



# Our Lady of Peace School

**With Christ in our hearts, together we grow**

**Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A**

**Matthew 4:12 -23 Follow Me!**

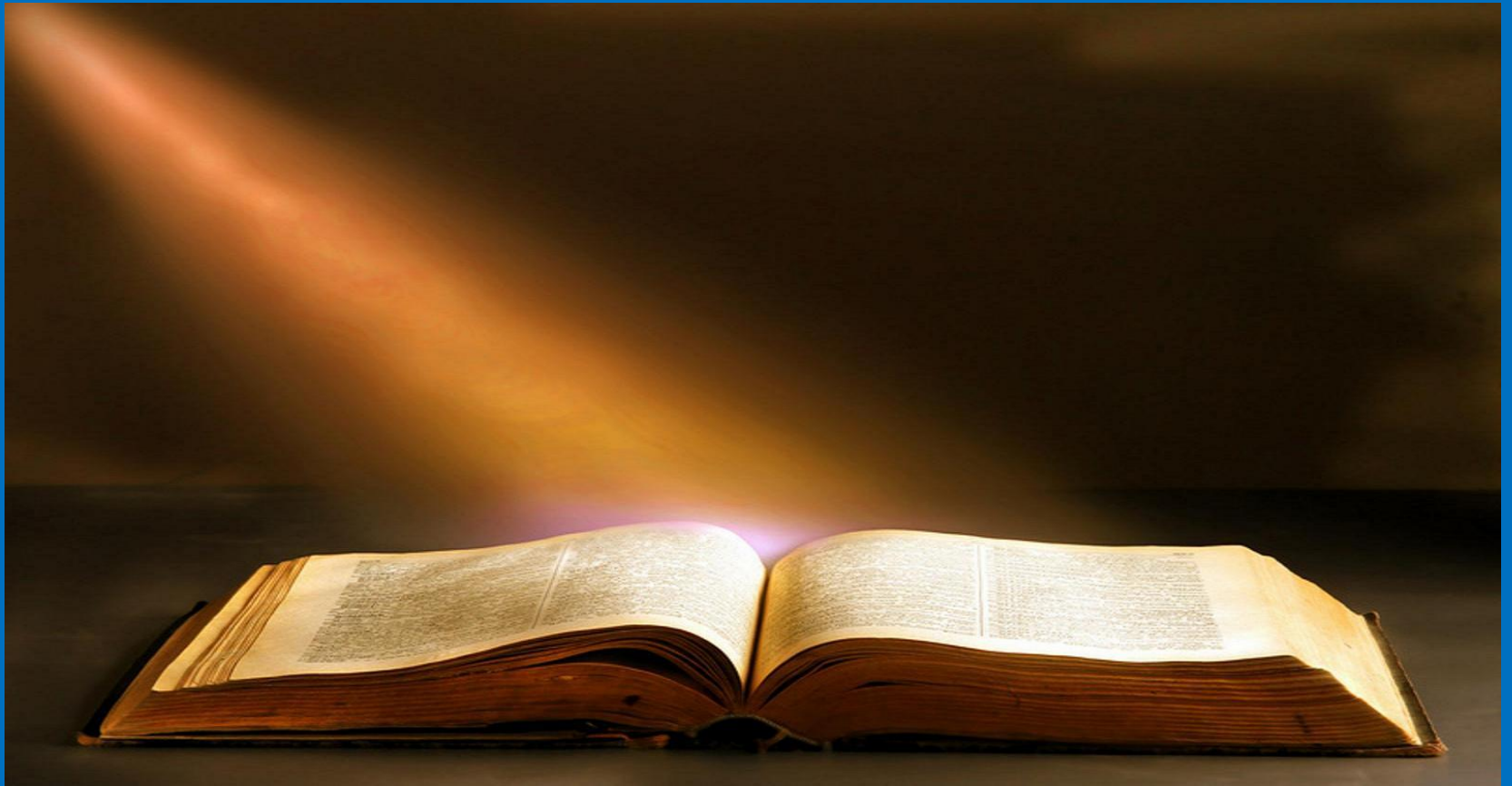
# Introduction



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God the Father wants us all to be happy, but lasting happiness comes from inside us, when our hearts are filled with goodness. Today we hear Jesus explaining the secret of such happiness.

# Gospel Acclamation



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Alleluia, alleluia,

**Share your word with us, o Lord**

**Us o Lord**

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**Share your word with us o Lord,**

**Help us to listen**

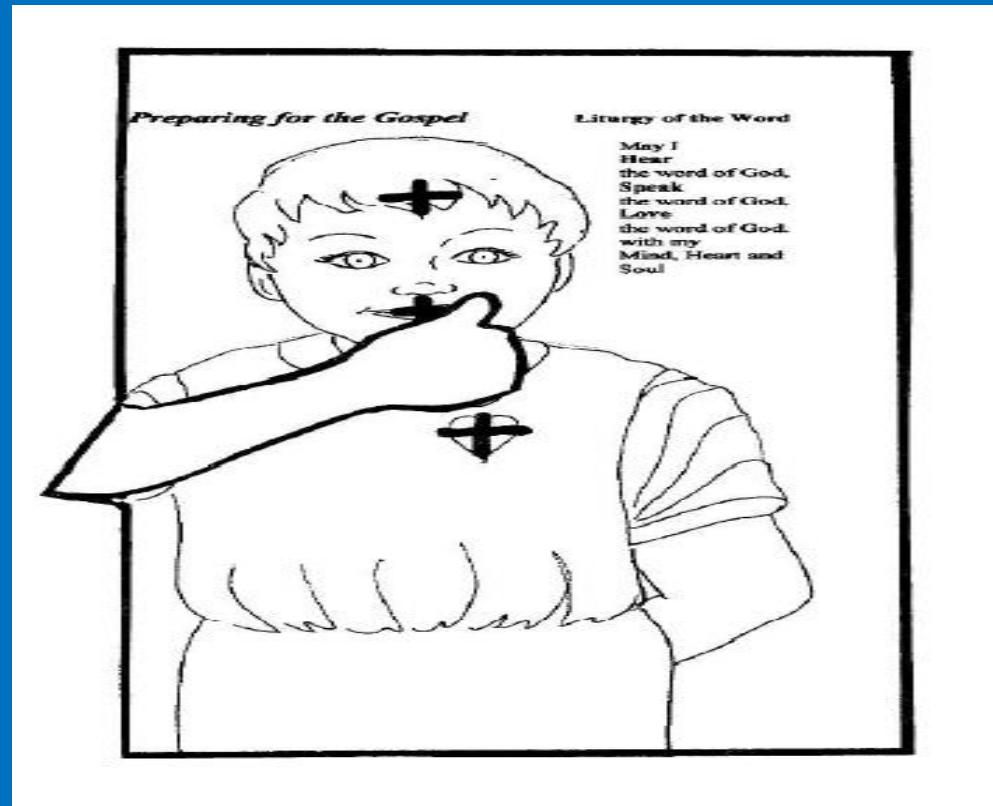
Alleluia, alleluia,

The Lord be with you

**Response: And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Matthew

**Response: Glory to you, O Lord**



# Gospel

One day when Jesus was being followed by a large crowd, He climbed a hillside, sat down, and began to speak:

Happy are gentle people,  
for they shall be treated with gentleness.

Happy are people who forgive others,  
for they shall be forgiven.

Happy are the poor for they shall see Heaven.

Happy are people who do what is right and care about others.

Happy are people who make peace and bring friendship.

Be happy even when people are unkind and say nasty things to you,  
because you believe in me,

For you will have great rewards in Heaven.



# Gospel





# The Gospel of the Lord

## Response: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



# Reflection 1

- Imagine if you could have anything you wanted to make you feel happy, what would you choose?
- Would such feelings of happiness last forever?
- Take a few moments to reflect on this.

# Reflection 1



# Reflection 2

- Jesus wanted to give us some guidelines to follow, which can make us truly happy. This happiness will stay in our hearts forever. Think of a train rattling along a track. What would happen if the track was broken or suddenly ended?
- Jesus' guidelines keep us on "track" to happiness.
- Without this track our journey would be much harder, and we would lose our way.
- What are these guidelines?

# Reflection 2





# Reflection 3

Jesus often used parables to explain what He meant.

**Happy are the poor, for they shall see God.**

**Luke 16:19-25**

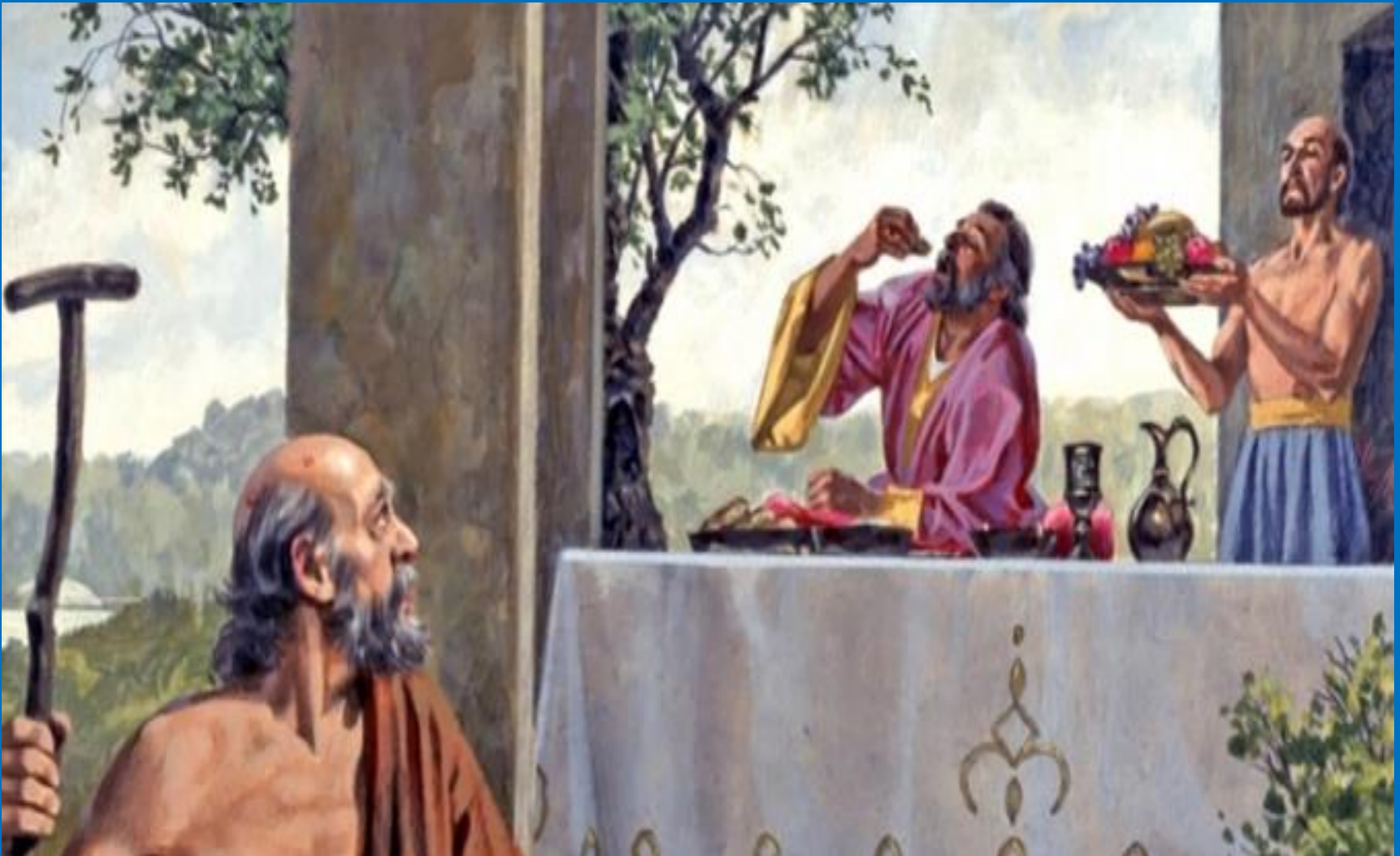
There was once a rich man who lived in a large house and had everything he wanted. On the street outside his house lived a poor man called Lazarus who had nothing. Lazarus died and went to heaven and the rich man died and went to Hell. God said to the rich man “When you were alive you had everything, but you did not share with poor Lazarus. Now it is the turn of Lazarus to be happy and for you to be miserable.”

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# Reflection 3

## Happy are the poor, for they shall see God. Luke 16:19-25



# Final Prayer



# Closing Prayer

Dear Jesus,

You shared the secret of everlasting happiness with us,  
And showed us how to find and keep it.

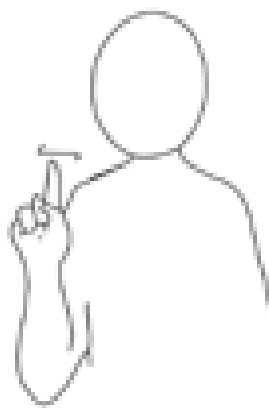
Help us to live by your “guidelines”

And to share this happiness with others.

With Christ in our hearts, together we grow.

Amen

# MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK



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