

## GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 5:1-12a

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

MATTHEW 5:8-10

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for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy  
and wonderful in all your Saints,  
we implore your grace,

so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love,  
we may pass from this pilgrim table  
to the banquet of our heavenly homeland.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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#### REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

*As so many “official saints” have been priests, religious, and celibates, it’s critically important that we have the words of the Beatitudes in today’s gospel to remind us of what holiness looks like. Nowhere in the Beatitudes is there a word about celibacy. There is certainly nothing about one’s vocational state (priest, sister, etc.). Instead, we have attributes such as “poor in spirit,” “meek,” and “merciful.” These are the hallmarks of sanctity. And they can be practiced by anybody, religious or lay, Catholic or Protestant, even Christian or non-Christian. We recall that the Gospel of Matthew is much more about actions than words.*

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#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,  
as we celebrate the feast day in honor of all the Saints,  
at whose festival the Angels rejoice  
and praise the Son of God.

#### COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,  
by whose gift we venerate in one celebration  
the merits of all the Saints,  
bestow on us, we pray,  
through the prayers of so many intercessors,  
an abundance of the reconciliation with you  
for which we earnestly long.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**READING I**

L 667 · REVELATION 7:2-4, 9-14

A reading from the Book of Revelation

*I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people and tongue.*I, John, saw another angel come up from the East,  
holding the seal of the living God.He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels  
who were given power to damage the land and the sea,  
“Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees  
until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.”I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal,  
one hundred and forty-four thousand marked  
from every tribe of the children of Israel.After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count,  
from every nation, race, people, and tongue.They stood before the throne and before the Lamb,  
wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.They cried out in a loud voice:  
“Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne,  
and from the Lamb.”All the angels stood around the throne  
and around the elders and the four living creatures.They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped God,  
and exclaimed:“Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving,  
honor, power, and might  
be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me,  
“Who are these wearing white robes, and where did  
they come from?”

I said to him, “My lord, you are the one who knows.”

He said to me,  
“These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress;  
they have washed their robes  
and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.”The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.****RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

PSALM 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

**℟. (See 6) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;  
the world and those who dwell in it.  
For he founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers. **℟.**Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?  
or who may stand in his holy place?  
One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,  
who desires not what is vain. **℟.**He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, a reward from God his savior.  
Such is the race that seeks him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob. **℟.****READING II**

1 JOHN 3:1-3

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

*We shall see God as he is.*

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure,  
as he is pure.The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

MATTHEW 11:28

**℟. Alleluia, alleluia.****℣.** Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest, says the Lord. **℟.**