

## Readings for February 16, 2025

### Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

#### First 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.*

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### Gospel: Jeremiah Luke 6:17-26

<sup>17</sup> [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. <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 everyone in the crowd was 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 how their ancestors treated 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 how their ancestors treated the false prophets.”

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### Second 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 is in vain and your faith is 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.*