

SIXTH SUNDAY

ORDINARY Season of the Year C

First Reading † Jeremiah 17:5-8

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Thus says the Lord,

‘Cursed be anyone who trusts in human beings,
who relies on human strength
and whose heart turns away from the Lord.

Such a one is like a shrub in the wastelands,
living in the parched places of the desert,
uninhabited, salt land;
when good comes it brings no benefit!

Blessed is anyone who trusts in the Lord,
with the Lord to rely on.

Such a one is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it has nothing to fear,
its foliage stays green;
untroubled in a year of drought,
it never stops bearing fruit.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial † Psalm 1:1-4,6

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Blessed indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the path with sinners,
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord,
and who ponders his law day and night.

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Such a one is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season,
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper.

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they, like winnowed chaff,
shall be driven away by the wind.
for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading † 1 Corinthians 15:12.16-20

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

For, if the dead are not raised, neither is Christ; and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is pointless and you are still in your sins. In addition, those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are of all people the most pitiable.

In fact, however, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have died. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation † Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel † Luke 6:17-18a.20-26

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus then came down with them and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large crowd of his disciples, with a great multitude of people from all parts of Judaea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then raising his eyes to his disciples he said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be filled.
Blessed are you who are weeping now, for you shall laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you,
drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as evil,
on account of the Son of man.

Rejoice when that day comes and leap for joy,
see, your reward will be great in heaven.

This was how their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich, for you are having your consolation now.
Alas for you who have plenty to eat now, for you shall go hungry.
Alas for you who are laughing now, for you shall mourn and weep.

Alas for you when everyone speaks well of you!

For this was how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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