The Beatitudes

Welcome to
The Parish of Holy Trinity
St. Stephens Memorial
January 29th, 2023

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Matthew 5

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

Luke 6.20

Refrain

Blessed are the poor, Special to the Lord. Blessed are the meek, They belong to God.

Happy are those who Trust in the Lord, They shall inherit all the earth. Happy are those whose Heart remains pure, For treasures are theirs Which shall endure.

Refrain

Blessed are the poor, Special to the Lord. Blessed are the meek, They belong to God.

Happy are those who Suffer for His name, Their sorrow will be turned to joy. Happy are those who Stay close by their friends, For love will be rewarded in the end.

Refrain

Blessed are the poor, Special to the Lord. Blessed are the meek, They belong to God.

Happy are those who Work for peace on earth. Their world will be a better place. Happy are those whose Mercy knows no end, For mercy will be shown to them.

Refrain

Blessed are the poor, Special to the Lord. Blessed are the meek, They belong to God.

Tag Blessed are the poor







Holy, Holy, Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song **Shall rise to thee:** Holy, holy, Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, **Blessed Trinity!**

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee, Casting down their golden crowns Around the glassy sea; **Cherubim and Seraphim** Falling down before thee, Which wert, and art, And evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee, Though our sinful human gaze Thy glory may not see, Only thou art holy; There is none beside thee, Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, Lord God almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name In earth and sky and sea; Holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, **Blessed Trinity!**

The Invitatory

Officiant: God rules over all the earth. O come, let us worship.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Penitential Rite

Officiant: The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

People: Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

Officiant: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is kept. Everyone say together:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and

forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen

Officiant: Lord, open our lips,

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Venite

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In God's hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

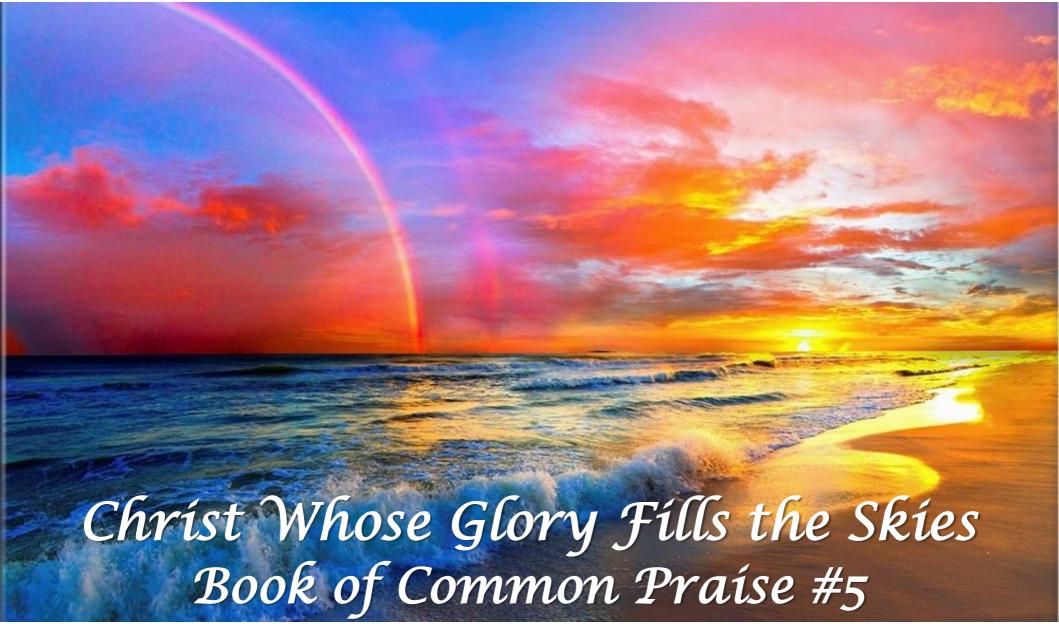
The sea is his for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

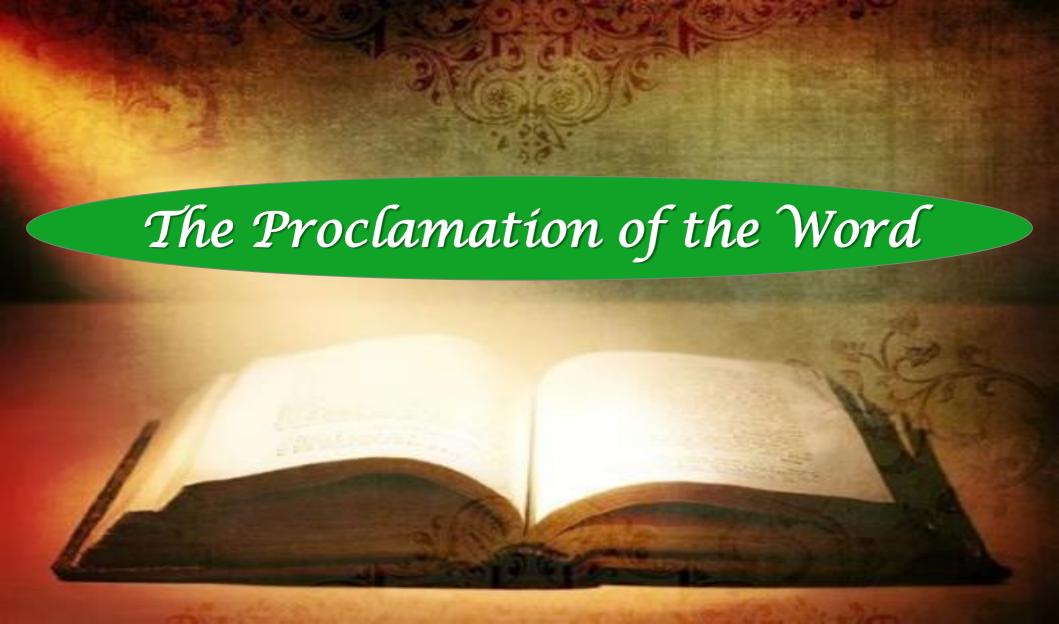
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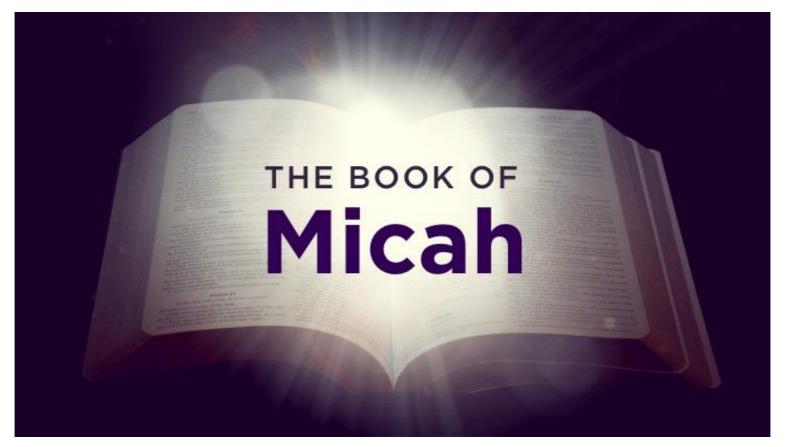


Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light, Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night: Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see, till they inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, Radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.





A Reading from the Book of Micah (6:1-8)

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

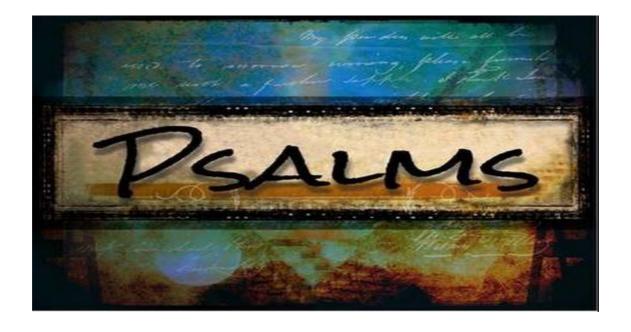
"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." "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? 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?" 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?

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 15 (George Black Psalter)

Refrain:

"These are the just, they stand forever unshaken" Psalm 15 (George Black Psalter)

O God, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill? All those who lead a blameless life and do what is right. And speak the truth from their hearts.

These are the just, they stand forever unshaken Psalm 15 (George Black Psalter)

There is no guile upon their tongues; they do no evil to their friends; They do not heap contempt upon their neighbours.

In their sight the wicked are rejected but they honour those who fear God. They have sworn to do no wrong, they do not take back their words.

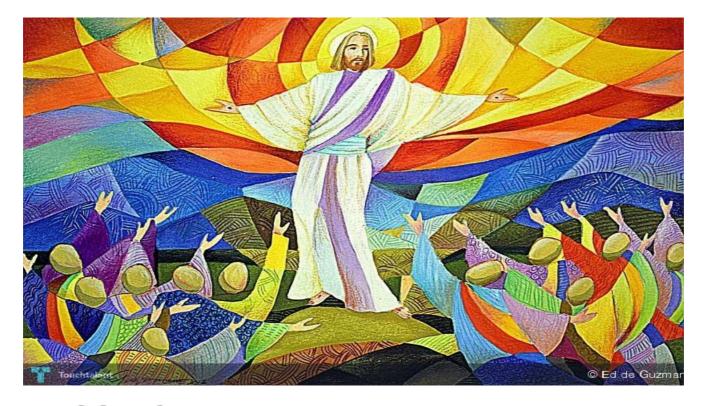
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They do not give their money in hope of gain.

Nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

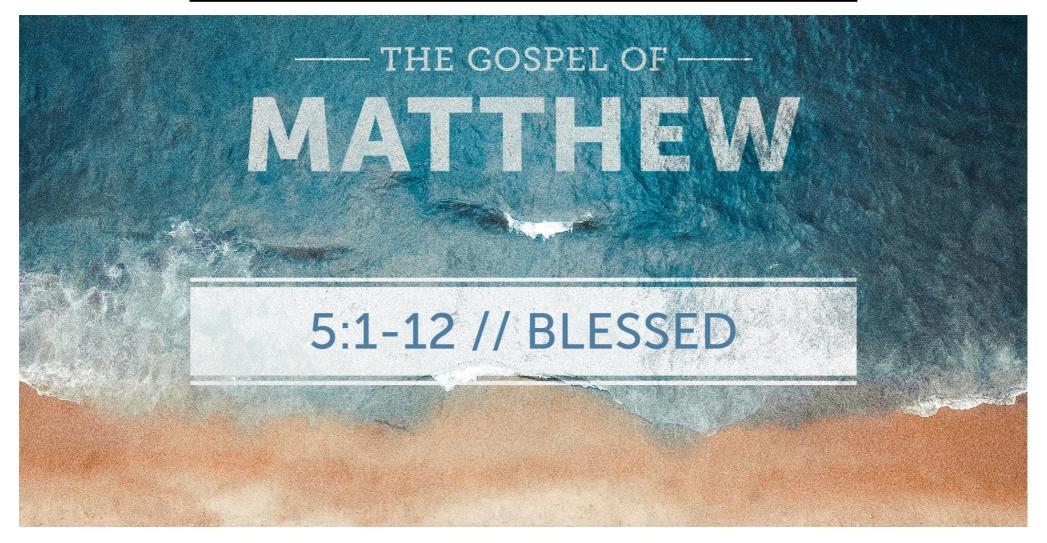
Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown.

These are the just, they stand forever unshaken



Alleluía! Sing to Jesus Book of Common Praíse 374

Please stand for the Gospel



Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus, out of every nation, Hath redeemed us by his blood.

A Reading From The Gospel of Matthew (5:1-12)



Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia! King eternal, Thee the Lord of lords we own; Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne. Thou within the veil hast entered, Robed in flesh, our great high priest; Thou on earth both priest and victim In the Eucharistic feast.



Homily by John Biro

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

People: I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany – Year A

For the church and for all your creation we pray to you Lord God saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, theirs is the dominion of heaven. And so, we pray: unite the church, guide Todd our Bishop, Rob our priest and all its leaders, let us show the world the love of Jesus.

Blessed are the peacemakers, God's own children, and so we pray: bring peace to the world, security to the nations and safety to our cities.

Blessed are the pure in heart they shall see God, and so we pray: give your people the will and the courage to value your service above all lesser goods.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied, and so we pray: remove from us prejudice and injustice and raise up among us those who will labour for the good of all whom you have made.

Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy, and so we pray; be present with those who are sick, the unhoused, those in distress. Make us quick to love and serve our neighbors.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list, especially today we hold up: *Bea, Luke, Lucy, Edith, Jerry,* and Carol.

Rejoice and be glad, their reward is great in heaven, and so we pray; we remember all who have witnessed to your love with their lives give us strength to testify to Christ before the rulers of our own day.

Almighty God, you have taught us to do justice, love, kindness, and practice humility before you; make our faith active in love, that your name may be praised and your people served throughout the earth through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Lord's Prayer (said together)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.

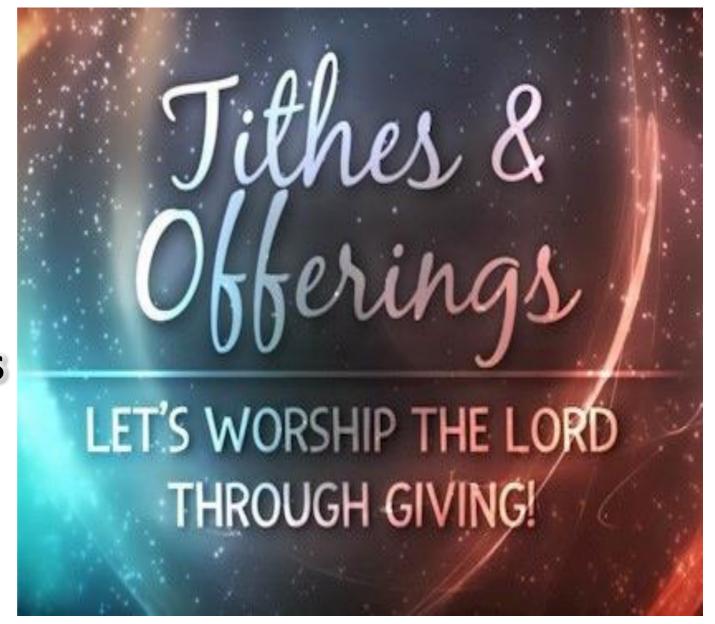
Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our sins,

As we forgive those Who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen



The Offertory Hymn

Receiving the gifts of money and other gifts for the needs and responsibilities of the Church.





Stand up and bless the Lord, You people of His choice; Stand up and bless the Lord Your God, With heart and soul and voice.

Though high above all praise, Above all blessing high, Who would not fear God's holy name? And laud and magnify?

O for the living flame From God's own altar brought, O touch our lips, our minds inspire, And wing to heaven our thought!

God is our strength and song, Who makes salvation ours; Then be God's love in Christ proclaimed With all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord, The Lord your God adore; Stand up and bless the glorious name Henceforth for evermore.



Prayer Over The Gifts

God of truth, receive all we offer you this day. Make us worthy servants, strong to follow in the way of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Closing Prayer

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all you have done for us. We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation;

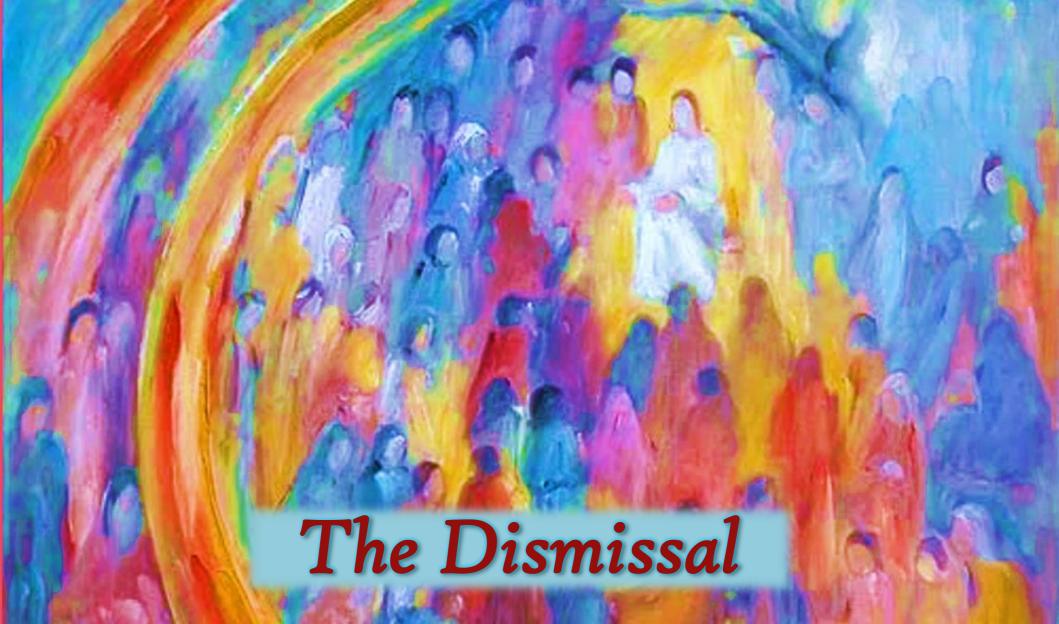
for his dying, through which he overcame death; for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. AMEN



Now thank we all our God Book of Common Praise 399

Now thank we all our God, With hearts and hands and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, In whom this world rejoices; Who, from our mother's arms, Hath blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God Eternal now be given, To Spirit and to Word, Who reign in highest heaven; Our ever faithful God, Whom earth and heaven adore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.





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Standing on the promises Of Christ my King Through eternal ages let His praises ring Glory in the highest I will shout and sing. Standing on the promises of God.

Chorus

Standing, Standing, Standing
On the promises of God my Saviour
Standing, Standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God!

Standing on the promises that cannot fail When the howling storms Of doubt and fears assail By the living Word of God I Shall prevail Standing on the promises of God.

Chorus

Standing, Standing, Standing
On the promises of God my Saviour
Standing, Standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God!

Standing on the promises I now can see Perfect, present cleansing In the blood for me; Standing in the liberty Where Christ makes free. Standing on the promises of God.

Chorus

Standing, Standing, Standing
On the promises of God my Saviour
Standing, Standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God!

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

