

# Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time B

13 June 2021

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God:

"I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;  
I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.

"On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.

"All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the Lord.

I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;  
I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the Lord have spoken;  
I will accomplish it."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

**R.** Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
to declare your steadfast love in the morning  
and your faithfulness by night. **R.**

The righteous flourish like the palm-tree,  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.  
They are planted in the house of the Lord;  
they flourish in the courts of our God. **R.**

In old age they still produce fruit;  
they are always green and full of sap,  
showing that the Lord is upright;  
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him. **R.**

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters,  
we are always confident,  
even though we know that while we are at home in the body  
we are away from the Lord-  
for we walk by faith, not by sight.  
Yes, we do have confidence,  
and we would rather be away from the body  
and at home with the Lord.

So whether we are at home or away,  
we make it our aim to please him.  
For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ,  
so that each may receive recompense  
for what has been done in the body,  
whether good or evil.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

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Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

Mark 4:26-34

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus  
that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables.

Jesus said:

"The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,  
and would sleep and rise night and day,  
and the seed would sprout and grow,  
without the sower knowing how.

The earth produces of itself,  
first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.  
But when the grain is ripe,  
at once he goes in with the sickle,  
because the harvest has come."

Jesus also said,

"With what can we compare the kingdom of God,  
or what parable will we use for it?

It is like a mustard seed,  
which, when sown upon the ground,  
is the smallest of all the seeds on earth;  
yet when it is sown it grows up  
and becomes the greatest of all shrubs,  
and puts forth large branches,  
so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables Jesus spoke the word to them,

as they were able to hear it;  
he did not speak to them except in parables,  
but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**