

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.*

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. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 17:5-8

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD:

'Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

'Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.

He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 1:1-2. 3. 4. 6. R. Psalm 40(39):5a

R: *Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the LORD.*

1. Blessed indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the path with sinners, nor abides in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the LORD, and who ponders his law day and night. **R.**
2. 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; and all that he does shall prosper. **R.**
3. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they, like winnowed chaff, shall be driven away by the wind. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:12. 16-20

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters: If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, 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 fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Luke 6:23ab

R: *Alleluia, alleluia.*

Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

R: *Alleluia.*

GOSPEL Luke 6:17. 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time: 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 and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon. And he lifted up his eyes on 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 shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil

on account of the Son of Man!

Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers 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 shall be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray,

cleanse and renew us

and may it become for those who do your will

the source of eternal reward.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.*

Or

*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.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having fed upon these heavenly delights,

we pray, O Lord,

that we may always long

for that food by which we truly live.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Parish of St Anselm, Hayes

February 16th, 2025

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The readings today contain both optimism and warnings. In Jeremiah we are first told to be wary of putting our trust in other people or ourselves rather than in God. But if we do trust in God,

Jeremiah assures us that we will be rewarded with protection when things around us are putting us at risk. And the psalm echoes the same message. In the second reading St Paul assures us of eternal life but warns us against denying the resurrection. Finally, in the gospel, Jesus tells us bluntly that when we have life's comforts and rewards now, we may find ourselves so distracted by such pleasure that we risk losing the rewards promised us in eternity.

Entrance Hymn

336 Awake, my soul, and with the sun

Offertory Hymn

428 All my hope on God is founded

Communion Hymn

398 Once, only once, and once for all

Recessional

487 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

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THIS WEEK

17th: Monday of Week 6. No services in church; Offices said privately.

18th: Tuesday of Week 6. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; No Boys' Brigade meeting.

19th: Wednesday of Week 6. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Warm Welcome Centre 1100-1400; Evening Prayer 1700

20th: Thursday of Week 6. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700

21st: Friday of Week 6. No services in church. Offices said privately.

22nd: Feast of St Peter's Chair. Offices said privately.

NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday 23rd February: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mass at 1000 as usual.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathyan Fenton; Aldo; Richard.

(If you wish a name to be on the list, please give the details to Susan, Fr Josiah, or Fr Stephen.)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

17th Olive Hudson, Alan Ernest Hurst

18th William Duckitt, Damien Grove, George Challis

19th Robert Arthur Botley, Daphne de Gale

21st Violet Hall, Edward George Peverall

22nd David Cox

SPECIAL BLESSINGS: Please let one of the sidespeople or a churchwarden know before mass begins if you'd like a special blessing. If you have requested a blessing, please come up to the chancel step after the intercessions.

YOUNG CHILDREN IN CHURCH: Don't worry if they make a noise or move about! Young visitors to the sanctuary are always welcome, so no drama if they go for a walk! We'll have a look at the children's work after mass...

FINANCIAL POSITION: During January 2025, our income was £2,324.23, but our outgoings were £2,691.72. Please consider if you can increase your contributions to the church or set up a regular donation through the Parish Giving Scheme if you don't already do so.

SPONSORING CANDLES, ETC.: If you would like to help us by sponsoring votive candles, sanctuary lights, incense, or wafers for communion, please do sign up! A sanctuary light (the candles by the tabernacle on the altar and by the statue of the Virgin Mary) costs £3.50, votive candles (next to the statues of other saints) are £1.00 each, and 100 communion wafers are £1.50. Please talk to one of the clergy or to Susan. We'll be delighted to receive your sponsorship.

ELECTORAL ROLL: This year the roll must be started again from scratch, so everyone must make an application even if you have been on the roll until now. Greta and Susan will have forms for you to sign. Please join the roll as it determines how our parish is perceived, and how much support we get from the deanery and the diocese!

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Fr Josiah is travelling to Ghana tomorrow and will be on leave for the next two weeks. We wish him a safe flight, and a restful break, although I think he'll be working quite hard whilst he's away!

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE HALL AFTER MASS FOR TEA AND COFFEE, AND BISCUITS OR CAKE!