

The Third Sunday before Lent Septuagesima 16th February 2025

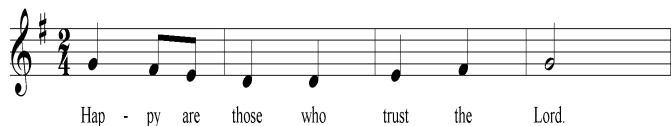
Collect

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading (Jeremiah 17:5-10)

A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah.
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.

Psalm (Psalm 1)



Response: Happy are those who trust the Lord.

Happy indeed are those
who follow not the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorers. R

But whose delight
is the law of the Lord
and who ponders
his law day and night. R

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade. R

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15:12-20)

A reading from Paul's 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.

Gospel Reading (Luke 6:17-26)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
He came down with them 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 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 have received your consolation.

"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.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is
what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Post Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set
at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread
of life at the heart of your Church: may we who
have been nourished at your table on earth be
transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and
enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

For your prayers

In our Prayers: Hugh, Josh, Diane Rankin, Lloyd
Whitney, Diane, Trevor, Vera, Chris Hall, Tommy
Lacken, Sue, Kathy, Maria Amparo Garcia, Maria,
Lenny Shaw, Pat, Vanessa, Eamon Irvine, HM King
Charles, Steve, Tracey Sanderson, Fr Michael Shier,
Michelle Ferguson, Maria Vaccaro, Robert Russell,
Carol Martin, Nancy Campling, Philomena Sorrenti,
Martin Fletcher, Jan Bone, Francis Burrows. Fr
Peter Rabin, Lynn Williamson, Ms Rebecca
Quansah, Dr Alfred Kwasi Kwarteng.

Among the departed: Joyce Warr, Eileen
McDonagh, June Francis, Jimmy Burke.

Anniversaries of Death: Annie West Thornton,
Beatrice Turner, Barbara Evans, Janani Luwum (Bp,
Martyr), Annie Mensah, John Donovan, Arthur
Cooper, Ada Elise Winn

In the parish: We pray for Lever Street, Worcester
Point and Telfer House

In the wider world: We pray for a just and lasting
peace between Ukraine and Russia, and pray for all
those with authority and influence who are seeking
an end to the war.

Notices

In Church this week

Wednesday Open Church 10am-1pm
12.30pm Mass

Next Sunday Second Sunday before Lent

10.30am Sung Mass

Helpers needed after Mass!

Can you help out after Sunday Mass? There's
plenty to do clearing up and putting things away
once refreshments are finished. If you can please
speak to Elaine or Father David.

King Square Coffee

Community Room, Blackwell House
(between President House and Rahere House)

Tuesday afternoons 1.30-3.30pm

Friday afternoons 12.30-2pm

A chance to chat with your neighbour and catch up
over coffee, tea, soup and sweet treats. Everyone
welcome!

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