

# Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

13 February 2022

## Collect

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.

## 1st Reading

### Jeremiah 17.5-10

- <sup>5</sup> 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 .
- <sup>6</sup> 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.
- <sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in the Lord ,  
whose trust is the Lord .
- <sup>8</sup> 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.
- <sup>9</sup> The heart is devious above all else;

it is perverse—  
who can understand it?  
<sup>10</sup> 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.

## Psalm

### Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup> Blessed are they  
who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly:  
nor followed the way of sinners,  
nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.  
<sup>2</sup> But their delight is in the law of the Lord:  
and on that law will they ponder day and night.  
<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted beside streams of water:  
that yield their fruit in due season.  
<sup>4</sup> Their leaves also shall not wither:  
and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.  
<sup>5</sup> As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:  
they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.  
<sup>6</sup> Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up  
at the judgement:  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.  
<sup>7</sup> For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous:  
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

## 2nd Reading

### 1 Corinthians 15.12-20

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup> If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

## **Gospel**

### **Luke 6.17-26**

<sup>17</sup> 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.

<sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.

<sup>19</sup> And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

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

<sup>21</sup> `Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

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

<sup>22</sup> `Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

<sup>23</sup> Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> `But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> `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.

<sup>26</sup> 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.