

**FIRST READING**

Jeremiah 17:7–8

**A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah**

**T**he LORD blesses everyone who honestly trusts him.  
They are like trees growing beside a stream,  
trees with roots that reach down to the water  
and have leaves that are always green.  
They always bear fruit  
and they don't worry about the lack of rain  
during the dry season.

**The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 40:1, 2de, 3, 17*

**All:** *Happy are they who hope in the Lord.*

*I patiently waited, LORD,  
for you to hear my prayer.  
You listened,  
and you let me stand on a rock  
with my feet firm*

**All:** *Happy are they who hope in the Lord.*

*You gave me a new song,  
a song of praise to you.  
Many will see this,  
and they will honor and trust  
you, the LORD God.*

**All:** *Happy are they who hope in the Lord.*

*I am poor and needy,  
but, LORD God, you care about me,  
and you come to my rescue.  
Please hurry and help.*

**All:** *Happy are they who hope in the Lord.*

**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16–20

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

Brothers and sisters:  
If we preach that Christ was raised from death,  
how can some of you say  
that the dead will not be raised to life?  
If the dead won't be raised to life,  
Christ was not raised to life.

Unless Christ was raised to life,  
your faith is useless,  
and you are still living in your sins.  
And those people who died after putting their faith in him  
are completely lost.

If our hope in Christ is good only for this life,  
we are worse off than anyone else.

But Christ has been raised to life!  
And he makes us certain  
that others will also be raised to life.

**The word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL**

Luke 6:17, 20–23

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Jesus and his apostles went down from the mountain  
and came to some flat, level ground.  
Many other disciples were there to meet him.  
Large crowds of people from all over Judea, Jerusalem,  
and the coastal cities of Tyre and Sidon were there too.

Jesus looked at his disciples and said:  
“God will bless you people who are poor.  
His kingdom belongs to you!  
God will bless you hungry people.  
You will have plenty to eat!  
God will bless you people who are crying.  
You will laugh!

“God will bless you when others hate you  
and won’t have anything to do with you.  
God will bless you when people insult you  
and say cruel things about you,  
all because you are a follower of the Son of Man!  
Long ago your own people did these same things to the prophets.

“So when this happens to you,  
be happy and jump for joy!  
You will have a great reward in heaven.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**