

pray

Showing Love

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: Gathered as a community of believers, let us listen to God, speaking to us in his Word today and always.

Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

All: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: Blessed are they who mourn,

All: for they will be comforted.

Leader: Blessed are the meek,

All: for they will inherit the land.

Leader: Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

All: for they will be satisfied.

Leader: Blessed are the merciful,

All: for they will be shown mercy.

Leader: Blessed are the clean of heart,

All: for they will see God.

Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers,

All: for they will be called children of God.

Leader: Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,

All: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3–10

Leader: In our preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, we learn how our actions demonstrate our love for God. Sometimes we stray from God's love and commit sins. When we recognize our wrongs, we ask for forgiveness. The Beatitudes guide us in the ways we should live.

All: O my God, I love you above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because you are all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me, and I ask pardon of those whom I have injured. Amen.

Leader: Choosing to do the right thing is choosing to love. In preparation for Confirmation, you are considering ways you express your love of God and your neighbor, your willingness to forgive others, and your desire to be forgiven. Let us thank God for helping us show these acts of love.

All: Loving God, as we prepare for Confirmation, we look to the Beatitudes to support and guide us in our everyday lives. We express our love for you and your Son, Jesus Christ, by acting in faith-filled ways. We thank you for your forgiveness when we stray and ask for the strength to forgive others. Amen.