

Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” ⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” ⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.” ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.” ⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” ⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.” ¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” ¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.” ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

OFFERTORY AND POST-COMMUNION SENTENCES

(Drawn from verses of Holy Scripture, these sentences are chosen by the celebrant or preacher to reinforce the lessons or teaching of the day.)

PROPER PREFACE

All Saints

For in the multitude of your Saints, you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

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SEASONAL GREETING

Celebrant Worthy is the Lord our God

People **To receive glory and honor and power.**

Revelation 4:11

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 44:1-14

Let us now praise famous men and our fathers in their generations. ² The Lord apportioned to them great glory, his majesty from the beginning. ³ There were those who ruled in their kingdoms and were men renowned for their power, giving counsel by their understanding and proclaiming prophecies; ⁴ leaders of the people in their deliberations and in understanding of the people’s learning, wise in their words of instruction; ⁵ those who composed musical tunes and set forth verses in writing; ⁶ rich men furnished with resources, living peaceably in their dwelling places — ⁷ all these were honored in their generations and were the glory of their times. ⁸ There are some of them who have left a name, so that their praises are declared. ⁹ And there are some who have no memorial, who have perished as though they had not lived; they have become as though they had not been born, and so have their children after them. ¹⁰ But these were, nevertheless, men of mercy, whose righteous deeds have not been

forgotten; ¹¹ with their descendants it will remain, a goodly inheritance to their posterity. ¹² Their descendants stand by the covenants; their children also, for their sake. ¹³ Their posterity will continue forever, and their glory will not be blotted out. ¹⁴ Their bodies were buried in peace, and their name lives to all generations. Peoples will declare their wisdom, and the congregation proclaims their praise.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALTER VERSES

(In said services, the psalm verses may be placed between the Epistle and the Gospel, with the congregation standing in preparation for the Gospel. At services where there is a hymn or canticle before the Gospel, the psalm might be said between the Old Testament and Epistle, the people seated.)

Psalm 149

- ¹ Praise the Lord. O sing unto the LORD a new song; *
let the congregation of the faithful praise him.
- ² Let Israel rejoice in the one who made him, *
and let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- ³ Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praises unto him with timbrel and harp.
- ⁴ For the LORD has pleasure in his people *
and gives victory to those who are oppressed.
- ⁵ Let the faithful be joyful with glory; *
let them rejoice upon their beds.
- ⁶ Let the praises of God be in their mouth *
and a two-edged sword in their hands,
- ⁷ To inflict vengeance on the nations *
and to rebuke the peoples,
- ⁸ To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron,
- ⁹ That they may execute judgment upon them, as it is written; *

such honor have all his faithful. Praise the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.