

First Scripture Reading

Luke 6:17-26

New Revised Standard Version

Blessings and Woes

- ¹⁷ He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon,
- ¹⁸ who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured,
- ¹⁹ and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.
- ²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
- ²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

²³ “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.

²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.