

# Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

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Matthew 5:3–10

*Moderato*

*mf*

Part II

*mf* Bless - ed are the poor in spir - it. Bless ed are the

sor - row - ful. Bless - ed are the meek and low - ly.

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### Performance Notes

If sung as a unison anthem, the choir sings Part II from measure 5–20, sings Part I and II from measure 23–54, and Part I measure 55 to the end. If sung by two equal groups, both may sing the melody from measure 5–20, then split into the two parts from measure 23 to the end. This anthem may be sung by a younger and older choir. The older choir may sing Part II throughout, and the younger choir may sing Part I. It is effective to separate the two groups spatially to enhance the dialogue effect.

This anthem may be used to teach intervals: beginning with the first measure of the vocal melody, every other measure begins with a melodic interval one step larger than the previous one, from a Major 2nd to an octave (i.e. measure 5=M2; measure 7=M3; measure 9=P4; measure 11=P5; etc.)



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11

Blest are they who hun - ger for the right. Bless - ed are the

14

mer - ci - ful. Bless - ed are the pure in heart.

17

Bless - ed are the peace mak - ers. bless - ed are they who are

20

false - ly ac - cused.

23 Part I  
Theirs is the king-dom of heav'n.

Part II  
Bless - ed are the poor in spir - it.

26  
Bless - ed are the sor - row - ful.

29  
They shall be com - for - ted.

Bless - ed are the

32

They shall in - her - it the earth. —  
meek and low - ly.

35

They shall be sat - is -  
Blest are they who hun - ger for the right.

38

fied.  
*f*  
Bless - ed are the mer - ci - ful.

41

They shall ob - tain mer - cy.

Bless - ed are the

44

They shall see God.

pure in heart.

47

They shall be called the

Bless - ed are the peace - mak - ers.

50  
 chil - dren of God.  
 Bless - ed are they who are false - ly ac - cused.

53  
 Theirs is the king - dom of heav'n. — Theirs is the  
 Theirs is the

56  
 king - dom of heav'n. —  
 king - dom of heav'n. — *Sva* — — —