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You have good reason to be really happy - God loves you!



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

We say these words or sing a hymn as the priest approaches the altar.

COLLECT

O God, who teach us that you abide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you...

We ask for God's help. Listen now to the priest as he offers this prayer.



FIRST READING JEREMIAH 17:5-8

Jeremiah paints us a picture of trees, one in the wilderness and one by the waterside. Those who don't love God are like the tree in the desert. They have so little hope they can't see when good things come.

By contrast, the people who trust God are like the tree whose roots go deep into the stream. Even when it gets hot and there is no rain they don't need to worry. God gives them life and they will bear good fruit.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

The prophet Jeremiah wants us to understand how blessed we are when we trust God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 1

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

The cantor or psalmist sings or says the psalm. Listen to the verses, and then respond by using these words.



SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 15:12, 16-20

Without Jesus' resurrection there would be no Christianity. We would not know how much God loves us and we would not be here in church today. Jesus' resurrection is absolutely central to our faith. Yet there have

always been people who have questioned what happened and whether there will be life after death. Today Paul tells us there definitely will be! Each one of us will share in Jesus' life. If Jesus has risen, then so will we!

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

All believers will share in the life of Jesus' resurrection.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

We give a shout of praise to God, using these words taken from the Bible.



DO YOU KNOW?

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is a set of principles which will help us to **live as God asks**. Based on the Bible, CST reminds us that we have a **responsibility to make the world a fairer place**. Perhaps we can work with our parish to help to **share our blessings** with anyone who is suffering.



THINK

Jesus' list of those who are **blessed by God** must have surprised the disciples, just as it **surprises us today**. It's hard to imagine that people who are poor, hungry and sad can be happy. Jeremiah has given us a clue: it is **those who trust in God**, whose roots go deep into God's love who are blessed. When we know that **God loves us**, we can be **happy and full of life!**



GOSPEL LUKE 6:17. 20-26

The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St Luke.

People have come from far and wide to be healed by Jesus. When Jesus arrives, he surprises everyone with his list of people who are blessed by God. Those who are poor, hungry and sad are the people who are blessed and will know what it means to be really

happy. But those who are rich and have everything they need now will find it harder to find lasting joy. When we have all we need, we think we don't need God. When life is not perfect we remember that God is important. Trusting in God is what will make us really happy.

STAND to LISTEN

to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel.

Before he reads the Gospel, what does he do to his forehead, his lips and his heart? Can you copy him?



PRAY

"He is like a tree by the waterside."

Use your imagination in prayer. Imagine your roots are going deep into God's love. Feel God's joy in your heart. See the fruits, the good things you will do today.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for anyone who is suffering because of you. Although I know that in the end they will know lasting happiness, please be with them today and bring them comfort. Lord, hear my prayer.

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. Here is a prayer you could say privately.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about any time this week when you were sad and then think of all the happy times you have enjoyed.

Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today's special prayer thanks God for fulfilling all God's promises to us.

What can you give special thanks for today?

We listen to the prayer of praise and thanks to God.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for the joy your love gives me. Help me to always look to you to find hope and goodness. Amen.



IXΘΥΣ

is the Greek word for "fish" and was used in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord:

- I (Jesus)
- X (Christos)
- Θ (Theou/God's)
- Υ (Uios/Son)
- Σ (Soter/Saviour)

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We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.

