

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

January 29th, 2023

8:30 am & 11:00 am Services

4th Sunday After Epiphany

Worship Notes: Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

Season of Epiphany – Global/World Music

“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you... Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.” (Isaiah 60:1, 3)

Epiphany is the time of the church year when we celebrate the revealing of Christ to the world.

During this season, we celebrate the arrival of the One who is the light of the world: a light that brings life, a light that brings hope. This light shines its brightest when we are in community—with God and with one another. During this time we explore Global/World music in worship; using Responses, Hymns Anthems that are based on a global theme.

Global Christian music is defined as any music found in the Christian Church worldwide.

Particularly, it specializes in cultural musics from the non-Western world. We hope you enjoy the music and text from around the world that unifies all Christians together.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Ann Williams

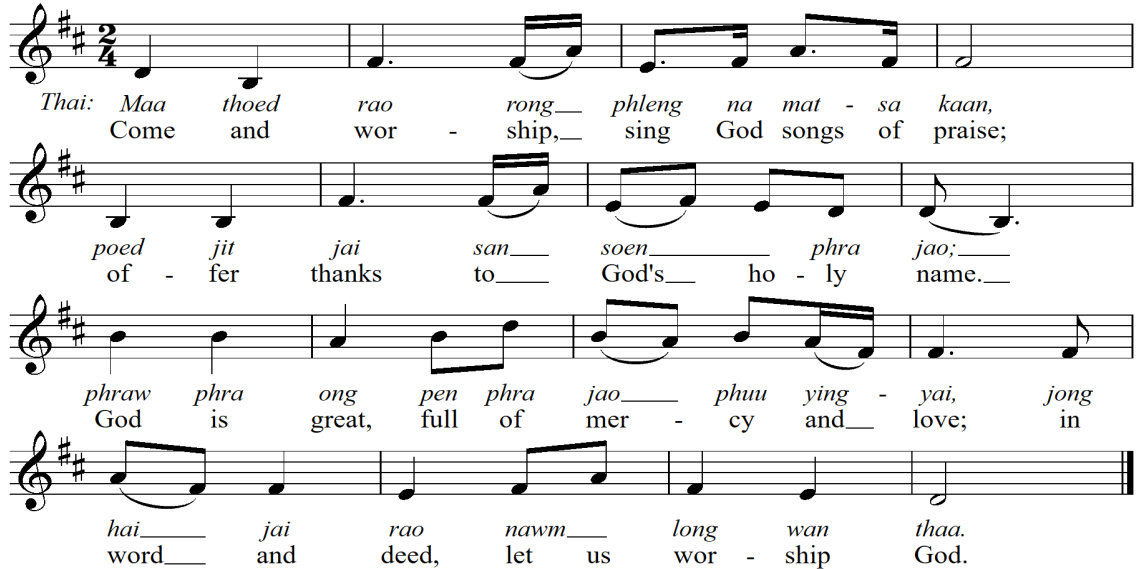
Stephen Ministry

Video Presentation

Call to Worship

Come and Worship – *Maa Thoed Rao*

This song of Invitation comes to us from Thailand and is based on John 4:24. Ruth and Inchai Srisuwan are pioneers in the use of Thai music in Christian worship. They currently work in the Thai Faith and Music Foundation who seeks to work with children in the slums of Bangkok.



Thai: Maa thoed and rao rong phleng na mat - sa kaan,
Come and wor - ship, sing God songs of praise;

poed jit jai san soen phra jao;
of - fer thanks to God's ho - ly name.

phraw phra ong pen phra jao phuu ying - yai, jong
God is great, full of mer - cy and love; in

hai jai rao nawm long wan thaa.
word and deed, let us wor - ship God.

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Gathering

Please stand as you are able.

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare."

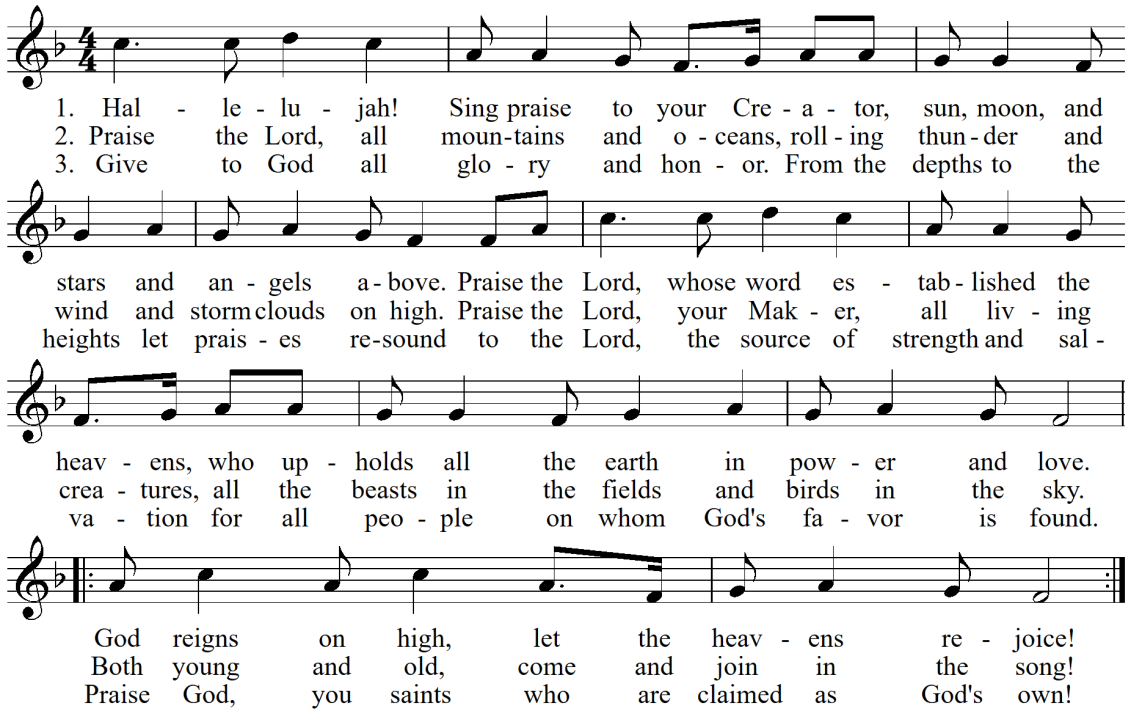
God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ✠ Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Gathering Song

Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator

This hymn of praise and thanksgiving is based on Psalm 148. This is a traditional Batak melody, Toba, Indonesia. Batak is a collective term used to identify a number of closely related Austronesian ethnic groups predominantly found in North Sumatra, Indonesia, who speak Batak languages.



1. Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing praise to your Cre - a - tor, sun, moon, and
 2. Praise the Lord, all moun-tains and o - ceans, roll - ing thun - der and
 3. Give to God all glo - ry and hon - or. From the depths to the
 stars and an - gels a - bove. Praise the Lord, whose word es - tab - lished the
 wind and storm clouds on high. Praise the Lord, your Mak - er, all liv - ing
 heights let prais - es re-sound to the Lord, the source of strength and sal -
 heav - ens, who up - holds all the earth in pow - er and love.
 crea - tures, all the beasts in the fields and birds in the sky.
 va - tion for all peo - ple on whom God's fa - vor is found.
 God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - joice!
 Both young and old, come and join in the song!
 Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own!

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Litany for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit."

Help us Lord, to surrender our spirits to you and to open ourselves to your work within us.

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness."

Help us Lord, to be enriched by your Word.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers."

Help us Lord, to bring harmony and unity to this broken and divided world.

Jesus said, "Blessed are you."

Help us to remember, O Lord, that you have blessed us with all we have and are.

Let us now use those blessings to bring blessings to others.

Apostolic Greeting

Arise shine; for the Light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

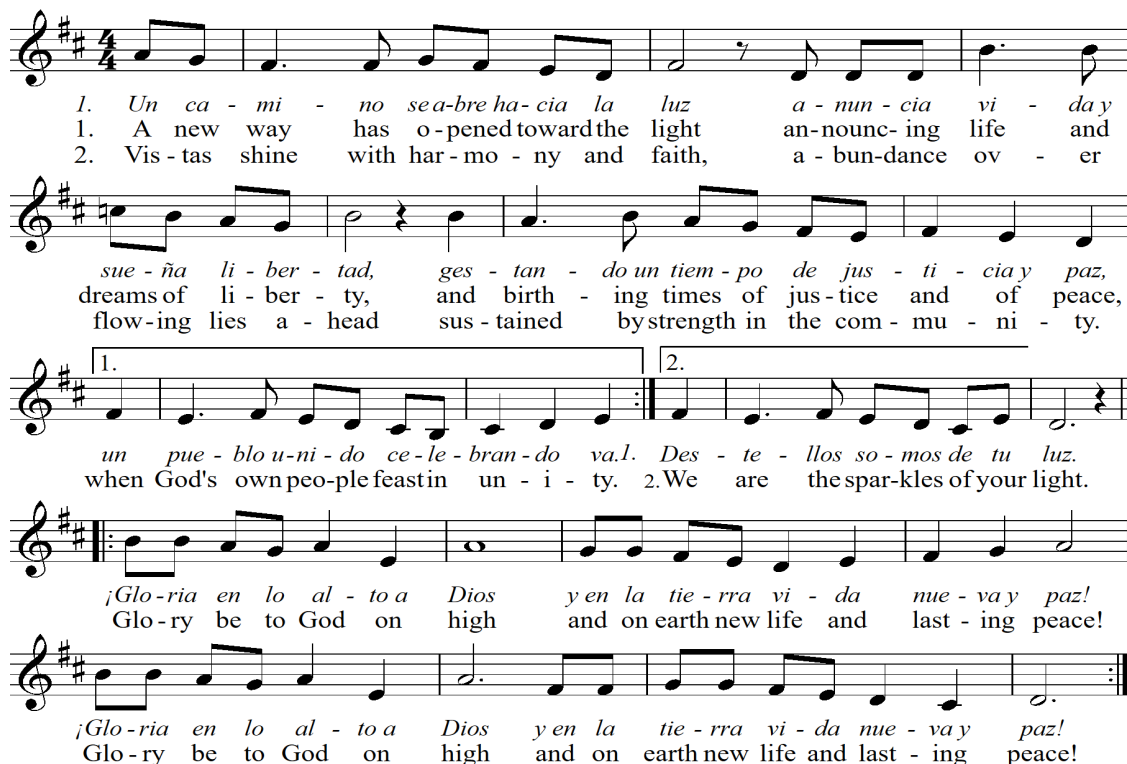
The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

A New Way Has Opened – Gloria be to God

This Cuban song speaks of light coming into the world for justice and peace. The refrain offers us a version of the Gloria.



1. Un ca - mi - no se a-bre ha- cia la luz a - nun - cia vi - da y
1. A new way has o - pened toward the light an - nounc - ing life and
2. Vis - tas shine with har - mo - ny and faith, a - bun-dance ov - er

sue - ña li - ber - tad, ges - tan - do un tiem - po de jus - ti - cia y paz,
dreams of li - ber - ty, and birth - ing times of jus - tice and of peace,
flow - ing lies a - head sus - tained by strength in the com - mu - ni - ty.

1. un pue - blo u - ni - do ce - le - bran - do va. 1. Des - te - llos so - mos de tu luz.
when God's own peo - ple feast in un - i - ty. 2. We are the spar - kles of your light.

¡Glo - ria en lo al - to a Dios y en la tie - rra vi - da nue - va y paz!
Glo - ry be to God on high and on earth new life and last - ing peace!

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Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

First Reading

Micah 6:1-8

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has "wearied" Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God's service.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

This Alleluia acclamation comes from the Orthodox Liturgy of Kiev/Kyiv. We remember all those suffering in the Ukraine and pray for peace.



Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

John and Connie Malloy

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

#808 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

– Jésus, je voudrais te chanter

(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn of the Day)

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song was created in 1961 by members of Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus (“The Little Sisters of Jesus”), a global contemplative order that “seeks to be a sign of love to people who are rejected.” The hymn also has associations with L’Arche communities. It is both a promise to bear witness to the love of Christ, and a prayer for courage throughout life’s journey.

Profession of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he
descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right
hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Usher Volunteers gather for Offering Collection at the Welcome Center.

Prayers of Intercession

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

...Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed
in Christ crucified.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

Meal

Offering

8:30

***Bwana Asifiwe* by Cathy Moglebust - Bells Angels**

Robert and Heide Hughes and Jeff Reeves, Percussion

The title of this original African Rhythmic piece means, Praise the Lord! Enjoy the African rhythms and spirit.

11:00

***Keep Your Lamps!* arr. Andre Thomas – Senior Choir**

Brian Smith, Percussion

Please stand as you are able.

Canticle of Thanksgiving

Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord

This traditional Hebrew song of praise and thanks comes to us from Israel.

English Come and sing the praise of the Lord, sing hal - le -
 Hebrew Ha - l' - lu' - hu, ha - l' - lu - hu, b' - zil - z' -

lu - jah! Come and sing the praise of the
 le sha - ma. Ha - l' - lu hu, ha - l' - lu -

Lord, sing hal - le - lu - jah!
 hu b' - zil - z' - le t'ru - a.

Let all that lives, all that has breath, sing the praise of
 Kol ha - n'sha - ma t' - ha - lel ja, ha - l' - lu -

God, hal - le - lu - jah! Let all that lives,
 ja, ha - l' - lu - ja. Kol ha - n'sha - ma

all that has breath, sing the praise of God.
 t' - ha - lel ja, ha - l' - lu - ja.

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Offering Prayer

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

We join in the feast.

Come. Be filled with light and life.

Please be seated.

Call to Communion

In This Feast of Love – *Tässä pösässä*

This contemporary Communion invitation, from 2017, comes to us from Finnish author and composer Jarkko Maukonen.

1. Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, _____ täs - sä pöy - däs -
1. In this feast of love, _____ in this feast of
2. In this bread and wine, _____ in this bread and
sä _____ syn - ti - sil - le it - se - si -
love, _____ Lord, you share your blood and your
wine, _____ you have prom - ised, Lord, to be
an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa! _____
bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God. _____
with us, Lamb of God div - ine. _____

Communion Hymn

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet/Canto de entrada

The spirit of community, of putting all things in common, is what this song is about. The words of this El Salvadorean songs are based on a sermon given by Father Rutilio Grande about a month before he was killed by the death squads.

Let us go now to the ban-quet, to the feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta-ble's
set and a place is wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

1. I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com - mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for
2. God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the ban - quet of jus - tice and
3. May we build such a place a - mong us where all peo - ple are e - qual in

me. With a spring in my step I'm walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
good where the har - vest will not be hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
love. God has called us to work to - geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

Text: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955, Misa popular salvadoreña; tr. Bret Hesla, b. 1957, and William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956. Music: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955. Tune: Vamos Todos al Banquete, 99 98 Refrain. Copyright © Text © 1988, 1996 GIA Publications, Inc. Podcast/Streamed/Reprinted with permission under One License A-703603. All rights reserved.

Please stand as you are able.

Communion Response

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his light and grace.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.
Amen.

Sending

Blessing

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod bless,
strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. Almighty God the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song

May the God of Hope Go with Us

Not much is known about this Argentine text or melody, based on Romans 15:13. Using arts to communicate the gospel, Columbian [and translator] Alvin Schutmaat studied Latin American literature and education in Edinburgh, returning to Colombia to teach theology and music at the Presbyterian Seminary in Bogota.

1. May the God of hope go with us ev - 'ry day,____
2. May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way,____

to a world in need with news of joy and peace.____ *Repeat.*
bring - ing light and hope to ev - 'ry land and race.____

3. Pray - ing,____ let us work for peace;____
4. work - ing____ for a world that's new,____

sing - ing,____ share our joy with all;____ *Repeat.*
faith - ful____ when we hear Christ's call.____

Text: tr. Alvin Schutmaat, 1921-1988, alt. Music: Music: Argentine folk melody. Tune: Argentina 11 11 11 11 7 7 7 7.
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Dismissal

Go forth as light into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³"O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of
Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Psalm 15**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those
who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is
the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will
thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe?
Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made
foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the
wisdom of God, the world did not know God through
wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our

proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews
demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we
proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews
and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are
the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of
God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness
is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is
stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not
many of you were wise by human standards, not many
were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But
God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the
wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame
the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the
world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things
that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence
of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus,
who became for us wisdom from God, and righteous-
ness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order
that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in
the Lord."

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the moun-
tain; 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 righ-
teousness, 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 righ-
teousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and per-
secute 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: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]; Psalm 112:1-9 [10]; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]; Matthew 5:13-20.

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