

Prelude

Lighting Our Soul Candles

Father, let the light of mercy shine on sinners.

Lord, Jesus, shine the light of mercy on me.

Holy Spirit, open my ears to the cries of sinners. Open my eyes to see why Jesus eats with sinners and Tax Collectors.

Welcome

Jesus saw Matthew and said, **Follow me.** Matthew followed.

Jesus had dinner **at Matthew's house.** Why do sinners and Tax Collectors welcome Jesus? **Jesus says, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick"**

Special Music

Prayer of Confession

Lord, You call us to Follow You! The Teachers of the Law and the Pharisees tempt us with visions of perfection. We are tempted by pills, creams, and designer-labels that promise perfection. We are tempted to follow popular opinions, the latest trend, and the lure of "new and improved." Hear the cries of those among us sick to death of empty promises. Lord of mercy, We need a doctor who heals.

Prayer of Intercession

Who has God placed upon your heart and mind? God already knows. As you pray with God and this person, listen to the Holy Spirit guide you to be the Blessing who listens, comforts, and patiently watched and waits while God heals.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord, we thank you! Thank you for calling sinners and Tax Collectors to Follow You. Thank you for eating with sinners and Tax Collectors. Thank you for answering our Legalistic and

Morally Elite questions. Thank you for judging us with mercy. Thank you for delivering us from sin to heal our wounded hearts and troubled minds. Lord, in Your mercy heal our souls with Grace upon Grace until we gather with You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit at the banquet table of Abundant Life. Amen.

Special Music

The Word of God—Matthew 9: 9-13

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. **10** While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. **11** When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinner?" **12** On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. **13** But go and learn what this means: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. So far we have met a leper, a Centurion, Peter's mother in law, the demon possessed, and a paralyzed man. Today, we meet sinners and Tax Collectors. They all have one thing in common. They have need of a doctor.

The Message

Tithes and Offerings

Postlude

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