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| Matthew  25: 31-46  Selection C4 | **A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew**  **Jesus said to his disciples:**  **“When the Son of Man comes in his glory,**  **and all the angels with him,**  **he will sit upon his glorious throne,**  **and all the nations will be assembled before him.**  **And he will separate them one from another,**  **as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.**  **He will place the sheep on his right**  **and the goats on his left.**  **Then the king will say to those on his right,**  **‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father.**  **Inherit the kingdom prepared for you**  **from the foundation of the world.**  **For I was hungry and you gave me food,**  **I was thirsty and you gave me drink,**  **a stranger and you welcomed me,**  **naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me,**  **in prison and you visited me.’**  **Then the righteous will answer him and say,**  **‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,**  **or thirsty and give you drink?**  **When did we see you a stranger and welcome you,**  **or naked and clothe you?**  ***Continued on the Next Page***  **When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’**  **And the king will say to them in reply,**  **‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did**  **for one of these least brothers of mine,**  **you did for me.’**  **Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me,**  **you accursed, into the eternal fire**  **prepared for the devil and his angels.**  **For I was hungry and you gave me no food,**  **I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,**  **a stranger and you gave me no welcome,**  **naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison,**  **and you did not care for me.’**  **Then they will answer and say, ‘Lord,**  **when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger**  **or naked or ill or in prison,**  **and not minister to your needs?’**  **He will answer them, ‘Amen, I say to you,**  **what you did not do for one of these least ones,**  **you did not do for me.’**  **And these will go off to eternal punishment,**  **but the righteous to eternal life.”**  **The Gospel of the Lord** |