

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

17TH FEBRUARY 2019

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5–10

The Book of The Prophet Jeremiah

⁵ Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹ The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—

who can understand it?

¹⁰ I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 1

¹ Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked:
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

² but their delight is in the law of the LORD:
and on his law they meditate day and night.

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water:
which yield their fruit in its season.

Their leaves do not wither:
In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴ The wicked are not so:
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment:
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶ for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous:
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12–20

The First Epistle of Paul The Apostle to The Corinthians

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel

Luke 6:17–26

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you,
revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in
that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that
is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors
did to the false prophets.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sentence

Blessed are you when people hate you on account of the Son of man.
Rejoice and leap for Joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

Luke 6.23

Prayer of the day

Righteous God,
you challenge the powers that rule this world
and you show favour to the oppressed:
instil in us a true sense of justice,
that we may discern the signs of your kingdom
and strive for right to prevail;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Supplementary Readings

Isaiah 44.1-8

Psalm 40.11-22

Galatians 4.1-11

Prayer Response

God of love and hope,
give us your peace.



Happiness Is . . .

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God." Luke 6:20 NIV

The words in this puzzle are taken from Luke 6:20-23 NIV

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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10-15-25 _____

23-5-5-16 _____

16-15-15-18 _____

18-9-3-8 _____

8-21-14-7-18-25 _____

8-5-1-22-5-14 _____

12-1-21-7-8 _____

18-5-23-1-18-4 _____

JOY
HUNGRY

WEEP
HEAVEN

POOR
LAUGH

RICH
REWARD