

Sunday 16 Jun 2024

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 26:7,9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
be my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my
Saviour!

First Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this:

‘From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade of its
branches.
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the
Lord, am the one
who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones
grow,
who withers green trees and makes the
withered green.
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3, 13-16. R. see v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night.

(R.)

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)

3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.

In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

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

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it,
we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we
remember that to live in the body means to be
exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and

not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and
actually want to be exiled from the body and
make our home with the Lord. Whether we are
living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent
on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be
brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of
us will get what he deserves for the things he did
in the body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation

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

*The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds,
grows into the biggest shrub of all.*

Jesus said to the crowds, ‘This is what the
kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on
the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when
he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing;
how, he does not know. Of its own accord the
land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then
the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is
ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap
because the harvest has come.’

He also said, ‘What can we say the kingdom of
God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is
like a mustard seed which at the time of its
sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds
on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the
biggest shrub of them all and puts out big
branches so that the birds of the air can shelter
in its shade.’

Using many parables like these, he spoke the
word to them, so far as they were capable of
understanding it. He would not speak to them
except in parables, but he explained everything
to his disciples when they were alone.

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 26:4

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I
seek:

to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my
life.

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