

**SACRED HEART**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**  
**12/13 June 2021**

*Ordinary time resumes and with it the delight of following what the Gospel gives us rather than knowing in advance what will be said. This week's theme or context is the largest one; the earthly life and teaching of Jesus as seen by one of the four evangelists with their own particular emphasis.*

*St Mark has a much to say about the Kingdom, and his chapter 4 is a series of parables comparing the growth of the kingdom with the growth of seeds. In an agricultural society this would have been very vivid; the hearers would know the anticipation and the pain of planting seed and waiting for harvest, which the land 'of its own accord' will produce. The mustard seed too would have been something that everyone knew about. The First Reading and psalm have prepared for this by speaking about trees growing and flourishing; 1R reminds us that it is the Lord who is responsible for this growth, and he can also stunt the growth if he so wills. These metaphors from the natural world should remind us to care for our planet, that human intervention can contribute to climate change. Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato Si' would be a good read this week more especially as we are a Franciscan parish!*

*In my immediate neighborhood the owners of the four closest houses to me each had their trees removed in the space of one week. I was one of them! All of us had good reasons for their removal but chose to replant a replacement tree lest the birds of the air die without a suitable habitat.*

*One of the positives of the pandemic has been that many have found the time to get back to gardening and have discovered that the natural world can benefit from a pause in destructive human activity. "Consider the lilies" said Christ. Perhaps this week, in the knowledge that summer storms have returned, we might consider the wonders of creation in our own backyards and thank God for these.*

Organ Prelude: Fugue in D (JS Bach)

## Introductory Rites

Opening Song: For the fruits of this creation

**For the fruits of this creation,  
thanks be to God;  
for these gifts to ev'ry nation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe keeping,  
thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will is done;  
in our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.**

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Glory to God: Mass of Joy and Peace (Alonso)

**GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD,  
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,  
AND ON EARTH PEACE, ON EARTH PEACE,  
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.

**GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD ...**

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 of us.

**GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD ...**

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.

**GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD,  
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,  
AND ON EARTH PEACE, ON EARTH PEACE,  
PEACE TO PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL. AMEN.**

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Psalm 92: It is good to give thanks to you (Walker)

**It is good to give thanks to you,  
to give thanks you, our God.  
It is good. It is good.**

Music: © 1992, Christopher Walker, OCP.

Second Reading:

Gospel Greeting: Salisbury Alleluia (Walker)

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

Homily

Creed

Universal Prayer

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Preparation of Gifts & Altar: Seed, scattered and sown (Feiten)

**SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN,  
WHEAT, GATHERED AND GROWN,  
BREAD, BROKEN AND SHARED AS ONE,  
THE LIVING BREAD OF GOD.  
VINE, FRUIT OF THE LAND,  
WINE, WORK OF OUR HANDS,  
ONE CUP THAT IS SHARED BY ALL;  
THE LIVING CUP, THE LIVING BREAD OF GOD.**

**Is not the bread we break a sharing in our Lord?  
Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ outpoured?**

**SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN...**

**The seed which falls on rock will wither and will die.  
The seed within good ground will flower and have life.**

**SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN...**

**As wheat upon the hills was gathered and was grown,  
so may the church of God be gathered into one.**

**SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN...**

Text: Didache 9 , 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, Mark 4:3-6; Dan Feiten, ©  
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Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Creation (Haugen)

Holy, Holy – When we eat this bread – Amen

## Communion Rite

Our Father

Lamb of God: Mass of Creation (Haugen)

Communion Song: One Bread, One Body (Foley)

**ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, ONE LORD OF ALL,  
ONE CUP OF BLESSING WHICH WE BLESS.  
AND WE, THOUGH MANY, THROUGHOUT THE EARTH,  
WE ARE ONE BODY IN THIS ONE LORD.**

**Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man no more.**

**ONE BREAD...**

**Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.**

**ONE BREAD...**

**Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one for all.**

**ONE BREAD...**

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:16; 17, 12:4, Galatians 3:28; the Didache 9; John  
Foley, SJ, b.1939, © 1978, John B. Foley, SJ, and New Dawn Music.  
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## Concluding Rite

Closing Song: This we shall do (Bell)

**THIS WE SHALL DO, THIS WE SHALL DO:  
ACT JUSTLY, LOVE MERCY, WALK HUMBLY WITH OUR GOD.  
THIS WE SHALL DO, THIS WE SHALL DO:  
ACT JUSTLY, LOVE MERCY, WALK HUMBLY WITH OUR GOD.**

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Postlude: Fantasia in G (JS Bach)

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