

# *Godspell*

## **AUDITION READINGS**

Please select one to perform before or after your song. Make strong character choices and have fun.

**READING ONE:** Gather 'round, brothers and sisters! Because two men — I said two men went off to the temple to pray. One, a Pharisee, ...and the other a tax gatherer. The Pharisee, why he just stood right on up, and pra-a-a-a-yed thus: "I thank thee, O God, that I am not like other men, greedy, dishonest, adulterous, or, for that matter, like that tax gatherer. I pray twice a week and pay taxes on all that I get." But the other kept his distance and would not even raise his eyes to the good Lord in Heaven and beat upon his breast, saying: "Oh, God, have mercy on me, sinner that I am!" And it was this man who was acquitted of his sins. For every man who exalts himself...shall be humbled: But... every man who humbles himself, shall be exalted!

**READING TWO:** You viper's brood, who warned you to escape from the coming retribution? Then prove your repentance by the fruit it bears. Already the axes laid to the roots of the trees, and every tree that fails to produce good fruit shall be cut down and thrown on the fire

**READING THREE:** So, always treat others as you would have them treat you. You have learned that they were told, love your neighbor, hate your enemy. But what I tell you is this: love, love love, love your enemies and pray for your prosecutors. If you love only those who love you, what is extraordinary in that?