[Je-sus said] “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your ene-my.’ 44 But I say to you, Love your ene-mies and pray for those who per-se-cute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heav-en; for he makes his sun rise on the e-vil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the un-right-eous. 46 For if you love those who love you, what re-ward do you have? Do not e-ven the tax col-lect-ors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you do-ing than oth-ers? Do not e-ven the Gen-tiles do the same? 48 Be per-fect, there-fore, as your heav-en-ly Fa-ther is per-fect.  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je-sus Christ ac-cord-ing to Mat-thew.  Glory to you, Lord Christ.  Independence Day (July 4) ABC — Matthew 5:43-48 (NRSV)  The Gospel of the Lord.  Praise to you, Lord Christ.