**Reading for 11th Sunday of ordinary time – B.**

**Reading 1, *Ezekiel 17:22-24***

22 "The [Lord](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) [Yahweh](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6291) says this: From the top of the tall [cedar](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=2710) tree, from the highest branch I shall take a shoot and plant it myself on a high and lofty mountain. 23 I shall plant it on the highest mountain in Israel. It [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) put out branches and bear fruit and grow into a noble [cedar](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=2710) tree. Every kind of bird [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) live beneath it, every kind of winged creature [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) rest in the shade of its branches. 24 And all the trees of the countryside [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) know that I, Yahweh, am the one who lays the tall tree low and raises the low tree high, who makes the green tree wither and makes the withered bear fruit. I, Yahweh, have spoken, and I [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) do it." '

**Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 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.**

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

6 in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness; in the Holy Spirit, in a love free of affectation; 7 in the word of [truth](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=11728) and in the power of God; by using the weapons of uprightness for attack and for defence: 8 in times of [honour](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5884) or disgrace, blame or praise; taken for [impostors](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6069) and yet we are genuine; 9 unknown and yet we are acknowledged; dying, and yet here we are, alive; scourged but not executed; 10 in pain yet always full of joy; poor and yet making many people rich; having nothing, and yet owning everything.

**Gospel, *Mark 4:26-34***

26 He also said, 'This is what the kingdom of [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) is like. A [man](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=7463) scatters seed on the land. 27 Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. 28 Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. 29 And when the crop is ready, at once he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' 30 He also said, 'What can we say that the kingdom is like? What parable can we find for it? 31 It is like a mustard seed which, at the [time](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=11571) of its sowing, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth. 32 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.' 33 Using many [parables](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=8963) like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. 34 He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were by themselves.