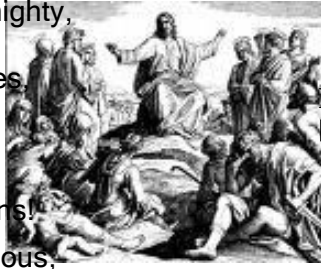


FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Come, praise the Lord, the almighty,
the King of all nations!
Tell forth his fame, O ye peoples,
with loud acclamations!
His love is sure;
faithful his word shall endure,
steadfast through all generations!
2. Praise to the Father most gracious,
the Lord of creation!
Praise to his Son, the Redeemer
who wrought our salvation!
O heav'nly Dove,
Praise to thee, fruit of their Love.
Giver of all consolation!



But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 145:7-10, R) Mt. 5:3

**R. How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who set prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)
3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people.

Seek the Lord
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity,
seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in
the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the
Corinthians 1:26-31
God chose what is foolish by human reckoning.

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you
were called: how many of you were wise in the
ordinary sense of the word, how many were
influential people, or came from noble families? No,
it was to shame the wise that God chose what is
foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is
strong that he chose what is weak by human
reckoning; those whom the world thinks common
and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen
- those who are nothing at all to show up those who
are everything. The human race has nothing to
boast about to God, but you, God has made
members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he
has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our
holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if
anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the
Lord.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew 5:1-12
How happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he
sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he
began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'

