

GRACE IN THE DESERT
April 6, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements

Theme Verse:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 Matthew 5:3

Opening Song

“Made to Worship”

Invocation

Children's Message

Response Song

“Who Am I?”

Old Testament Readings:

Psalm 34:18; Psalm 51:17; Isaiah 59:19; 61:1

New Testament Reading:

James 2:5-6

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 5:1-3

Message Song:

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

Message:

“Poor and Part of a Kingdom – How Does that
 Happen?”

Confession of Faith

“We Believe”

Prayers

Confession and Absolution

***C O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy,
 Be gracious to us for we have gone astray from your ways.
 Create in us new and contrite hearts,
 that we may now truly lament and confess our sins to You.
 Blessed are the poor in spirit.***

But in our pride we exalt ourselves.

Blessed are those who mourn.

But in our envy we recoil from others' happiness.

Blessed are the meek and the peacemakers.

But in our wrath we lash out in revenge.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But in our sloth we despair of virtue.

Blessed are the merciful.

But in our greed we demand to possess and fail to give.

Blessed are the pure in heart.

But in our lust we sacrifice others to serve ourselves.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness.

But in our gluttony we consume unto sickness.

Heavenly Father, it is evident we too have loved darkness. Give us grace to walk again in the light so that the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin and we have true fellowship with one another. Do this for our good and Your glory.

AMEN. (retrieved from <https://2cherish2commend.com/2017/05/11/prayer-of-confession-of-sin-the-beatitudes/>)

P Absolution

Communion

Prayer/Consecration of Elements

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

Offering Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song

"All the People Said Amen"

Sending Out