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First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings; blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings,

who seeks his strength in flesh,

whose heart turns away from the LORD.

He is like a barren bush in the desert

that enjoys no change of season,

but stands in a lava waste,

a salt and empty earth.

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,

whose hope is the Lord.

He is like a tree planted beside the waters

that stretches out its roots to the stream:

it fears not the heat when it comes;

its leaves stay green;

in the year of drought it shows no distress,

but still bears fruit.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

40.5a) Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Blessed the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor walks in the way of sinners, nor sits in the company of the insolent, but delights in the law of the Lord and meditates on his law day and night.

Released are they who hope in the Lord.

He is like a tree planted near running water, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves never fade. Whatever he does, prospers.

Released are they who hope in the Lord.

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Not so the wicked, not so; they are like chaff which the wind drives away. For the Lord watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked vanishes.

Released are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
If Christ has not been raised, your faith is in vain.
A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians
Brothers and sisters:
If Christ is preached as raised from the dead,
how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead?
If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised,
and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain;
you are still in your sins.
Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.
If for this life only we have hoped in Christ,
we are the most pitiable people of all.

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 6:23ab

**Alleluia, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.

♣ Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel
Luke 6:17, 20-26
Blessed are the poor. Woe to you who are rich.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Jesus came down with the Twelve
and stood on a stretch of level ground
with a great crowd of his disciples
and a large number of the people
from all Judea and Jerusalem
and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon.

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And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,

for the kingdom of God is yours.

Blessed are you who are now hungry,

for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who are now weeping,

for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you,

and when they exclude and insult you,

and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!

Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.

For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.

But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are filled now,

for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,

for you will grieve and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you,

for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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