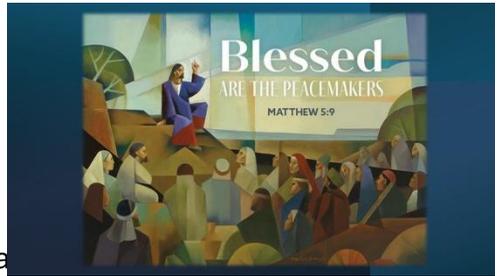


The Readings on This Day

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

In most of the standard Sundays after the Epiphany, the priest reads through significant passages in the gospel of Matthew. Most of the Sermon on the Mount is appointed. Jesus Christ has come among us, and Christians are called to adopt the transformed life described in the Sermon on the Mount.



[Micah 6:1-8](#)

Christians recognize that Jesus' call to a life of justice follows in the Old Testament tradition, in which prophets spoke God's word of righteous living to a people who had [received](#) God's saving deeds. The Micah passage parallels the Beatitudes.

The Psalm for the Day

We respond to the reading of Micah with [Psalm 15](#), originally an entrance song used at the temple. The song states that those who worship rightly will also live rightly. As Christians, we take refuge in the cross, knowing that only in Christ Jesus comes such righteous living.

[1 Corinthians 1:18-21](#)

The cross of Christ represents a paradoxical divine wisdom that is alien to the world's common understanding of reality. We stand within the righteousness that comes to us through the cross as we hear the stern Sermon on the Mount.

[Matthew 5:1-12](#)

The Beatitudes describe the rigorous values that according to Matthew characterize the Christian life. In the service of the word, we hear Matthew's description of life within God's kingdom, and we turn for forgiveness and renewal in the service of holy communion. Jesus Christ is himself the embodiment of the Beatitudes.