

## **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**