

iCARE Mass of Saturday, June 12, 2021

**June 13, 2021 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time (B)**

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22–24

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord God said: "I will cut a tender twig from the very top of a cedar tree and plant it on the peak of a tall mountain. I will plant it on the highest mountain in Israel. It will put out branches and grow into a beautiful and useful cedar tree.

All kinds of birds will find shelter under it and shade in its branches.

"Every tree in the forest will then know that I the Lord, bring down tall trees and make short trees grow tall. I dry up green trees and make dried up trees turn green again. I, the Lord, have spoken! And I will keep my word."

The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 92:1-2, 12–13*

All: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is wonderful to be grateful and to sing your praises, Lord Most High!

It is wonderful each morning to tell about your love and at night to announce how faithful you are.

All: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

*Good people will prosper like palm trees,
and they will grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon.
They will take root in your house, Lord God, and they
will do well.*

All: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:6–10

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

Brothers and sisters: Always be cheerful!
As long as we are in these bodies, we are away from
the Lord. But we live by faith, not by what we see.

We should be cheerful, because we would rather
leave these bodies and be at home with the Lord.
But whether we are at home with the Lord or away
from him, we still try our best to please him. After
all, Christ will judge each of us for the good or the
bad that we do while living in these bodies.

The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Mark 4:30–34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said: "What is God's kingdom like? What story can I use to explain it? It is like what happens when a mustard seed is planted in the ground. It is the smallest seed in all the world. But once it is planted, it grows larger than any garden plant. It even puts out branches that are big enough for birds to rest in its shade."

Jesus used many other stories when he spoke to the people, and he taught them as much as they could understand.

He did not tell them anything without using stories. But when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ