

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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,
One God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Sirach 15:15-20

If you desire, you will keep
the commandments, and to
act faithfully is a matter of
choice. He has placed before
you fire and water: stretch
out your hand for whichever
you wish. Life and death are
in front of people, and
whichever one chooses will
be given to him. For great is
the wisdom of the Lord; he
is mighty in power and sees
everything; his eyes are on
those who fear him, and he
knows a person's every deed.
He has not commanded
anyone to be ungodly, and
he has not given anyone
permission to sin.

PSALM

*Ps 119(118):1-2. 4-5. 17-18.
33-34. R 1b*

**R Blessed are those who
walk in the law of the
Lord!**

Blessed are those whose way
is blameless, who walk in the
law of the Lord! Blessed are
those who keep his decrees!
With all their hearts they
seek him. R

You have laid down your
precepts to be carefully kept.
May my ways be firm
in keeping your statutes. R

Deal bountifully with your
servant, that I may live and
keep your word. Open my
eyes, that I may see the
wonders of your law. R

Lord, teach me the way of
your statutes, and I will keep
them to the end. Grant me
insight that I may keep your
law, and observe it
wholeheartedly. R

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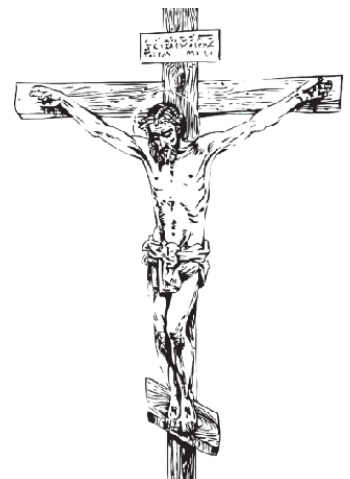
SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Brothers and Sisters: Among
the mature we do impart
wisdom, although it is not a
wisdom of this age or of the
rulers of this age, who are
doomed to pass away. But
we impart a secret and
hidden wisdom of God,
which God decreed before
the ages for our glory. None
of the rulers of this age
understood this, for if they
had, they would not have
crucified the Lord of glory.
But, as it is written,

‘What no eye has seen, nor
ear heard,
nor the heart of man
imagined,
what God has prepared for
those who love him’ —

these things God has
revealed to us through the
Spirit. For the Spirit
searches everything, even
the depths of God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia...

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.

Alleluia...

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:17-37

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

'You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgement." But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his

brother will be liable to judgement; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, "You fool!" will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

'It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him

give her a certificate of divorce." But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 'Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn." But I say to you: Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply "Yes" or "No"; anything more than this comes from evil.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

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**