

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
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### *First Reading*

*Ez 17:22-24*

*A reading from the prophet Ezekiel*

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

*(Please leave a 25 second pause for silent reflection after the reading).*

### *Psalm (please pray together)*

*Ps 91:2-3. 13-16.*

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.

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

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 God, my rock, there is no wrong.

*(there is no pause for reflection after the psalm - you can move straight on to the second reading)*

***Second Reading***

***2 Cor 5:6-10***

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

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 the Lord. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what we deserve for the things we did in the body, good or bad.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

***(The Gospel Acclamation will be a sung version so you can leave the lectern after the Second Reading)***

***(Please turn the microphone OFF when you leave the lectern)***

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*(Please don't forget to turn the microphone on before you begin)*

**Celebrant**

*...says a few words of introduction*

**Reader:**

We pray for Francis our Pope and Anthony our Bishop :  
that they may help us to nurture the growth of the seeds of the Kingdom  
planted within our hearts and within our world....*Pause*...Lord hear us

**Reader:** We pray for our world during this time of pandemic and for all who have  
fallen sick – that they may experience the healing grace of God.....Lord, hear us.

**Reader:**

We pray for those who suffer as a result of the inequities in our society;  
and we pray that we may work  
to ensure that a spirit of solidarity and generosity  
be the hallmark of our nation *Pause*.....Lord hear us.

**Reader:**

We pray for those who have died: that they may rejoice in the light of the  
Risen Jesus....*Pause*....Lord hear us.

**Reader:**

We pray for our fellow local Christian Churches. This week we pray especially for  
Rev. Matthew Heazlewood and the congregation at St Peter's Anglican Church at East  
Lindfield...*Pause*.....Lord hear us

**Celebrant**

Loving God, we thirst for you, body and soul.

We glorify you,

and we ask you to hear these prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(Please turn the microphone OFF when you leave the lectern)*