

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations
into the peace of God's kingdom:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament

to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation
for your people:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us...Amen.

THE GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,**

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

**you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;**

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us;

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



OPENING PRAYER

O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously
hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty
can do nothing, grant us always the help of your
grace, that in following your commands we may
please you by our resolve and our deeds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING **Ezekiel 17:22 - 24**

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

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.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **P.S. 91: 2-3.13-16**

R. It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

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 2nd letter of St. Paul's to the Corinthians

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.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God,
Christ the sower; whoever finds this seed will
remain for ever. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL **Mark 4:26 - 34**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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**I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,**

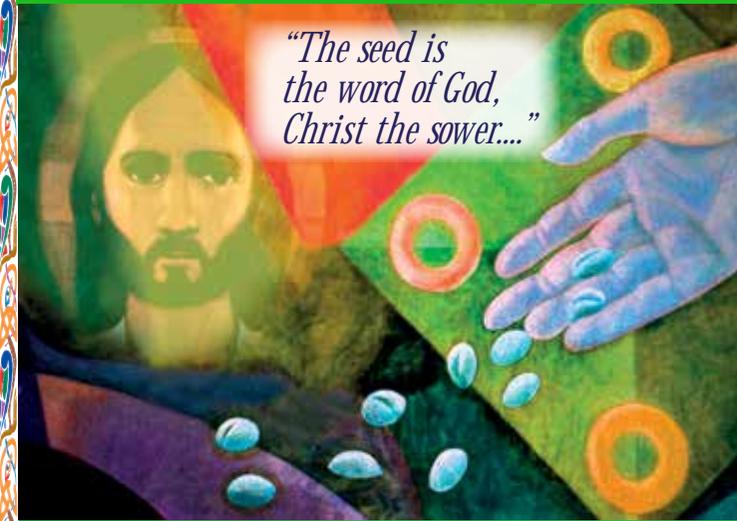


focus on sunday

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13th June 2021

The presence of God in our world is not always visible
and his kingdom grows slowly. We are invited to grow
in the confidence that God is always with us,
even in the face of trials and evils.

*"The seed is
the word of God,
Christ the sower..."*



We recall at Mass the loved ones we pray for – we
know that they planted seeds within us, the seed
of conception, seeds of life and goodness. We
may never fully know the good they have passed
on just as we may never fully know the good that

we pass on to others.

All of us can sit back in silence and give thanks for the good we
have done. The little mustard seed that becomes a big tree. The
love which has given life to children, grandchildren and great
grandchildren, love for the extended family which has looked after
nephews and nieces and many others. Our love, the 'social love'
Pope Francis talks of, reaches out beyond our immediate circle to
the world, especially the needy.

The call to be holy is the call to be helpers; we get the strength to be
good people in our prayer also. Pope Francis says that love allows
"social, cultural, and economic relationships to flourish, allowing us
to construct a 'civilization of love'" (September 9, 2020).

What mark can we leave on the world? Holiness leaves a mark. We
remember what people said and did. The marks of the follower of
Jesus are marks of true and self-sacrificing love. We want to leave
a mark on the world – through prayer and the Mass God leaves his
mark on you! He carves us on the palms of his hands; let us carve
his name on everything we do in love, for all love comes from God.

*May your kingdom come in me each day and be spread in my words
and deeds among all I meet.*

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