

GOSPEL READINGS

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Gospel

Matthew 5: 1–12a

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

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

The Gospel of the Lord.