



Liturgy Cycle C

# **Sixth Sunday Of The Year**

## **The World Of The Beatitudes**

### **Introduction**

The Gospel of today's Mass plunge us into the world of the Beatitudes. Here we discover the values Christ held up before his disciples. They are so different from the "values" which are accepted as desirable by ordinary sensible people that they take us into a new world. Which world do we belong to? For instance, when making important decisions, do we ever consult Christ and his Gospel?

Lord Jesus, you teach us that we become truly rich not by receiving but by giving.  
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you teach us that the greatest person is not the one who is served but the one who serves.  
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you help us to find peace of soul not by doing what is popular or profitable but what is right.  
Lord, have mercy.

### **First Reading (Jeremiah 17:5-8)**

The life of those who trust in man is as precarious as that of a shrub growing in the desert. Whereas the life of those who trust in God is as secure as that of a tree growing by the waterside.

### **Second Reading (1 Cor 15:12, 16-20)**

The resurrection of Christ is the foundation on which our faith and hope rest.

### **Gospel (Luke 6:17, 20-26)**

This contains Luke's version of the beatitudes. (Whereas Matthew has nine beatitudes, Luke has only four, with however four corresponding 'woes')

### **Prayer Of The Faithful**

Let us pray for the values, the outlook and the spirit Jesus not only preached but lived, and which he wants to see in the lives of us his followers.

R: Lord, hear us in your love.

That the followers of Jesus may not seek after the things of this world but after those things that make them rich in the eyes of God. We pray in faith.

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**For all those in positions of authority: that they may not be afraid to suffer in the cause of right, and not sell their souls for passing fame and popularity. We pray in faith.**

**R: Lord, hear us in your love.**

**For those faced with life's sorrows: that they may not be afraid to show their hurt, because the tears of the just are precious in the sight of God. We pray in faith.**

**R: Lord, hear us in your love.**

**That we may hunger for a good life, putting that even before eating and drinking, because then we will begin to taste real happiness. We pray in faith.**

**R: Lord, hear us in your love.**

### **Let us pray:**

**God our Father, you are the same yesterday, today and for ever. Help us to have confidence in your unchanging love and goodness, so that when things go wrong we may have the hope and strength to persevere in goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

### **Communion Reflection**

**When you are rich,  
when you have a name,  
Or when you are a member of a respected group,  
you are never really oppressed.  
When in difficulty,  
only a phone call and everything is fixed up.**

**But when you have no friends,  
when you are an immigrant and you speak the language badly,  
you are quickly oppressed,  
for you cannot defend yourself.  
This is true of the sick, the handicapped, prisoners,  
and all those who have no voice.**

**They are the oppressed ones,  
and they are numerous in our society.  
There are many without work,  
with no security,  
living off meagre wages,  
living day by day in unbearable situations.**

**Each of us has met them.  
They are all around us.  
But what is frightening is that the disciples of Jesus  
are so frequently in comfort.  
On which side of the road was Jesus?  
On which side of the road are his disciples?**