

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain;  
and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

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

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

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

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

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in 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 righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you  
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward is great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*You are the light of the world.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“You are the salt of the earth;

but if salt has lost its taste,

how can its saltiness be restored?

It is no longer good for anything,

but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

You are the light of the world.

A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.

No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket,

but on the lampstand,

and it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way,

let your light shine before human beings,

so that they may see your good works

and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*The wise man built his house on rock.*

*A shorter version (21, 24-25) concludes at the asterisk.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus went up the mountain with his disciples.

He sat down and began to teach them:

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’

will enter the kingdom of heaven,

but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them

will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.

The rain fell, the floods came,

and the winds blew and beat on that house,

but it did not fall,

because it had been founded on rock. \*

And everyone who hears these words of mine

and does not act on them

will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

The rain fell, and the floods came,

and winds blew and beat against the house.

and it fell -

and great was its fall!”

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things,

the crowds were astounded at his teaching,

for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*What God has joined together, let no one separate.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Some Pharisees came to Jesus, and to test him they asked,

“Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause?”

Jesus answered,

“Have you not read that the one who made them at the beginning

‘made them male and female,’

and said,

‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother

and be joined to his wife,

and the two shall become one flesh’?

So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*This is the greatest and first commandment, and a second is like it.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

One of the Pharisees, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

“Teacher, which commandment in the Law is the greatest?”

Jesus said to him,

“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart,

and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it:

‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*They are no longer two, but one flesh.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus said,

“From the beginning of creation,

‘God made them male and female.’

‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother

and be joined to his wife,

and the two shall become one flesh.’

So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee,  
and the mother of Jesus was there.

Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him,

“They have no wine.”

And Jesus said to her,

“Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.”

His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification,  
each holding about a hundred litres.

Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.”

And they filled them up to the brim.

He said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the chief steward.”

So they took it.

When the steward tasted the water that had become wine,  
and did not know where it came from

(though the servants who had drawn the water knew),

the steward called the bridegroom and said to him,

“Everyone serves the good wine first,

and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk.

But you have kept the good wine until now.”

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee,

and revealed his glory;

and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you;  
abide in my love.

If you keep my commandments,  
you will abide in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father’s commandments  
and abide in his love.

I have said these things to you  
so that my joy may be in you,  
and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“This is my commandment,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.

No one has greater love than this,  
to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I do not call you servants any longer,  
because the servant does not know what the master is doing;  
but I have called you friends,  
because I have made known to you everything  
that I have heard from my Father.

You did not choose me but I chose you.

And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last,  
so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*That they may become completely one.*

*A shorter version (20-23) concludes at the asterisk.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed:

“Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these,  
but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word,  
that they may all be one.

As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,  
so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

The glory that you have given me I have given them,  
so that they may be one, as we are one,

I in them and you in me,

that they may become completely one,

so that the world may know that you have sent me  
and have loved them even as you have loved me. \*

Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me,  
may be with me where I am,

to see my glory, which you have given me

because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you;  
and these know that you have sent me.

I made your name known to them,

and I will make it known,

so that the love with which you have loved me  
may be in them, and I in them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.