

# GOSPEL READINGS

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### Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12a

*Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

- <sup>1</sup> Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill.  
There he sat down and was joined by his disciples.
- <sup>2</sup> Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:
- <sup>3</sup> ‘How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>4</sup> Happy the gentle:  
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
- <sup>5</sup> Happy those who mourn:  
they shall be comforted.
- <sup>6</sup> Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:  
they shall be satisfied.
- <sup>7</sup> Happy the merciful:  
they shall have mercy shown them.
- <sup>8</sup> Happy the pure in heart:  
they shall see God.
- <sup>9</sup> Happy the peacemakers:  
they shall be called sons of God.
- <sup>10</sup> Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>11</sup> ‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you  
and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account.
- <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord.