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Be Real, Belong, Believe It.

St. Stephen's is a welcoming and affirming Anglican parish which upholds that God's unconditional and inclusive love extends to all members of our human family equally and without reservation.

Yes. Everyone. We Mean It!

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY after EPIPHANY

February 02, 2020



As an outward expression of the Creator's love and in the spirit of reconciliation, St. Stephen's acknowledges that we gather on traditional Indigenous territory: Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta and Métis Nation, Region 3. Through our worship and outreach St. Stephen's moves forward seeking a new, honourable, and respectful relationship with the Original Peoples of this land.

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8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist **10:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist
Excellent Adventure and Nursery available 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to St. Stephen's Anglican Church

Sunday Worship, February 02, 2020

8:00am service - Book of Common Prayer (starting page 67) 10:30am service - Bulletin

The Reverend Jane Rowland, *Presider & Preacher*
The Reverend Charmaine Evans, *Deacon*
Liz Tremblay, *Organist & Choir Director*

Lectionary Readings

This week:

Micah 6:1-8

Psalms 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

Next week: Feb 09

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Psalms 112:1-9

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Matthew 5:13-20

The Prayers of the People

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi The Most Reverend Martin Blaise Nyaboho - Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba; for Justin, The Archbishop of Canterbury; Linda, our Primate; Greg our Metropolitan Archbishop & Diocesan Bishop; Leopold, Bishop of the Windward Islands.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

We pray for St. Paul, Calgary, The Reverend Fergus Tyson, The Reverend Cyril Haynes, The Reverend Dr. Norman Knowles; in our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for St. Andrew with Holy Innocents, St. Giles and St. Michael, on Grenada, The Venerable Michael Marshall, St. John with St. Mark and St. Matthew, on Grenada, The Reverend Coleridge Booker Christ-the-King with St. Francis, on Grenada, their clergy and the people of the parishes.

St. Stephen's Parish Cycle of Prayer

Craig and Rae Sprung and their son Henry · Keith and Jennifer Stahl and their daughter Abbeygail · Ida Stanley · Mary Stanwell · Brigid Stewart · Gavin Stuart and Sneha Boodun.

For Those in Need

Heather and family · Juliet · John · Phil · Anita · Tisha.

For The Departed

Avis Clarke

Flowers

Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God by Carly Grimsen Seligman and Ben Seligman in thanksgiving for the blessing of their children, Amelia and Simon, on their birthdays and in loving memory of Ben's dad, Nigel, on the anniversary of his passing.



On Duty Today:

Reader: *Patty Rhodes-Brink*

Litianist: *Anne Brown*

Communion Assistants: *Blake Kanewischer · Cathi Nelson*

Greeters: *Peter Nettleton · Nicole Frechette · Bill Tymchyshyn*

Chancel Guild: *Heather Hetherington · Jean Springer*

Sacramental Bread: *Kathy Deyell · David Roach*

Coffee: *Peter and Marilyn Nettleton*

Excellent Adventure: *Maya McKirdy*

Nursery: *Leila Quinones · Beth Apistar*

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On Going at St. Stephen's

Blue Envelopes this month go to **Outreach National**, a fund to support progressive movements within the wider Anglican Church.



St. Stephen's Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting is on **Feb. 16** following the 10.30am service.

Lunch will **be provided**.

While we had planned to avoid holding the AGM on the Teacher's Convention/Family Day long-weekend, it was unavoidable this year due to concert bookings. However, the Parish Council is making plans to ensure the AGM will be not be held on the February long-weekend in 2021.

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Choir Ministry

Our Choir Director, **Liz Tremblay** and **Choir Members** invite you to join them on **Thursday February 26th** at 7:30 pm. (enter through the chapel door) if you would like to find out more about this ministry or to join them for the Lent/Easter season for a short term commitment. Email Liz for more information limestoneliz@gmail.com.



Sign Up

The Flower Calendar & Coffee Schedule are up on the bulletin board outside of the Canterbury Room.



Bible Study is on Thursday mornings at 10, please join us.



BE REAL, BELONG, BELIEVE IT

February 02, 2020

Welcome! *If you are searching for a place to belong, a warm welcome to you. So we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have please look for one of our **Wardens** who will be wearing a big "Ask Me" button.*

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Letter from the Anglican Church of Canada

The Anglican Church of Canada has sent out a letter to all churches regarding the Corona virus, a copy of which is included in this bulletin and will also be on our web site. The intent of the letter is to remind us of keeping up on our hygiene practices here at church. Hand sanitizers (2) are located at the main doors leading into the church. If you have any questions or concerns please speak to The Reverend Charmaine Evans or a Warden (names on the back of the bulletin).

Open Doors II Update

The committee has been hard at work preparing all the necessary content for the CMHC seed funding application. It is an extensive process and we are grateful to have some industry specific talent on the team as well as much support from our local representative of the Affordable Housing division of CMHC. We are also attending a focus group on January 23rd hosted by the CMHC which has a focus on assisting committees such as ours navigate the procedural components and optimize access to a wider variety of proponents and projects. We are quite confident that our application will be submitted prior to our upcoming AGM. Thanks again for your support and encouragement and as always please feel free to contact any of the committee members which are: Cam Bush, Brad Andrews, Patty Rhodes-Brink, Lynda Greuel, Ian Moore and Keith Moe

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Search Committee News



With some first interviews scheduled in February, we've pushed our taking stock time to mid-month.

We still welcome your thoughts and suggestions. If you have names of likely candidates or know of communities other than the ones we're already canvassing, please let us know.

The members of the committee are: Anne J. Brown (Chair), Tim Crowe, Keith Moe, Cathi Nelson, Louise Redmond, Gavin Stuart and Gord Tallman. Any one of us will be happy to answer questions you have, at any time. You are also welcome to email or 'phone with comments; if that is your preference, contact Anne at brown.annej@gmail.com or 403 852 7355.

Whom will we welcome as our new Rector?

Note Worthy: Tears of the world: Life, Trauma and Faith
at **The Cathedral Church of the Redeemer**, 604. 1st SE
Saturday, February 8, 2020 10am to 12pm

This free educational two-session gathering is designed for anyone looking to more fully understand what trauma is, how it impacts us as individuals and as communities, and the role of spirituality in living with and through trauma.

Resources for further use will be made available. **A free-will offering will be collected.**

Session 1: **Trauma and Its Aftermath.** Led by the Reverend Susan Brandt

Session 2: **Tears of God: Living with Trauma**-the spiritual lens. Led by the Reverend Dr. Jane Rowland

For more information, please call the Reverend Charmaine Evans at 403-244-4879

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Music, Words & Technology: The Impact

Concert at St. Stephen's February 9, 2020 – 3PM

Right up to his death, Beethoven never ceased pushing music to its limits. After Beethoven, it was impossible to go back to the time when music was regarded as a soporific for wealthy patrons who could doze through a concert and then go home quietly to bed. Fast forward 250 years, Ensemble Resonance shows that today's composers still push the boundaries of music. Prices range up to \$25, see their web page for details.

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St. Edmunds sends a huge *Thank You* to our Anglican Community!

We have said it before but it bears saying again – we cannot fulfill our mission “Serving Christ and Community” without your help! Thank you for supporting us, and by extension, hundreds of people in need! We also do appreciate your ongoing support throughout the year and not just at Christmas time. If you are interested in doing a drive for us or volunteering in the Food Bank itself, please give us a call at (403) 288-6330 or email us at email@stedmundscalgary.org.

Young People are invited to Journey to Taizé

June 26 to July 10, 2020

In 2020, there will be a pilgrimage from Calgary to Taizé and Paris for young adults aged 18-35 from June 26 to July 10, 2020 led by Rev. Clara King.

Taizé is a wonderful place for young adults to explore their faith, meet other young people from all around the world, and discover more about themselves. After a week in Taizé, we'll spend 5 days in Paris. If you have young people in your congregation or in your wider connections, please help spread word of this opportunity.

Reduced price early bird registration closes on February 24.

See the Anglican Diocese website for more info and registration.

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January 27, 2020

Dear friends in Christ,

Recently we have heard news that the Corona virus has now spread into Canada. Though only two cases are known so far (in Toronto) many of us remember the SARS crisis and the precautions that were needed when it came close to our communities.

First, our prayers are extended to those who are ill with this virus and those who are caring for them, especially those at the epicentre of this outbreak in China.

So far there has been no call from public health officials for additional measures in public activities. However it is prudent to ensure that we have reviewed our practices in pastoral care and public worship to keep everyone, especially the most vulnerable due to age or infirmity, safe and to allay fears that may arise.

Here are some areas to consider in your parish:

- i) Hygiene practices in pastoral care and worship
 - a. Availability of hand sanitizer in the worship space for parishioners and those serving in the liturgy
 - b. Pastoral care workers taking all precautions in personal hygiene before and after pastoral visits in hospital and homes.
 - c. Reminding parishioners who are ill to stay at home to recover and to request home communion or a pastoral visit as desired.

- ii) If concern about the common cup is expressed:
 - a. Refresh teaching regarding our theology of the fullness of communion in one kind (bread or wine only).
 - b. Sharing the national information re Eucharistic Practice and the Risk of Infection: <https://www.anglican.ca/faith/worship/pir/euc-practice-infection/>
 - c. Alternatives to common cup:
 - i. Receive in one kind only (bread)
 - ii. Touching the base of the cup as it is presented but not consuming
 - iii. Intinction – though this must be done properly in a manner that makes contact of the fingers with the wine impossible – preferably with a proper intinction cup. Some dioceses prohibit intinction altogether.

- iv. Disposable individual cups – with due attention to hygiene in preparation.

I pray that our common life in worship and pastoral care will be rooted in the compassion of Christ and appropriate care for one another in a time of uncertainty.

With prayers for all,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Nicholls". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls
Archbishop and Primate, Anglican Church of Canada

P.S. See Diocese of Toronto statement at:

<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/2020/01/27/bishop-issues-statement-on-coronavirus-outbreak/>

February 02, 2020
The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

*The first Sundays in the New Year reflect a common theme:
how God revealed to the Gentile world the plan of salvation through his Son Jesus Christ.
This theme builds on the visit of the Magi, which we celebrate on January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany,
and continues with Jesus' baptism and the early days of his public ministry.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Reverend Jane Rowland, *Preacher & Presider*
The Reverend Charmaine Evans, *Deacon*
Liz Tremblay, *Organist & Music Director*

The Gathering of the Community

We gather, greet one another, and prepare for worship.

Prelude: Morning Has Broken, Traditional

Welcome and Opening Announcements

Greeting (*the People stand*)

God's Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory,
**the glory of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth.**

To all who receive him
he gives power to become children of God,
**who are born not of blood,
nor of the will of the flesh,
but of God.**

*We prepare for
worship by taking a
few quiet moments
to reflect upon the
state of our soul
and that of the
world this day.*

Opening Hymn: In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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Opening Prayer (*the People remain standing*)

Living God,
instruct us in the deep wisdom of the gospel,
that we may hunger and thirst for righteousness,
work tirelessly for peace,
and be counted among those
who seek first the blessedness of your realm.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

*The Opening
Prayer (also known
as the Collect)
identifies the
theme of today's
service.*

The Proclamation of the Word

*We hear again the Christian story
and respond with ours prayers and intentions.*

First Reading: Micah 6:1-8

read by Patty Rhodes-Brink

*The First Reading
and Psalm are
taken from the
Hebrew Scriptures..*

Following the reading:

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15

Who may dwell in your temple, O God?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,
who speaks from the heart truthfully.**

There is no guile upon their tongue;

no evil visited upon a friend;

no contempt heaped upon a neighbour.

They reject the wicked,

but honour those who fear God.

**They stand by their word,
even to their own hindrance.**

They do not lend money in hope of gain,
nor do they take a bribe against the innocent.

**Those who act accordingly
shall never be overthrown.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 *read by Patty Rhodes-Brink*

Following the reading:

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: Laudate Dominum

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Prior to the Reading:

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Following the Reading:

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*The Second
Reading is taken
from the early
Christian writings
found in the "New
Testament".*

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: "I Believe in God Almighty"

CP #44

1. I believe in God almighty,
Author of all things that be,
maker of the earth and heavens,
keeper of the sky and sea.
I believe in God's Son, Jesus,
now for us both Lord and Christ,
of the Spirit and of Mary
born to bring abundant life.

*We stand for the
Gospel Reading in
special reverence
for the accounts of
the life and
teachings of Jesus.*

2. I believe that Jesus suffered,
scourged and scorned and crucified;
taken from the cross, was buried -
true life there had truly died.
I believe that on the third day
Christ was raised up from the grave,
then ascended to God's right hand.
He will come to judge and save.

*This sung
affirmation of faith
is based on the
traditional creeds,
representing the
core beliefs of the
Christian church.*

3. I believe in God's own Spirit,
bonding all the saints within
one church, catholic, and holy,
where forgiveness frees from sin;
in the body's resurrection,
for the breaking of death's chain
gives the life that's everlasting:
this the faith that I have claimed.

Prayers of the People

led by Anne Brown

*The Prayers of the
People place the
concerns of our
hearts before God:
for the world, for
the Church, and for
those in need.*

The Peace *(the congregation standing)*

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace,
whose reign of peace shall never end.

God's peace be always with you.
And also with you.

*The Passing of the
Peace reminds us
of Jesus' command
to love one another
as he has loved us.*

The people greet one another with a gesture of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

*We give thanks for Christ's presence in our midst
by which we are spiritually fed.*

Hymn: Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

blue insert

*During this hymn
symbols of our
daily lives—bread
and wine for use in
communion, and
money for the
ongoing witness
and ministry of the*

Prayer over the Gifts

Yours, O God, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you, O God,
and of your own have we given you.**

*Church—are
offered for God's
blessing.*

Eucharistic Prayer

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*“Eucharist” comes
from the Greek
word for
thanksgiving. This
prayer is also
known as the Great
Thanksgiving.*

We give you thanks, O God,
because in the Incarnation of your Word
a new light has dawned upon the world,
that all the nations may be brought out of darkness
into the radiance of your glory.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
Jesus Christ, your Only-begotten,
took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us
to reconcile us to you,
the Creator of us all.

*This traditional
prayer offers
thanksgiving for
God's revelation to
us in Jesus Christ,
God's “Word made
flesh”.*

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, “Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

*This part of the
prayer recalls the
central mystery of
Christ's saving act,
his death for our
sake.*

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, “Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”
We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where your saints sing forever
their joyful hymns of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.
Blest is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord’s Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:
**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.**

*This portion of the
prayer asks God to
bless the gifts God
has given us, that
they may be a
source of strength
in the present time
...*

*... and also a sign
of the eternal
blessings to come.*

*The “Lord’s Prayer”
is so called because
the Gospels record
Jesus teaching this
prayer to his
disciples.*

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Invitation

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God!

*All who love and
serve God are
welcome to come
forward to receive
communion, or to
receive a blessing
in God's name.*

Communion (*please do not DIP the bread in the cup*)

Anthem During Communion: Walk With My Lord by Douglas Wagner

Prayer after Communion

Source of all goodness,
in this sacred meal
we are nourished by the bread of heaven
and invigorated with new wine.
May these gifts renew our faith,
that we may show your glory to all the world,
for we ask it in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

*A doxology is a
prayer of praise to
God, in this case, a
final one, drawing
our worship to a
close.*

Doxology

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Announcements

Dismissal

You are the light of the world.
Let your light shine!
Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn: Sing to God New Songs of Worship *blue insert*

Postlude: Concerto in A minor arrangement Vivaldi_Bach

Thank you for sharing in our worship today.

Following the service you are invited to stay and join us for refreshments.



Proper 4

READINGS

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

OPENING PRAYER

Living God,

instruct us in the deep wisdom of the gospel,
that we may hunger and thirst for righteousness,
work tirelessly for peace,
and be counted among those
who seek first the blessedness of your realm.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Source of all goodness,

in this sacred meal

we are nourished by the bread of heaven
and invigorated with new wine.

May these gifts renew our faith,
that we may show your glory to all the world,
for we ask it in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Proper 4

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

A Reading from the Book of Micah

Hear now what our God says.

Come, O God, and plead your case before the mountains;
let the hills hear your voice!

Listen, you mountains, to God's indictments,
and you foundations of the earth that endure forever;
for God has a quarrel with the people;
God contests with Israel, saying:

"O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you?
Answer me!

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

O my people,
remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
and how Balaam son of Beor answered him!
Remember the journey from Shittim to Gilgal,
and how God brought you justice!"

"With what shall I come before Yahweh," you ask,
"when I bow down before God on high?
Shall I come before God with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will God be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

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

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Thanks be to God!

Proper 4

PSALM 15

Who may dwell in your temple, O God?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,
who speaks from the heart truthfully.**

There is no guile upon their tongue;

no evil visited upon a friend;

no contempt heaped upon a neighbour.

They reject the wicked,

but honour those who fear God.

**They stand by their word,
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They do not lend money in hope of gain,

nor do they take a bribe against the innocent.

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SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the wise one? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For 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. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles; but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, my brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world—even things that are not—to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

God is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us God's wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that it may be said, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in God."

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12

*The Lord be with you.****And with thy spirit.****The Holy Gospel**of our Lord Jesus Christ**according to Matthew.****Glory be to Thee, O Lord.****God be with you.****And also with you.****The Good News**of Jesus Christ**according to Matthew.****Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

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.

Proper 4

Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward is great in heaven;
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets
who were before you.

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.