

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time • A

Prayer of Preparation

*O guiding wisdom,
you plant your law within me,
in my mind,
and in my heart.*

*Empower the sounds from my lips
to become a living song,
filled with your wisdom,
guided by insight,
and faithful to your service.*

Amen.

Psalm Reflection

Those who follow the law of God are truly blessed (psalm), for to keep the law is to choose life over death, good over evil (first reading). The law, Jesus teaches, is not a set of external norms but an invitation to more just and loving relationships (gospel). In the psalm we ask God to give us this level of discernment about the law. We pray also to be led to the obedience which flows from a heart tempered by compassion, forgiveness, truth, and mercy. How over the years have you grown in your understanding of God's law? How has God's law made you more compassionate, more merciful, more truthful, more just?

Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
The Revised Grail Psalms

SP

$\text{♩} = 90$
Refrain
Capo 3: (G) B \flat (C) E \flat (Em) Gm (Bm 7) Dm 7

mf Bless-ed are they who fol - low the law of the Lord!
mf

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(CADD9)
E \flat ADD9

(DSUS4)
FSUS4

(GADD9)
B \flat ADD9

Bless - ed, bless - ed are they.

Verses

(G)
B \flat

(CADD9)
E \flat ADD9

(Em)
Gm

(Bm7)
Dm7

1. Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!
2. You have laid down your precepts to be care - ful - ly kept.
3. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word.
4. LORD, teach me the way of your statutes, and I will keep them to the end.

(Am7)
Cm7

(Bm7)
Dm7

(Cmaj7)
E \flat maj7

(DSUS4)
FSUS4

(D)
F

D.C.

1. Blessed are those who keep his de - crees! With all all their hearts they seek - him.
2. May my ways be firm in keeping your [] stat - utes.
3. Open my eyes, that I may see the wonders of your law.
4. Grant me insight that I may keep your law, and ob - serve it whole - heart - ed - ly.