and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 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. "But woe to you who are rich, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "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.

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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### 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

**R**ighteous 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**.

# **First Reading**

# Jer. 17:5-10

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. 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. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. 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. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse — who can understand it? 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.** 

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

# Psalm 1 — *A.P.B.A. page 224*

1 Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the . un | godly: nor followed the way of sinners, nor taken their | seat a | mongst the | scornful.

2 But their delight is in the | law . of the | Lord: and on that law will they | ponder | day and | night.

- 3 They are like trees planted beside | streams of | water: that yield their | fruit in | due | season.
- 4 Their leaves also | shall not | wither: and look, what | ever . they | do . it shall | prosper.
- 5 As for the ungodly, it is not | so with | them: they are like the | chaff. which the | wind | scatters.
- 6 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand | up . at the | judgement: nor sinners in the congre | gation | of the | righteous.
  7 For the Lord cares for the | way . of the | righteous:
  - For the Lord cares for the | way . of the | righteous: but the | way of . the un | godly . shall | perish.

# Second Reading 1 Cor. 15:12-20 A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. 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. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. 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 Acclamation**

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

# Gospel

Lk. 6:17-26

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

Jesus came down with the twelve 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. They had come to hear him