



Rejoice and be glad,

for your reward is great

in heaven

MATTHEW 5:12

Guidelines for Worship during the time of COVID-19

Entering and Leaving the Church:

Face masks are required inside,

Kindly sign in at the door through which you entered. This will help if we need to be in contact.

Please take your service bulletin with you and dispose of it properly.

Offerings:

Monetary offerings may be placed in the basins provided at the entrances to the nave prior to the service or immediately following the service. You may also donate via our website at

www.stpaulsnyork.org

While in the Nave:

Please wear your mask. Please sit in designated pews only. You may sit together as a family. We ask that you practice social distancing from one family to the next within the pew.

Communion Procedure:

- *Ushers will direct you. The pulpit side (left) of the nave communes first followed by the font side (right).*
- *Wearing your face mask, come to the chancel step taking your place at one of the five positions marked on the chancel floor with a green cross.*
- *Your entire household may gather at a position marked by the green cross.*
- *Extend your arms and cup your hands together to receive the host.*
- *Please do not reach out to take the Host from the minister.*
- *Once the minister has moved to the next group, then remove your mask, receive the host, replace your mask and return to your pew by the closest side aisle. There is no need to hurry.*
- *We are receiving communion in one kind only (bread/host).*

Our COVID-19 task force is assisting us as we remain open at St. Paul's. Please thank Deacon Ellen Doughty, Dr. Jessica Ericson, Sheridan Palmer, Deacon Harold Sargeant, and Tim Yakim for their dedication and service.



Flowers This Week

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God by Tom and Judy McKee in memory of our parents, Harry & Pearl McKee and Paul & Elsie Kennedy. Open sponsor dates: 12/6. Please sign up in the Springettsbury Hallway and complete a Flower Sentiment form or contact the church office.

In our prayers we remember...

Phyllis & Alan Comery, Lynn Wicker, Anna Mae Cook, Shawn Sunday, Mike Johnston, Marianne Moran, Rick Hock, Betty Mehring, Drew Herdson, David List, Sandy Shellenberger, Brian McKenna, Amanda, Jim Young, Penny Bailey, Eddie Turner, Sr., Jessica Ericson, Kristine Gross, Porter Stacey, and the friends and family of Thelma Delancey.

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WELCOME Thank you for being with us.

We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 184 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

Restrooms are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury lobby) and the narthex. Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms.

Thank you for your faithfulness in sending your offering through the mail or by using online options from your financial institution or through the “Donate” now from the church website stpaulsyork.org. Your gifts are keeping us current with the commitments associated with St. Paul’s and our ministry partners.

Christmas Service Sign-up—We will be utilizing a sign up for our Christmas services to help us monitor in person attendance for our liturgies. With the guidance of CDC and our own St. Paul’s COVID-19 task force we want to maintain our percentage for worshipers gathering in doors. To assure worshiper’s of the maximum amount of people (20% at the time of this publication) that will be in the church nave, simply fill out the reservation form located at the entrances to the church and place in the offering plate or slip under the secretary’s office window, or call/email the church office with your name, number of individuals that will be seated in the same pew with you and the service: 7:00 PM & 11:00 PM Christmas Eve or 10:30 AM Christmas Day. We want to facilitate all of our members and friends who desire attending in person Christmas services. Through an advance sign-up we can plan accordingly. Thank you.



Upcoming weeks at St. Paul's

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Day Daylight-Saving Time Ends 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist 5:00 PM Evening Service	2 9-1:30 AM Preschool	3 9-11:30 AM Preschool 9:30 AM Pantry Volunteers	4 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM No Parking on Springetts- bury 9:00 - 11:30 AM Preschool 10:30 AM Bible Study - Christ Hall	5 9-11:30 AM Preschool 6:30 PM Music Ensembles	6	7
8 New members 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist	9 9-11:30 AM Preschool 7:00 PM Coun- cil Meeting	10 9-11:30 AM Preschool 9:30 AM Pantry	11 Veterans Day 9-11:30 AM Preschool 10:30 AM Bible Study -	12 9-11:30 AM Preschool 6:30 PM Music Ensembles	13	14

All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2020

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

The people's responses are in bold.

PRELUDE *Chapelle des Morts* *Chapel of the Dead* Henri Mulet

Stand

ENTRANCE HYMN *For All Your Saints, O Lord (LBW 176) stanzas 1 & 4*



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
4 For this, your name we bless and hum-bly pray a-new

who fol-lowed you, o-beyed, a-dored, our grate-ful hymn re-ceive.
that we like them in ho-li-ness may live and die in you.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE **10:30 AM** *Sung by Pastor and Cantor*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord; Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Sit

FIRST READING Revelation 7:9-17 (back page)

At the conclusion of the reading.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Sung by the Cantor with congregation refrain to a setting by Hal Hopson

The cantor introduces the refrain, then it is repeated by all



Re-joyce, re-joyce, re-joyce, give thanks and sing.

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- ¹ I will bless the LORD | at all times;*
his praise shall ever be | in my mouth.
² I will glory | in the LORD;*
let the humble hear | and rejoice.
³ Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;*
let us exalt his | name together.

CONGREGATION REFRAIN

- ⁴ I sought the Lord, and he | answered me*
and delivered me out of | all my terror.
⁵ Look upon him | and be radiant,*
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
⁶ I called in my affliction, and | the Lord heard me*
and saved me from | all my troubles.
⁷ The angel of the LORD encompasses | those who fear him,*
and he will de- | liver them.

CONGREGATION REFRAIN

- ⁸ Taste and see that the | LORD is good;*
happy are they who | trust in him!
⁹ Fear the LORD, you that | are his saints,*
for those who fear | him lack nothing.
¹⁰ The young lions lack and | suffer hunger,*
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.
and punishment | on the peoples;
²² The LORD ransoms the life | of his servants,*
and none will be punished who | trust in him.

CONGREGATION REFRAIN

VERSE

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to **St. Matthew.**

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON *A time of silence follows the sermon.*

Rev. Stan Reep

Stand

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

Lord God, we praise you for evangelists and martyrs whose lives bear witness to your gospel across time and space. Inspire us by their courage to tell your story to new people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The universe proclaims your greatness from generation to generation. Bless the work of naturalists, conservationists, and park rangers who turn our attention to the wonders of the world you have made. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Guide our country—rural voters and urban voters, young and old—as we share in another national election. Kindle hearts eager to understand our common needs and seek our common good. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your Son's blessing came to those living with poverty, grief, hunger, thirst, and persecution. Shape our vision to match his own. Awaken in us your call to serve all who suffer. Especially we remember those who have asked for prayer this day. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Anoint us with the missionary spirit of the early church. Bless all new missions of our synod (*especially*). Empower testimony from new communities of faith to shape a diverse witness to your saving power. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The prayers continue with the Necrology

NECROLOGY

God of the ages, we give you thanks for saints, those of our day and of days before, who nurtured us in faith, who told us the stories of Jesus, and who cultivated among us the sense of our own vocation to follow God's path. Help us not only to remember them, but also to follow their example, to nurture their expectant hope, and to live our lives so that others might see your love reflected in all that we say and do.

Thank you, God, for the gift of your saints.

God of all time...

Bruce Hilt	Lois Boll	Charles Boll
William D. Bortner	Monte Smith	Helen McWilliams
Evelyn Loyd	Margaret Martin	Pearl McKee
Sylvia Little	Gene Shue	Thelma Delancey

We also remember with thanksgiving saints alive today who continue to touch our lives and our faith journeys, and we look ahead with hope to the people whose faithful witness to God's love will inspire future generations.

Keep us grateful for the witness of the saints of all generations, and make us, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at the last, bring us with them to share in the inheritance of the saints of life. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Stand

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE *The preface appropriate to the day is said.*

SANCTUS *Sung by cantor.* **C** *Congregation joins at the "Blessed is he..."*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. **C** Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

FRACTION *a brief silence is kept*

AGNUS DEI *sung by the Cantor*

Sit *The pastor cleanses hands and prepares for the distribution of Holy Communion.*

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Instructions for receiving the sacrament are on the inside front cover of the bulletin.

Communion Music 10:30 AM *O Waly, Waly (The Gift of Love)* Susan T. Nelson
Carol, Katherine, Alexander Hutton, Leah McComas, handbells

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty Father, in the Eucharist you give us a foretaste of the Lamb's Feast of Victory. Keep us faithful to you so that we, with all your saints in heaven, may at length celebrate the Feast which has no end in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son and ✝ Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (LBW 315) stanza 4*

4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and
spot - less let us be; let us see thy
great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee!
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in
heav'n we take our place, till we cast our
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sit

POSTLUDE

Fantasia in G minor BWV 542

J.S. Bach

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*Please be respectful of distancing and personal space as you leave.
Feel free to gather outside for conversation.
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November 10 & 17

Crowns for the King – All ages Follow along with Miss Kelly in Making glorious crowns that you can place around the cross for Christ the King Sunday, November 15
A Royal Beat – All ages Join Victor in making music that is fit for King Jesus!

December 1

Family Gingerbread Nativity – Everything needed to construct a gingerbread nativity scene will be provided. All you have to do is preregister and pick up your supplies at church on November 15, 22, or 29. You will get an email from Victor and Kelly that you can follow to have an enjoyable time with your family making a sweet delicious scene based on God's sweet love for us.

Annual Meeting Sunday November 15 @ 3:00 PM In Person and via Zoom

The Annual Meeting of the congregation is an important part of our life together as sisters and brothers in Christ. It is the time when we conduct business, elect leaders for various aspects of our ministry and mission, and share our collective hopes and dreams for our family of faith. This year the meeting will be held in the church nave on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 PM. A Zoom link will be available. At this meeting the 2021 budget will be presented for adoption, elections will be conducted for: Council members, the Benevolent Committee, and Voting Members to the 2021 Synod Assembly, and members for the Mutual Ministry Committee. The Council will present a summary of the information gathered through the cottage meetings held during the summer. This is a time for you to ask questions, offer insights and ideas, and seek collaborative ways to strengthen our life together in Christ. Please make every effort to take an active role in the life of our St. Paul's Church congregation by attending the Annual Meeting.

Please consider... Positions of leadership help us fulfill our ministry. The Nominating Committee, co-chaired by Tony Culp and Harold Sargeant, have been diligently seeking candidates for:
Congregation Council
Benevolence
Mutual Ministry
Synod Assembly Voting Members

Please give prayerful consideration to serving at this critical time in the life of our congregation during COVID-19. Most meetings are being held digitally. If you are willing to serve please notify Tony or Harold. Thank you.

Food Pantry—November

Items needed: Stuffing, Canned beans, canned vegetables, canned meats, apple sauce, mashed potato mix, rice, pasta side dishes and peanut jelly. Anyone able to help can contact Teresa Rohrbaugh or Janet and Larry Moore. Plastic Bags are always needed. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a “special” envelope marked “Pantry”.

Christmas Poinsettias—As you may recall, we were unable to hold Easter services with the beautiful flowers that some of you had ordered. In their place, we will be ordering Poinsettias for use during the Christmas services. Your Poinsettia order is already taken care of if you ordered Easter flowers. You may use the form if you would like to order Poinsettias or if you would like to add to your original order. A list will be in the November newsletter if you forgot what you ordered for Easter. *Please note: The deadline for ordering is November 8th. Thank you.*



Cost is \$12.00 per plant.
They will be RED in
color.

List plant(s) as shown below
(please print clearly)

Number of plants _____ in Honor of:

Number of plants _____ in Loving Memory of:

Number of plants _____ Dedicated to the Glory of God

Your Name:

Plants may be picked up anytime *after* the
10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, December 27th.

Total # of Plants _____ @ **\$12.00 each** = \$ _____

Checks made payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The completed order form with payment attached may be placed
in the offering plate or returned to the church office.

Orders due by Sunday, November 8th

Interviews with local residents were a major feature in the week's news cycle. Red states, blues states, swing states, Republicans, Democrats, Independents, first time voters, local party chairpersons, it didn't seem to matter, news outlets had reporters on street corners across our nation. I heard important refrains from all of them; safety, healthcare, honesty, economy. Filtering out partisan hype that has made its way front and center, Americans seem to be hungering and thirsting for something other than what we are experiencing in the moment.

Hungering and thirsting for something other than what is being experienced is not new for us as God's people either. In the reading from Matthew, what precedes the Beatitudes is a paragraph highlighting the healing work of Jesus among the suffering people across the Judean countryside. People, who have been disenfranchised, people who are sick, people who are suffering, people who are unemployable, and Jesus ministers to all of them. The crowds swell. People follow.

When Jesus sits down on the mountain top to teach he addresses the crowd granting them blessing. Blessings in the ancient world aren't usually bestowed upon the disenfranchised, those battling sickness, the unemployable, and the nominally religious. Jesus recognizes that the people are indeed hungering and thirsting for something other than poverty, grief, despair. So Jesus tells them that with him...

The poor in spirit receive the kingdom of heaven.

Those grieving receive comfort.

The meek inherit the earth. Imagine this in a system where only the eldest son inherits.

Those hungering and thirsting for righteousness will be filled.

The merciful finally get a fair shake for "doing unto others as you would have them do to you." They too receive mercy. They get in return what they give.

The pure in heart see God.

Peacemakers get a new name, "children of God."

And those persecuted, made fun of, belittled, and looked down on for doing what is right, they are welcomed into the kingdom of heaven right alongside the poor in spirit.

And don't worry about the evil, unkind, hateful statements made about you for following Jesus, because your reward is great in heaven. You will be counted among the faithful like the prophets who came before you. "You are" Jesus will go on to say "you are the salt of the earth." And in the ancient world salt is valuable and precious, and needed for future. And you are valuable and precious, and needed.

When John the Divine writes down his vision, his revelation, for the early church community he is very much aware of how few Christians there are, how they are suffering, taking it on the nose for following Jesus. He knows that they don't fit in to the social norms of the time. They are seeking relationship, understanding, and acceptance in a world that doesn't much care for peace or meekness that doesn't have time to deal with poverty or righteousness. So to look and see a great multitude, a number too great to count, people from the same team, well that begins to change perceptions. John leads them to a place that acknowledges that in this heavenly

realm gathered around the Lamb, Christ Jesus, those first Christians, struggling to find their way, they will hunger and thirst no more. For the Lamb will provide what is needed. And the tears associated with daily life and living shall be wiped away.

The political systems in the days of Jesus were wrought with corruption. Both the social and religious politic were threatened by a man who welcomed and blessed those who couldn't find room, place, belonging, acceptance, or a chance for a different way of life. Jesus offered them blessing and with it hope. The political systems in the days of the early church were seeking and searching for more power. They were threatened by a fledgling community that believed that there is another way. John of Patmos, John the Divine, John the writer of Revelation cast a vision that offered hope to those young Christians during uncertain times.

In scripture study this week I asked those who gathered, "For what are you hungering and thirsting?" The responses were not so different from those rattled off to the news reporters last week on the street corners across our country; health, safety from the virus, love, honesty, companionship.

In our own time, today, right now, we are hungering and thirsting for something other. That's why we are here this morning. That's why some of us have set aside time to view the liturgy on social media. We are citizens of God's kingdom seeking another way to go about daily life and living. We know too well how the odds seem to be against us. We are seeking relationship, understanding, and acceptance in a world that like that of the early church, doesn't seem to care all that much for peace or meekness that doesn't have time to deal with poverty or righteousness. And yet these are the very things to which we are called in Holy Baptism. That's why the food pantry has been a priority even in the midst of the lockdown during a global pandemic. That's why we reach out to give aid to the local neighborhood school and why we work globally for peace and are concerned about poverty. Lutheran World Federation, Lutheran World Relief, advocacy ministry, Habitat for Humanity, Immigration Refugee Services; they are a few of our partners who know that these things matter. They grasp that there are people hungering and thirsting. Together we share a vision of hope for the world. A vision that is only possible because of Christ Jesus, who taught the crowds on a mountain side, and who gathered all people to himself through his suffering and death on a hill outside of Jerusalem when the political leaders put him to death on a cross. The vision of hope did not die in a tomb, because God raised Jesus from death to life announcing to the world that he makes room for all. This is shocking news. Shocking just as it was when Jesus welcomed and healed the disenfranchised, the sick, the suffering, and the unemployable from the Judean countryside and gave them blessing. Shocking just as it was when John cast a vision that brought hope to the early church reminding them of the Lamb who claimed them, the Shepherd who guided them.

On this All Saints Day we remember those who lived their life marked by Christ's cross; men and women who struggled with relationships, understanding, acceptance and who during their lives took up the refrains of peace, meekness, poverty, and righteousness each in their own way. They were the salt of this congregation and of this commonwealth. They lived in the hope of Christ's victory and took comfort knowing they were guided to the springs of the water of life. And they, like us, believed in God's time all tears will indeed be wiped away giving clarity of vision to see God, and God's way for life and living; a way of blessing, a vision of hope. Amen.

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Psalm 34:1-10, 22**SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Next Sunday's Readings: Amos 5:18-24 or Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm 70 or Wisdom 6:17-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13.

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