

## FIRST READING: Micah 6:6–8

A reading from Micah.

- <sup>6</sup>"With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"  
<sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

**PSALM: Psalm 147:1–11, 20c**—*read responsively by whole verse.*

- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!  
How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!
- <sup>2</sup>**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem,  
and gathers the exiles of Israel.**
- <sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.
- <sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number of the stars  
and calls them all by their names.**
- <sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and mighty in power;  
there is no limit to God's wisdom.
- <sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts up the lowly,  
but casts the wicked to the ground.**
- <sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
make music upon the harp to our God,
- <sup>8</sup>**who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth,  
making grass to grow upon the mountains.**
- <sup>9</sup>God provides food for the cattle  
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- <sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might of a horse,  
and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**
- <sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,  
in those who await God's steadfast love.
- <sup>20c</sup> **Hallelujah!**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1–10**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**