

Our readings today spell out what it means to be a person of integrity – to live what we believe. To stand in the truth of Christ. The beatitudes reminds us who we are –and call us to live in peace and harmony within ourselves and with one another.

It is not an easy way. The prophet Zephaniah show us the way. He calls the people of his day – and us - to seek God with all our hearts. Seek justice. Seek humility. Be truthful in all we say and do.

And Paul reminds us that we are not worthy, we are not called because of our merit, or wisdom, or strength. No. We were called as we are - weak, lowly, and sometimes even despised - to be clear channels of God's love.

The Beatitudes remind us that those who are suffering in any way have a special place in God's heart. They/we are blessed. For we are both – those who suffer and those who are disciples. When we know our pain – we know our need for God. When we know the pain of others, we know our call to discipleship.

Who needs a blessing today? How shall we respond?

Let us pray that we may believe in our call to holiness – and allow God's love to flow through us to those who need to know God's love.