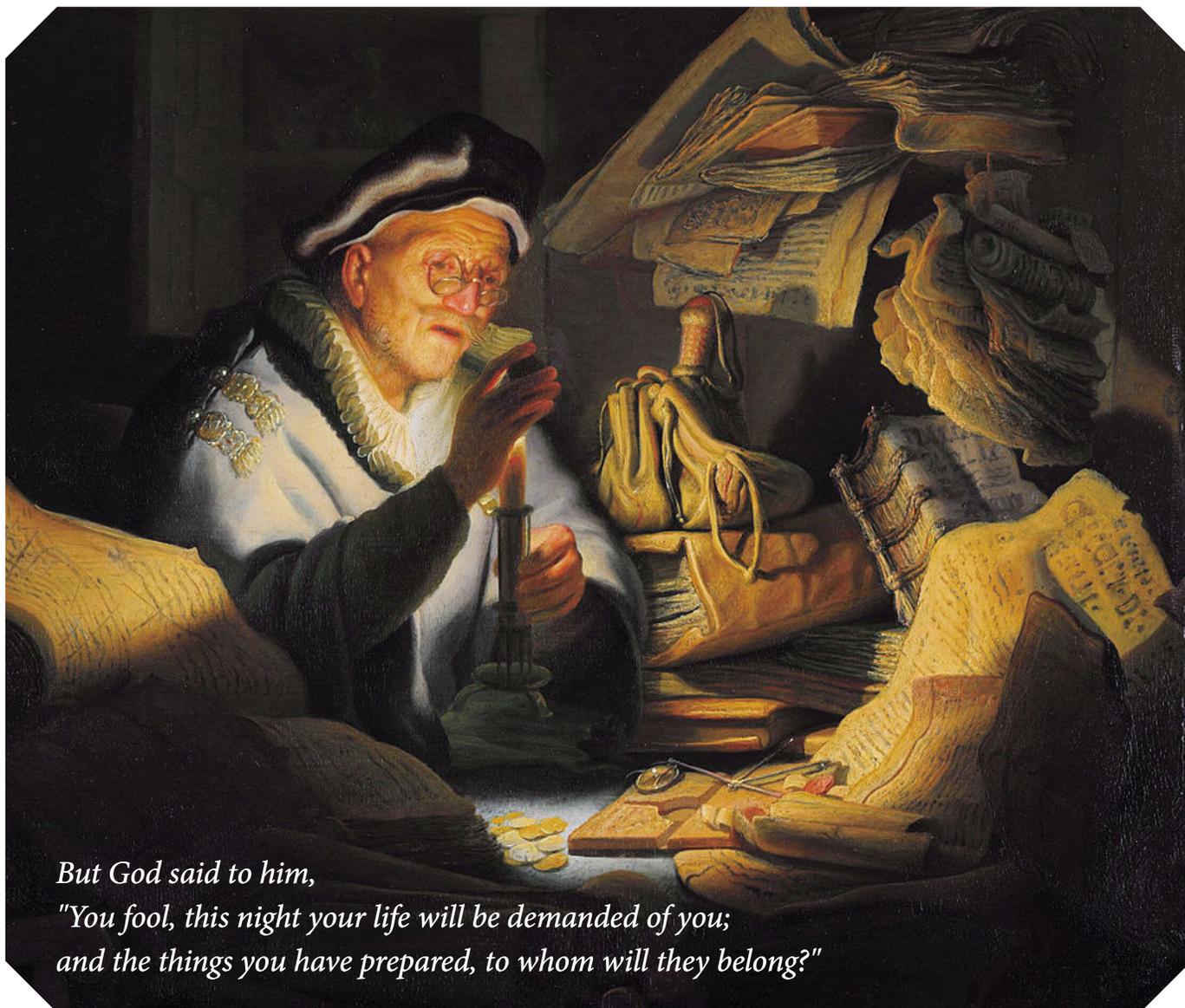


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JULY 31, 2022 - THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



*But God said to him,
"You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you;
and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?"*

The Parable of the Rich Fool by Rembrandt, 1627; oil on oak wood; public domain



Mon. - St. Alphonsus Liguori



Tues. - St. Eusebius of Vercelli;
St. Peter Julian Eymard



Thurs. - St. John Vianney



Fri. - Dedication of the
Basilica of St. Mary
Major



Sat. - Transfiguration
of the Lord

St. Francis 2022 Homecoming Gala

Saturday, August 27
5 to 9 p.m.
Hilton Hotel Arden
West

This year's **14th Annual Gala** charts a new course as we shine the spotlight on our beloved community, inviting you to return, reunite and remember with friends old and new. This celebration is offered to all who have ever called St. Francis Parish home. Much has changed, but the same heart still beats strong and true.



Peruse auction and raffle items during the Social Hour. Enjoy pleasant conversation with tablemates over quiet dinner music. Rather than turning up the volume after the meal, we're proud to offer you a live performance by a sensational group of musicians, interspersed with chances to support the work of the church through live auction and fund-a-need opportunities.

This year's entertainment features a cabaret-style show of Broadway favorites presented by Who's Counting, incorporating the melodious musical stylings of Jennifer Rineman, Sofia Rosario, Kyle Jackson, Jonathan Saatman and our very own John Iosefa. The Great White Way has never sounded so good!

Home is where the heart is.
You're invited to come home on Saturday, August 27.
The cost is \$80 p.p.

Follow this link to make your reservation:
<https://bit.ly/3C7bAzC>

St. Francis 2022 Homecoming Gala
August 27, 2022
at the Hilton on Arden West

WEEKLY READINGS

Sun: Gen 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13
Mon: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Tue: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wed: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46
Thu: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Fri: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Sat: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sun: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children:

If you are looking for a spiritual home or are baptized Catholic but have not yet received Eucharist or Confirmation, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), and RCIA Adapted for Children may be for you. A new group is forming soon.

If interested, complete a registration form online at <http://bit.ly/SacPrepForm>
For any questions, please contact DFF@stfrancisparish.com



The Missionary Cooperative Appeal

The **Missionary Cooperative Appeal** is a program of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith which seeks to foster an ever-deeper spirit of universal mission, to inform Catholics of the life and the needs of the Catholic Church in the Missions, and to encourage prayer and financial help for those mission churches. This annual appeal is one that helps unite the Diocese of Sacramento with the Universal Church and to emanate mission awareness among the people of the Diocese of Sacramento.



On August 06/07, our parish will be visited by a **Sister of Our Lady of Usambara**, a growing congregation of over 600 African Nuns whose work is caring for the poor and most deprived people in the north-eastern region of Tanzania. The area of ministries includes but not limited to teaching religious education to young people, providing services to the poor and the sick, and providing education in schools and colleges.



A second collection will be taken up to support the missionary work of the Sisters of Our Lady of Usambara. Our generosity will make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters, our neighbors in another part of the world.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and
guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.



Franciscans
For Justice



FROM BRO. MARK SCHROEDER, OFM
FranciscansForJustice.org | FACEBOOK: Franciscans for Justice

The United States detonated two nuclear weapons over the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6 and 9, 1945.

Most citizens “forget” that we possess a gigantic
nuclear arsenal. In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells the
crowd:

“Take care to guard against all greed,
for though one may be rich,
one’s life does not consist of possessions.”

So let us pray:

Disarm our hearts, God of Peace;
Help us renounce the fear
That takes the form of weapons.

Help us choose the fierce love
That moves your human family
To dialogue, not destruction.

Our children are fragile,
As is our earth.
Give us the wisdom
To cherish these gifts
By voicing our support
For a world free
Of nuclear weapons.

Disarm our hearts, God of Peace;
Help us to embrace
Your wisdom and your will
As you challenge us
To choose life,
Not weapons of destruction.

We pray for authentic and lasting peace,
We pray for the will to bring this about
So we may be called peacemakers,
The children of God.
In your name we pray for the end
Of the weapons of war. Amen.

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Center of Concern]

Act of Spiritual Communion



My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into
my soul. Since I cannot at this
moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my
heart. I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite myself wholly
to You. Never permit me to be
separated from You. Amen.

PEACE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS



*While this prayer has always
been attributed to St. Francis,
the author is actually unknown.
The prayer does wonderfully
represent the spirit of St. Francis
and the Franciscan Orders.*

Lord, make me an
instrument of your **peace**;
where there is hatred,
let me sow **love**;
where there is injury, **pardon**;
where there is doubt, **faith**;
where there is despair, **hope**;
where there is darkness, **light**;
and where there is sadness, **joy**.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not
so much seek
to be consoled, as to **console**;
to be understood, as to **understand**;
to be loved, as to **love**;
for it is in giving that we **receive**,
it is in pardoning that we are **pardoned**,
and it is in dying that we are
born to eternal life.

Amen.



The Memorare Prayer

Remember, O most gracious Virgin
Mary, that never was it known
that anyone who fled to your
protection, implored your help
or sought your intercession
was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence,
I fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins,
my Mother. To you I come, before
you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in your mercy
hear and answer me.
Amen.

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THE POPE TWEETS

JULY 22, 2022

We #GrandparentsandElderly have a great responsibility: to teach people how to look on others with the same understanding and loving gaze we give our grandchildren. We can be teachers of a way of life that is peaceful and attentive to the weakest.

Franciscus

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THE CENTER OF A MEANINGFUL LIFE

Today's readings invite us to reflect upon some of life's deepest questions, and to explore the meaning of faith. We hear of the universal human search for meaning in our lives in the book of Ecclesiastes. In Luke's Gospel, we hear Jesus' parable about one who foolishly seeks ultimate security through the accumulation of wealth. In Colossians, faith in the crucified and resurrected Christ is proclaimed as the path to a richly purposeful and meaningful life. The path of Christian faith places our work, our sufferings, and our limitations within the larger picture of God's purposes for all of us. In Jesus, God is revealed as our companion in human suffering and limitation. God's love is at the center of a meaningful life. We place our trust in this loving God, who created us to share in this love, and to share this love with others.

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Four members of the **St. Francis of Assisi, Sacramento, forming Secular Fraternity** will attend the "Q" August 2-6, 2022: Sister Dorothy McCormack, Dave Mott, Candace McGahan, and Melba Hinojosa. The Quinquennial Congress is a once-every-five-year gathering of the entire National Fraternity, mandated in our OFS-USA statutes. It's not a retreat, and it's different from any other conference or workshop. In fact, it's an experience of fraternity unlike any other. More than 600 Franciscans are expected to meet in Phoenix for renewal and celebration. For information regarding the St. Francis of Assisi, Sacramento forming Secular Fraternity, please contact jdwarwick@stfrancisparish.com. For information about the Q and other Secular Franciscan resources, please visit: <https://www.secularfranciscansusa.org>. Pray for us as we journey to Phoenix.



PLEASE NOTE FOR ALL MASSES:
For the safety of all we will continue with our mask policy. Social Distancing will be observed. Hand sanitizing will be offered prior to receiving Communion. Limited seating!

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

- **Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:15pm – Mass in the church**
- **Sunday at 7:30am – Mass in the church**
- **Sunday at 9:30am Mass in the church**
The 9:30am Mass will be livestreamed as usual (<https://bit.ly/37XEfK3>).

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday, Weds and Fri at 12:10pm, in the church. For the safety of all, we will continue with our mask policy for all. Social Distancing will be observed. Hand sanitizing will be offered prior to receiving Communion. Limited seating!

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The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

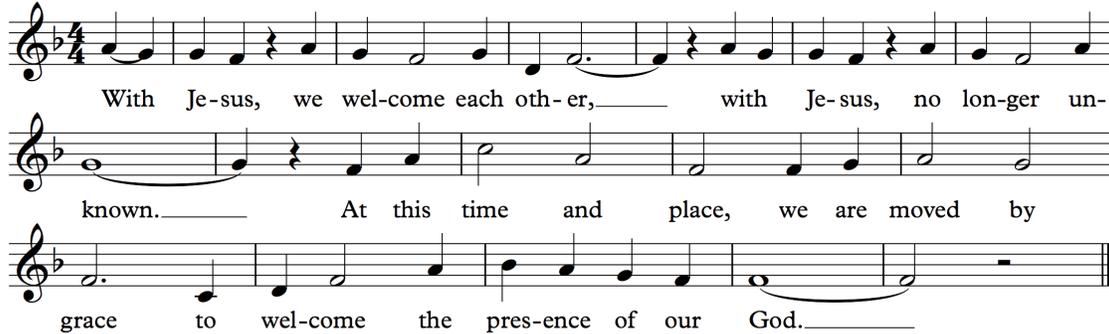
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July 30-31, 2022

Gathering:

Welcome

Chris de Silva

REFRAIN:



With Je-sus, we wel-come each oth-er, with Je-sus, no lon-ger un-
known. At this time and place, we are moved by
grace to wel-come the pres-ence of our God.

We welcome! The one who yearns for peace, the one who lives in fear,
The one who hungers for the truth, the one who thirsts for change,
The one who stays the same, the one whose heart is filled with faith. **(Refrain)**

We welcome! The one who holds the light, the one who has no sight,
The one who gently speaks the truth, the one who knows your name,
The one who takes no blame, the one who proudly sings God's praise. **(Refrain)**
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Gloria:

Mass of Renewal

Curtis Stephan

*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, 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, amen.*

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Psalm: Psalm 90: "If Today You Hear God's Voice"

Bob Hurd



If to-day you hear God's voice, hard - en not your hearts.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Curtis Stephan



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

AMEN+

Preparation of Gifts:

Parable

M.D. Ridge

1. To ev'rything there is a season; a time to be born and a time to die.
A time to plant and a time for harvest; a time to meet and a time to part.
A sower went out to sow the seed. Some of it fell upon the path,
some fell on shallow, rocky soil, and some among choking thorns.
2. To ev'ry thing there is a season; a time to be born and a time to die.
A time to speak and a time for silence; a time to wound and a time to heal.
Nothing can grow in barren soil; briars and ravens take their toll;
still there is grain a hundredfold, from seed that took root and grew.
3. To ev'ry thing there is a season; a time to be born and a time to die.
A time for joy and time for grieving; a time to seek and a time to lose.
God's word is like the farmer's seed, rooted in joyful, loving hearts,
growing like grain in fertile ground, a harvest that overflows.
4. To ev'ry thing there is a season; a time to be born and a time to die.
A time to plant and a time for harvest; a time to meet and a time to part.

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Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Mass of Renewal

Curtis Stephan

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Amen, Amen, Amen!

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us, grant us peace.

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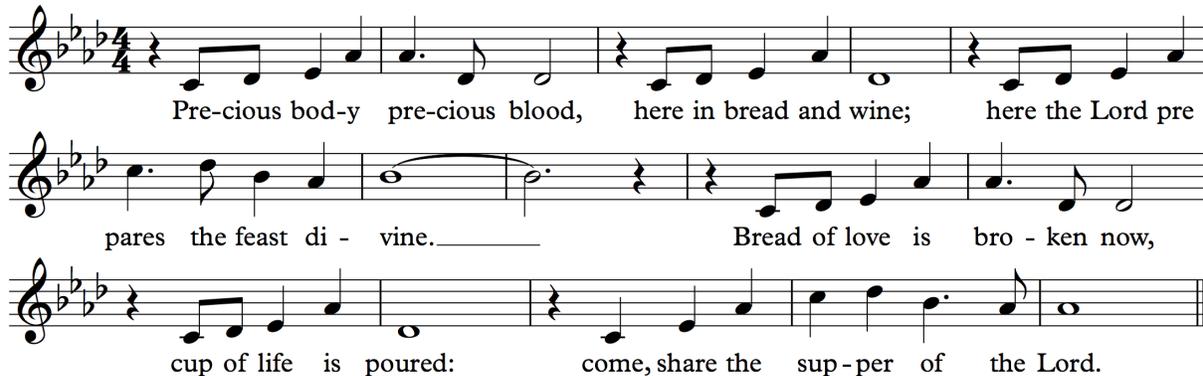
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Communion:

The Supper of the Lord

Laurence Rosania

REFRAIN:



Pre-cious bod-y pre-cious blood, here in bread and wine; here the Lord pre
pares the feast di - vine. Bread of love is bro - ken now,
cup of life is poured: come, share the sup - per of the Lord.

This is the bread of God coming down from heaven, giving life to us, to all the world. **(Refrain)**

“I am the living spring of eternal life; you that drink from me shall not thirst again.” **(Refrain)**

“I am the bread of heaven giving life to you; you that eat this bread shall never die.” **(Refrain)**

“All those who feed on me have their life in me, as I have my life in the living God.” **(Refrain)**

All praise to you, O Christ, present in this feast, in this bread we share in one life, one Lord. **(Refrain)**

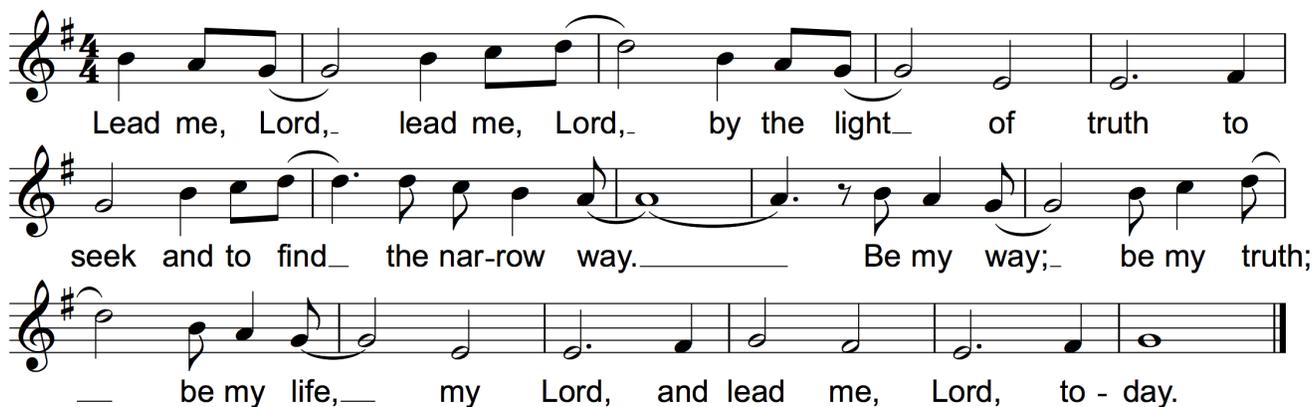
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Sending Forth:

Lead Me, Lord

John Becker

Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their God, for God’s coming kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled, and the meek shall come to rule the world. **(Refrain)**



Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to
seek and to find the nar-row way. Be my way; be my truth;
be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, to - day.

Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs, and the pure in heart shall see their God.

Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill, for I say they shall be satisfied. **(Refrain)**

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