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.  
**Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**St. John the Apostle Catholic Church**

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1: Jesus’ voice so clear and so inspiring, “make the choice to go where I will lead.

Come rejoice with love and understanding.” Call of Christ we must now hear and heed.

**Refrain:**

Lift up your hearts! Lift up your hearts! Speak the word of God,

live the word of God, lift up your hearts.

2: Hand in hand we walk to spread the message through the land, to set all captives free. No demand, save mercy, peace and justice. Call of Christ we must now hear and heed.

**Refrain:**

3: Let us now raise up the poor and lowly. Let us vow to banish hate and greed. Let us bow to none but those who need us. Call of Christ we must now hear and heed.

**Refrain:**

**Entrance Song: Lift Up Your Hearts**

**First Reading** [**Ez 17:22-24**](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/ezekiel/17?22)

**Responsorial Psalm** [**92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16**](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/psalms/92?2)

Thus says the Lord GOD:  
I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

**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.  
**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.  
**Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

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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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Brothers and sisters:  
We are always courageous,  
although we know that while we are at home in the body  
we are away from the Lord,  
for we walk by faith, not by sight.  
Yet we are courageous,  
and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.  
Therefore, we aspire to please him,   
whether we are at home or away.  
For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,  
so that each may receive recompense,  
according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.  
All who come to him will live forever.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

### **Second Reading** [**2 Cor 5:6-10**](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/2corinthians/5?6)

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Gospel**  [**Mk 4:26-34**](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/mark/4?26)

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**June 13th, 2021 10:30 am Mass**

**Refrain:** Let us live our lives so that all might see that our hearts are restless till they rest in thee. Let us build your kingdom in truth and grace so that all must know they have a rightful place.

**1:** Beauty ever ancient and new, breaking through the deafness so we hear you.

Shattering the darkness of night, a new dawn is rising to bring your light to all the world. **Refrain**

**2:** To gather in your presence we came to be one in spirit, in truth and name;

Strengthened by the body of Christ, taking up the call now to share your light with all the world. **Refrain**

**1:** Only in God is my soul at rest In him comes my salvation.  
He only is my rock my strength and my salvation. **Refrain**

**Refrain:** My stronghold my Savior I shall not be afraid at all  
My stronghold my Savior I shall not be moved.

2: Only in God is found safety When the enemy pursues me  
Only in God is found glory when I am found meek and found lowly. **Refrain**

**Communion Song 3: Only in God**

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**Prayer to St. Joseph:**

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust;

with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power.

**Sending Forth Song: A Rightful Place**

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**Communion Song 2: For the Beauty**

**1:** For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies. For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.

Lord of all to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

**2:** For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night. Hill and vale, and tree and flow’r, sun and moon, and stars of light. Lord of all to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

**Bridge:** Heart and hands and voice we raise to you who give us breath to praise you; Singing with the angel host, to Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Heart and hands and voice we raise to you who give us breath to praise you; Singing with the angel host, to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. God of love, to you we raise a song of never ending praise.

**3:** For Yourself, O Gift Divine to our world so freely giv’n. for that love from which will shine,

Peace on Earth and joy in heav’n. Lord of all to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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**Communion Song 1: Bread of Life**

**Refrain:** I myself am the bread of life. You and I are the bread of life, taken and blessed,

broken and shared by Christ that the world might live.

**1:** This bread is spirit, gift of the Maker’s love, and we who share it know that we can be one:

a living sign of God in Christ. **Refrain.**

**2:** Here is God’s kingdom given to us as food. This is our body, this is our blood:

A living sign of God in Christ. **Refrain.**

**3:** Lives broken open, stories shared aloud, become a banquet, a shelter for the world:

A living sign of God in Christ. **Refrain.**

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**Offertory Song: Blessed Be God**

**1:** (Presider) Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation, thanks to your goodness this bread we offer, fruit of the earth, work of our hands, it will become the bread of life.

**Refrain:** Blessed be God, Blessed be God, Blessed be God, forever Amen. Blessed be God, Blessed be God, Blessed be God, forever Amen.

**2:** (Presider) Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation, thanks to this goodness this wine we offer, fruit of the vine, work of our hands, it will become the cup of life.

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