

June 13, 2021: The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading****Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar,
from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot,
and plant it on a high and lofty mountain;
on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it.
It shall put forth branches and bear fruit,
and become a majestic cedar.

Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it,
every winged thing in the shade of its boughs.

And all the trees of the field shall know
that I, the LORD,

bring low the high tree,

lift high the lowly tree,

wither up the green tree,

and make the withered tree bloom.

As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16**

R. (cf. 2a) Lord, it is good to give thanks to You.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to Your Name, Most High,
To proclaim Your kindness at dawn
and Your faithfulness throughout the night.

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to You.

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree,
like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.

They that are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to You.

They shall bear fruit even in old age;
vigorous and sturdy shall they be,

Declaring how just is the LORD,

my Rock, in Whom there is no wrong.

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to You.

Second Reading**2 Corinthians 5:6-10**

Brothers and sisters:

We are always courageous, although 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.

Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave
the body and go home to the Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please Him, whether we are
at home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of
Christ, so that each may receive recompense,
according to what he did in the body, whether good
or evil.

Gospel Reading**Mark 4:26-34**

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the
Kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed
on the land and would sleep and rise night and day
and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he
knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields
fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain
in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the
sickle at once, for the harvest has come."

He said, "To what shall we compare the Kingdom of
God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a
mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is
the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it
is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of
plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds
of the sky can dwell in its shade."

With many such parables He spoke the word to them
as they were able to understand it.

Without parables He did not speak to them, but to His
own disciples He explained everything in private.

Gospel readings source: www.usccb.org/bible/readings/