

Gospel

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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 shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek; 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 those 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 because of me.
Be glad and rejoice, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to the disciples: “You are the salt of the earth. But what if salt goes flat? How can you restore its flavor? Then it is good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. People do not light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket. They set it on a stand where it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, your light must shine before all so that they may see goodness in your acts and give praise to your God in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said, "I give praise to you, Father, Lord God of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal the Father.

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother John and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. He was transfigured before their eyes. His face became as dazzling as the sun, his clothes as radiant as light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them conversing with him. Upon this, Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, how good it is for us to be here! With your permission I will erect three booths here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Peter was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them. Out of the cloud came a voice which said, "This is my beloved Son on whom my favor rests. Listen to him." When they heard this the disciples fell forward on the ground, overcome with fear. Jesus came toward them and laying his hand on them, said, "Get up! Do not be afraid." When they looked up they did not see anyone but Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountainside Jesus commanded them, "Do not tell anyone of the vision until the Son of Man rises from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

“The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise ones replied, ‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’ While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to the disciples, “When the Son of Man comes in glory, escorted by all the angels of heaven, he will sit upon the royal throne, with all the nations assembled below.

Then the Chosen One will separate them into two groups, as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. The sheep will be placed on the right hand, the goats on the left.

The Ruler will say to those on the right: ‘Come, you that are blessed by God! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world!

For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me; naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me; in prison and you came to visit me.’ Then the just will ask, ‘When did we see you hungry and feed you, or see you thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or clothe you in your nakedness? When did we see you ill or in prison and come to visit you?’

The Ruler will answer them, ‘I assure you, every time you did it for the least of my sisters or brothers, you did it for me.’”

The Gospel of the Lord

R/. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene came with the other Mary to inspect the tomb. Suddenly there was a mighty earthquake, as the angel of the Lord descended from heaven. The angel came to the stone, rolled it back, and sat on it. In appearance he resembled a flash of lightning with garments as dazzling as snow. The guards grew paralyzed with fear and fell down like dead men. Then the angel spoke, addressing the women: “Do not be frightened. I know you are looking for Jesus the crucified, but he is not here. Jesus has been raised, exactly as he promised. Come and see the spot where he was laid. Then go quickly and tell the disciples: ‘Jesus has been raised from the dead and now goes ahead of you to Galilee, where you will see him.’ That is the message I have for you”

They hurried away from the tomb half-overjoyed, half-fearful, and ran to carry the good news to the disciples. Suddenly, without warning, Jesus stood before them and said, “Peace!” The women came up and embraced his feet and did him homage. At this Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid! Go and carry the news to my brothers that they are to go to Galilee, where they will see me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "Look, he is calling Elijah." One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down."

Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, "Do not weep." He stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearers halted, and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst," and "God has visited his people." This report about him spread through the whole of Judea and in all the surrounding region.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to the disciples,

“Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life and what you will eat, or about your body and what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. Notice the ravens; they do not sow or reap; they have neither storehouse nor barn. Yet God feeds them. How much more important are you than birds. Can any of you by worrying add a moment to your life-span?

If even the smallest things are beyond your control, why are you anxious about the rest? Notice how the flowers grow. They do not toil or spin. But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of them.

If God so clothes the grass in the field that grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will God not much more provide for you? O you of little faith!

As for you, do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not worry anymore. All the nations of the world seek for these things, and God knows you need them. Instead, seek the reign of God, and these other things will be given you besides.

Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for God is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”

The Gospel. of the Lord.

R/. Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus told the disciples: “Let your belts be fastened around your waists and your lamps be burning ready. Be like those awaiting their master's return from a wedding, so that when he arrives and knocks, you will open for him without delay.

It will go well with those servants whom the master finds wide awake on his return. I tell you, he will put on an apron, seat them at table, and proceed to wait on them.

Should he happen to come at midnight or before sunrise, and find them prepared, it will go well with them.

You know as well as I that if the master of the house knew when the thief was coming he would not let him break into his house.

Be on guard, therefore. The Son of Man will come when you least expect him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to You Lord, Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified Jesus and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who, though he was a member of the council, he went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Now that very day, two of the disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the *way* and opened the scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

For God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in the Son will not be condemned, but those who do not believe have already been condemned because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. This is the verdict. The light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. Those who do wicked things hate the light and do not come toward the light, so that their works might not be exposed. But those who live the truth go to the light, so that their works may be clearly seen as done in God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life. Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to his Son the possession of life in himself. And he gave him power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything that has been given me, but that I should raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise them on the last day.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to the crowd: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. Even now, I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.”

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise.”

Martha said to him, “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.”

Jesus told her: “I am the resurrection and the life: Those who believe in me, even if they die, will live, and those who live and believe in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

She said to him, “Yes Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

When Mary, the sister of Lazarus, came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jewish people who had come with her weeping, he became greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved, and said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Sir, come down and see.” And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.” But some of them said, “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?”

Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, “Lord, by now there will be a stench: he has been dead for four days.”

Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?”

So they took away the stone.

Jesus raised his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.” And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to the, “Untie him and let him go.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus answered them: “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, those who hate their life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to the disciples: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith in God and faith in me. In God's house there are many dwellings places; otherwise, how could I have told you that I was going to prepare a place for you?

I am indeed going to prepare a place for you, and then I shall come back to take you with me, that where I am you also may be. You know the way that leads where I go.”

“Lord”, said Thomas, “we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said: “I am, the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to God but through me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: “Father, my disciples are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus carrying the cross himself went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle.

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ.