

Father will invite you to come forward for the readings. Go to the Altar, bow and then go to the lectern. Do reading.

Jeremiah 17:5-10

A reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah

Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the man who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD.

He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, But stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth.

Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD.

He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: It fears not the heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; In the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.

More tortuous than all else is the human heart, beyond remedy; who can understand it?

I, the LORD, alone probe the mind and test the heart, To reward everyone according to his ways, according to the merit of his deeds.

The Word of the Lord

When finished go to bottom of step, turn and face the Altar, bow and go back to your seat.