledge God’s presence...”

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The Matthean Community

“It embodies God’s forgiving love in its own relationships...”

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The Matthean Community

“It is an open and mission community, actively seeking others to join it...”

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The Matthean Community

“It knows solidarity with the marginal and unlovely, among whom it serves and encounters God’s presence...”

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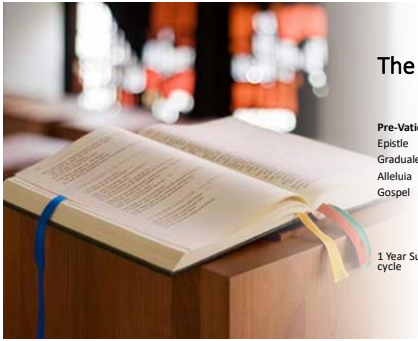


The Matthean Community

“It is a community of righteousness or justice, the community which evidences God’s saving presence and will in its actions.”

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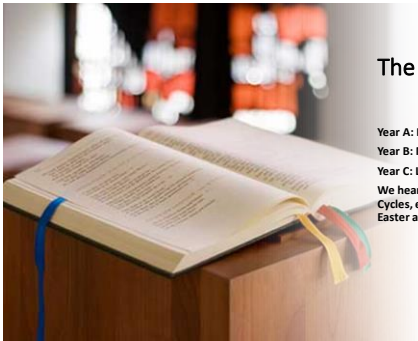
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The Lectionary

Pre-Vatican II	Post-Vatican II
Epistle	First Reading (Old Testament)
Graduale	Responsorial Psalm
Alleluia	Second Reading (Epistle)
Gospel	Alleluia
	Gospel
1 Year Sunday cycle	3 Year Sunday Cycle

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The Lectionary

Year A: Matthew
Year B: Mark
Year C: Luke
 We hear from John in all three Cycles, especially in Lent and Easter and in Year B

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Basic Information About Matthew

- ca 80-90 C.E.
- Region around Antioch
- A Greek-speaker, who knew Aramaic or Hebrew or both
- Not an eyewitness of Jesus' ministry
- Drew on Mark and "Q" as well as other oral or written traditions
- Probably a Jewish Christian
- Reproduces about 80% of Mark; about 50% longer than Mark
- Infancy Narratives and five "Great Sermons"

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Birth of Jesus	Chapters 1-2
Witness of John the Baptist	Chapter 3
Narrative: Preaching of Jesus, call of First Disciples	Chapter 4
1st Discourse: The Sermon on the Mount	Chapter 5-7
Narrative: Healings & Miracles, Call of Matthew	Chapters 8-9
2nd Discourse: Missionary Instructions	Chapter 10
Narrative: Thanksgiving to Father, Healings & Signs	Chapters 11-12
3rd Discourse: The Sermon in Parables	Chapter 13
Narrative: Death of John the Baptist, Feeding 5000, Jesus Walks on Water, Canaanite Woman, Confession of Peter	Chapters 14-17
4th Discourse: Sermon on the Church/Community	Chapter 18
Narrative: Parables	Chapters 19-20
5th Discourse: Eschatological Sermon	Chapters 23-25
Passion, Death & Resurrection	Chapters 26-28

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The "New Moses"

Exodus	Slaughter of Children	Return of Hero	Passage Through Water	Temptations in Wilderness	God Speaks from the Mountain
Matthew	Slaughter of Children (Matt 2:16)	Return of Hero (Matt 2:19)	Passage Through Water (Matt 3:13)	Temptations in Wilderness (Matt 4)	Son of God Speaks from the Mountain (Matt 5-7)

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Thematic Emphases in Matthew

In Jesus, God becomes Emmanuel: God with us

"...and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us.'" (1:23)

"I am with you always." (28:20)

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Thematic Emphases in Matthew

Christology

- Emmanuel, God with us
- Peter's Confession
- Union with Father & Spirit
- Heightened miracles

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Thematic Emphases in Matthew

Ecclesiology

- Uses the word "Church"
- Build his Church on rock
- "Storm the gates of hell"
- Role of Peter
- Sermon on the Church
- Great Commission
- Disciples better portrayed


WILL BUILD MY CHURCH
MATTHEW 16:18

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Thematic Emphases in Matthew

Eschatology

- signs of a new age
- sermon on end times
- sheep and goats

A mosaic depicting three angels with large, feathered wings. The angel on the left is seated and holding a scroll. The angel in the center is seated and looking towards the right. The angel on the right is standing and holding a scroll. There are two sheep in the foreground, one on the left and one on the right.

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Thematic Emphases in Matthew

Mission

A graphic design featuring the text '70 X 7' in a large, bold, white, stylized font on a black background. Below it, the text 'MATTHEW 18:22' is written in a smaller, red, sans-serif font.

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Thematic Emphases in Matthew

Worship

A painting depicting Jesus on the left, wearing a red and blue robe, gesturing towards a group of people on the right. The group consists of several men and women in various colored robes (blue, orange, green). They are standing on a rocky or uneven ground.

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Thematic Emphases in Matthew


Teaching



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Thematic Emphases in Matthew

Stewardship



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Thematic Emphases in Matthew

Social Justice



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GOSPEL

- Through narrative
- Destination: Passion, Death & Resurrection of Jesus
- Goal: Conversion

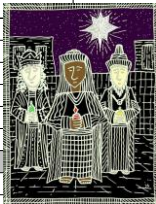
LECTIONARY

- “Supranarrative”
- Destination: Liturgical year
- Goal: Deepened Discipleship

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Matthew in the Incarnation Cycle

Sunday/Feast	Date	Gospel	Theme
1 Advent	11/27	MT 24:37-44	Stay Awake! Christ's manifestation in glory at the end of time.
2 Advent	12/04	MT 3:1-12	John the Baptist: Prepare the way, call to repentance.
3 Advent	12/11	MT 11:2-11	Jesus' invitation to John the Baptist: "Go and tell John what you see..."
4 Advent	12/18	MT 1: 18-24	Annunciation to Joseph in a dream: "She will bear a son...name him Jesus."
Christmas	12/25	1PT: MT 1:1-25	Genealogy of Jesus. Salvation history has come to a climax in the Incarnation.
Holy Family	12/30	MT 2:13-15	St. Joseph, the infant Jesus concealed from the massacre of innocents.
Mary, MOG	1/1	MT 2:16-21	Shepherds tell Mary & Joseph the angels' announcement.
Epiphany	1/8	MT 2:1-12	Manifestation to the Gentiles, heralding the Passion
Baptism of the Lord	1/16	MT 3:13-17	Christ's manifestation at the Jordan as the one who "fills all righteousness."



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Matthew in Winter Ordinary Time

Sunday/Feast	Date	Gospel	Theme
Transitional Sunday: Which Jesus? (continues theme of Baptism of the Lord)			
Ordinary 2	1/15	MT 3:19-34	Witness of John the Baptist: "Behold the Lamb of God!"
1. Christ's Teaching on Life in the Kingdom of God			
<i>Narrative</i>			
Ordinary 3	1/22	MT 4:13-23	Teaching in Galilee, Call of the first disciples
First Discourse: The Sermon on the Mount			
Ordinary 4	1/29	MT 5:1-12a	Introduction: Beatitudes
Ordinary 5	2/5	MT 5:13-16	Parables of Salt & Light
Ordinary 6	2/12	MT 5:17-37	Word of Jesus on the Law: On Purity, on adultery, on divorce, on swearing.
Ordinary 7	2/19	MT 5:38-48	Word of Jesus on the Law: On retaliation; Love your enemies.
Ordinary 8	-	MT 6:1-34	Sermon: Two Masters; On anxiety.
Ordinary 9	-	MT 7:1-27	Warnings Against Self-deception; Hearers & Doers of the Word



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