



BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

June 13, 2021

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 92

Gospel Mk 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.

Spiritual Reflection: The highest compliment we can give to God, our Creator, is to thoroughly enjoy the gift of life. One should never look a gift universe in the mouth! The best way to pay for a beautiful moment is to enjoy it. - Ronald Rolheiser

Spiritual Questions:

1. How does enjoying the beauty of creation help a person grow in faith?
2. How do you let the beauty of creation help you connect with God?
3. How do you repay God for the lessons that He has hidden in nature?
4. Do you enjoy being alive?
5. How can you enjoy being alive more?