

**Year C; Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Liturgical Elements**  
**Developed for February 16, 2025**  
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**Lectionary Texts**

- Jeremiah 17:5-10
- Psalm 1
- 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
- Luke 6:17-26

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 1*)

One: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
**All: or take the paths that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;**  
One: but their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
**All: and on his law they meditate day and night.**  
One: They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
**All: which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.**  
One: In all that they do, they prosper,  
**All: let us worship God!**

**CALL TO CONFESSION** (*from Jeremiah 17*)

We find in the book of Jeremiah, “The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse — who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart.” Let us confess where our mind and our heart are not aligned with God’s.

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (30 seconds)

**CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*from Luke 6*)

**Gracious God, our Lord taught that those who are hungry; those who weep; those who are hated, excluded, reviled, and defamed on account of the Son of Man would be blessed one day. He offered woe to those who are full now, those who laugh now, and those of whom are always spoken well. We, too, often pass by those who are without in our day so that we might be full, have enjoyment, and receive nice words from all. Forgive our sin, and grow us into your servants who lift up those without into abundance and blessing. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*from 1 Corinthians 15*)

Trust in the work of Jesus for his work offers forgiveness to those who follow him and eternal life to those who are resurrected like him. He has certainly been raised from the dead, and his resurrection is the first fruits for those who have already died and for all of us who bear his fruit. **Amen.**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(from Psalm 1)*

**Sustainer God, all that exists in the world around us comes from you. Our very existence is to your credit. For those who delight in and meditate on your law, you bless like trees planted by streams of water that yield their fruit in season, carry healthy leaves, and prosper. Grow us as trees in the direction of your Son — toward the light — bearing your fruit for all the world, and accept these gifts with our thanksgiving from your abundance and for your work. Amen.**

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