

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew

**When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.**

He began to teach them, saying:

**“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

**Blessed are they who hunger
and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.**

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

**Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.**

**Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Blessed are you when they insult you
and persecute you and utter every kind of
evil against you [falsely] because of me.**

**Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven.**

The Gospel of the Lord