

*Readings, Sermon Notes, Prayers, Hymns  
To Study and Share with those You Love.  
WEEK OF JAN. 29, 2023*

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**Sermon on the  
Mount.  
Happy is the  
man.**

**Matt. 5**

Hymn of Invocation. **Jesus Sat with His Disciples** 932  
+ The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism. +

### **INTROIT PSALM 1**

For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,\* but the way of the wicked will | perish.  
Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the | wicked,\* nor stands in the  
way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of | scoffers; but his delight is in the law | of the  
LORD,\* and on his law he meditates | day and night. He is like a tree planted by  
streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not | wither.\* In all  
that he does, he | prospers. The wicked | are not so,\* but are like chaff that the wind |  
drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,\* nor sinners in the  
congregation of the | righteous. Glory to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy |  
Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.  
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### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we  
cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and  
carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

### **PSALM 15**

O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill?  
**He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart; who  
does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach  
against his friend; in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who  
fear the LORD; who swears to his own hurt and does not change; who does not put out  
his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these  
things shall never be moved. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, Amen.**  
Preserve me, O God, for in You do I take refuge.

### **APPOINTED READINGS 29 JAN. 2023**

Micah 6:1–8. 1 Corinthians 1:18–31. Matthew 5:1–12

### **God Manifests His Glory in the Humility and Weakness of Christ Crucified**

- The Lord tells His people, *“I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery”* (Micah 6:4). By the sacrifice of His beloved Son, He has redeemed us from our slavery of sin and death; He has forgiven our transgressions by the shedding of His blood. His great mercy and salvation lead us *“to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly”* with our God. (Micah 6:8)
- We boast only in the incarnate and crucified Lord Jesus. He is *“the power of God and the wisdom of God”* (1 Cor. 1:24). He is our life and salvation, our *“wisdom”* and *“righteousness and sanctification and redemption.”* (1 Cor. 1:30)
- Now He opens His mouth and teaches us His wisdom. By His cross and Passion, the kingdom of heaven is ours. We receive mercy and are satisfied; we see God and are called sons of God in Christ. *“Blessed are you,”* therefore, *“when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely”* on account of Christ. (Matt. 5:11)

**CONFESSION OF OUR COMMON FAITH: THE NICENE CREED**

Hymn of the Day / **Son of God, Eternal Savior** 842

**SERMON NOTES**

**Ingredients for the Good Life in Christ Matthew 5:1-12**

- *"Humble men are very fortunate!" he told them, "for the Kingdom of Heaven is given to them.*
- *Those who mourn are fortunate! for they shall be comforted.*
- *The meek and lowly are fortunate! for the whole wide world belongs to them.*
- *"Happy are those who long to be just and good, for they shall be completely satisfied.*
- *Happy are the kind and merciful, for they shall be shown mercy.*
- *Happy are those whose hearts are pure, for they shall see God.*
- *Happy are those who strive for peace—they shall be called the sons of God.*
- *Happy are those who are persecuted because they are good, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.*

*"When you are reviled and persecuted and lied about because you are my followers—wonderful! Be happy about it! Be very glad! for a tremendous reward awaits you up in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted too.*

Contrary to everything we are either taught or told to be true by the wisdom of this world, only those whose lives are hidden in Jesus Christ find the secret ingredients for the good life now and hereafter.

1. **Ingredients for the good life are found perfectly in Jesus.**
  - a. Christ, Who alone is good and without sin
  - b. Who perfectly defines and embodies each ingredient
2. **Jesus freely shares the ingredients for a good life with His disciples.**
  - a. Not by works of the law, but gifts of grace in Holy Baptism
  - b. Always learning / growing by life together in the body of Christ

**We know the ingredients are coming together when attacks come**

- a. Jesus' followers will be reviled, persecuted and slandered.
- b. A wonderful reward awaits those who stand with the prophets

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH. 4TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY. 29 JAN. 2023**

**Almighty Lord and Judge of all**, do not contend against us; for although Your indictment of our sinfulness is true, Your Son has suffered our condemnation. Hear Him as He pleads for our pardon, and for His sake forgive us our sins and preserve us as Your people.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**God of all wisdom**, You tell us plainly that the Word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but it is Your power to all who are being saved. Strengthen the faith of pastors and congregations, that they would not turn to man-made wisdom but boldly proclaim Christ and Him crucified. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**God of all glory**, make us meek before You. Remove our stubborn inclination to follow our sinful desires, and strengthen us gladly to submit to Your holy will as we await the day of the new heaven and earth. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Heavenly Father**, You have given Your firstborn for our transgressions. Strengthen all parents and guardians, that the children in their care might not be trained in the transgressions of their forebears, but rejoice in Your ways. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**O Lord of lords**, You rescued Your people from Egypt and confounded Balak, king of Moab, for their protection. Guide the decisions and actions of all earthly authority, that Your people may live in peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all truth, bless those who are reviled and slandered because of Jesus. Strengthen them with grace, provide for all their needs of body and soul, and maintain in them the joy and gladness that in Christ their reward in heaven is great.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Merciful God**, You choose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, and You use our infirmities for our good. Hear our prayers on behalf of all who are afflicted [*especially*

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Deliver them according to Your will, and make use of their trials to increase their confidence in You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Lord**, teach us to hunger for Your flesh and to thirst for Your blood, that by Your Holy Communion we may be cleansed of our sin and equipped to love You above all and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Lord God, heavenly Father**, receive our thanks for the saints whom You preserved in righteousness and delivered to glory. Purify our hearts by Your grace and strengthen us against temptation, that we would look joyfully to the day when we will see You in Your glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**