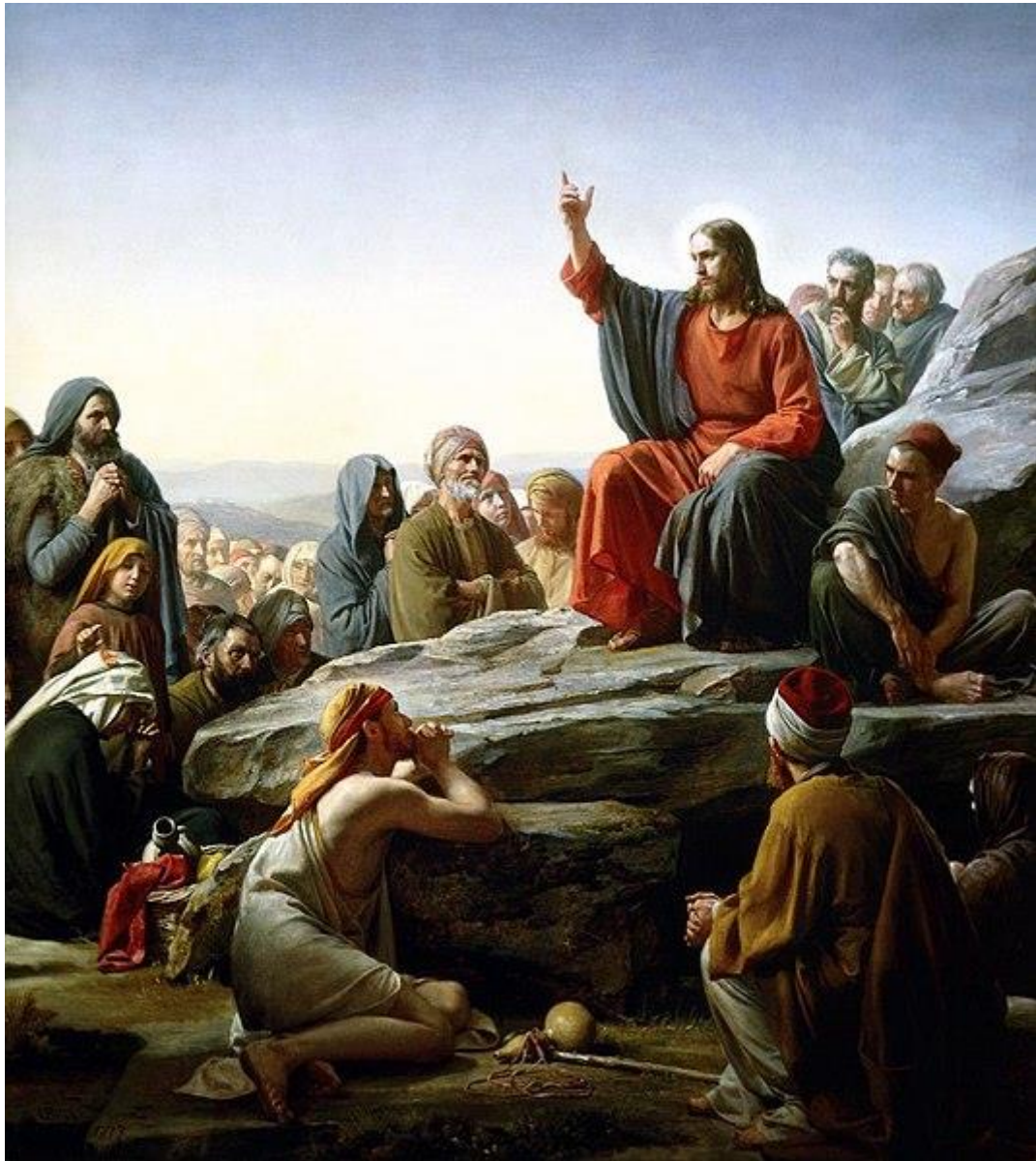


**St Andrew's and St George's West
Order of Service, 29 January 2023**

THEME:

'Blessed': Life in God's New World

IMAGE:



***Sermon on the Mount* Carl Heinrich Bloch (1834-1890)**

Gathering music

Preludes

If thou but suffer God to guide thee, BWV 690/691 JS Bach

Aria P Manz

Welcome

Call to worship

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers.

But their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

(from Psalm 1)

Let us worship God together.

Hymn

CH4 436 Christ triumphant, ever reigning

Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven.
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

[All age talk]

CH4 448 Lord, the light of your love is shining

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you
and also with you

Hymn

CH4 522 The Church is wherever God's people are praising

Scripture Readings (NRSV)

Micah 6: 1-8

6 Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

2 Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

3 "O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

5 O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

6 "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?

7 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?"

8 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?

Matthew 5: 1-12

5 When Jesus^[a] saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2** And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

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

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

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

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

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

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely^[b] on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Hymn

CH4 489 Come down, O Love Divine

Reflection

Living in God's new reality

Prayers of the People

Hymn

CH4 279 Make way, make way, for Christ the King

Sending and blessing

Sending music

Postlude

Toccatina and Fugue in F

D Buxtehude

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Worship assistants: Lorna Cammock and James McNeill

Scripture Reader: Margaret McGregor

Organist/pianist: David Stewart

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