

Sunday 13 June 2021

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 26: 7, 9

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

Collect

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, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

**I will plant a shoot on the high
mountain of Israel**

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.’

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

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.

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

The just will flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

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.

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Second reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

**We want to be exiled from
the body and make our home
with 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.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Or:

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

**The kingdom of God is a
mustard seed growing into
the biggest shrub of 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.'

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.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who in the offerings presented here
provide for the twofold needs of human nature,
nourishing us with food

and renewing us with your Sacrament,
grant, we pray,
that the sustenance they provide
may not fail us in body or in spirit.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 26: 4

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I
seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my
life.

Or:

Jn 17: 11

Holy Father, keep in your name those you have
given me,
that they may be one as we are one, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord,
foreshadows the union of the faithful in you,
so may it bring about unity in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

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