

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

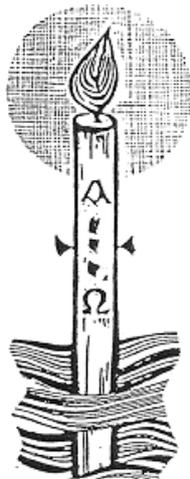
Year B

## ENTRANCE HYMN

*Glory and praise to our God  
Who alone gives light to our days  
Many are the blessings He bears  
To those who trust in His ways.*

We the daughters and sons of Him  
Who built the valleys and plains  
Praise the wonders our God has done  
In every heart that sings.

In his wisdom He strengthens us  
Like gold that's tested in fire.  
Though the power of sin prevails,  
Our God is there to save.



## 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

## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 17:22-24  
*I make low trees grow.*

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.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R) cf. v. 2

**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

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the  
Corinthians 5:6-10  
*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.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 4:26-34  
*It is the smallest of all the seeds; yet it grows into the biggest  
shrub of them 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.'

