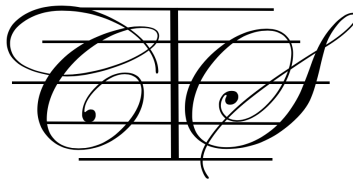


The Beatitudes

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for soprano, soprano, and mezzo-soprano



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These eight Beatitudes come from the Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of Matthew, the first Book of the New Testament of the Bible. While the Ten Commandments supply us with statements regarding the evils we should avoid on Earth, these Beatitudes give us a framework for how to live a life filled with humility and brotherly love.

The Beatitudes of Jesus supply us with a guide to a positive pathway of life, ultimately ending with salvation. Furthermore, these Beatitudes supply us with a hope for peace through any hardship and tribulation while we are here on Earth.

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

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.

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

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mp *espress.*

mf

Soprano 1

Soprano 2

Mezzo-Soprano

Bless - ed are the poor in spir - it,

5 *mf*
for theirs is the king - dom of hea - ven.

10 *mp* *mf*
Bless - ed are they who mourn,
mp *mf*
Bless - ed are they who mourn,

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14

mp

S for they shall be com - for - ted.

mp

S for they shall be com - for - ted.

MS

18

mf

S Bless - ed are the meek, for they shall

f

mf

S Bless - ed are the meek, for they shall

f

mf

MS Bless - ed are the meek, for they shall

22

mf

S in - her - it the earth. Bless - ed are

mf

S in - her - it the earth. Bless - ed are

mf

MS in - her - it the earth. Bless - ed are

26

S they who hung - er and thirst for right - eous - ness, _____

S they who hung - er and thirst for right - eous - ness, _____

MS they who hung - er and thirst for right - eous - ness, _____

30

S *mf* for they shall be *f* sat - tis - fied. _____

S *mf* for they shall be *f* sat - tis - fied. _____

MS *mf* for they shall be *f* sat - tis - fied. _____

34

S *mf* Bless - ed are the mer - ci - ful, $\frac{2}{4}$ - $\frac{5}{4}$ for they shall ob - tain

S *mf* Bless - ed are the mer - ci - ful, $\frac{2}{4}$ - $\frac{5}{4}$ for they shall ob - tain

MS *mf* Bless - ed are the mer - ci - ful, $\frac{2}{4}$ - $\frac{5}{4}$ for they shall ob - tain

38 *mp*

S
mer - cy. Bless - ed are the pure of

S
mer - cy. Bless - ed are the pure of

MS
mer - cy. Bless - ed are the pure of

42 *mf*

S
heart, for they shall see God.

S
heart, for they shall see God.

MS
heart, for they shall see God.

46 *mp*

S
Bless - ed are the peace - mak - ers, for they

S
Bless - ed are the peace - mak - ers, for they

MS
Bless - ed are the peace - mak - ers, for they

50

S shall be called the chil - dren of God. Bless - ed

S shall be called the chil - dren of God. Bless - ed

MS shall be called the chil - dren of God. Bless - ed

mf

54

S are they who are per - se - cut - ed for the sake of right - eous -

S are they who are per - se - cut - ed for the sake of right - eous -

MS are they who are per - se - cut - ed for the sake of right - eous -

f

58

S ness, for theirs is the king - dom of heav -

S ness, for theirs is the king - dom of heav -

MS ness, for theirs is the king - dom of heav -

mf *f*

62

S en, of heav - en, of hea -

S en, of heav - en, of hea -

MS en, of heav - ven, of hea -

66

S - ven. A - men, A - men,

S - ven. A - men, A - men,

MS - ven. A - men, A - men,

70

S A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.

S A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.

MS A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.