

BIBLE READING: June 16, 2024

Psalm 92:1-4;12-15

¹It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
²to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,
³to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

⁴For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

¹²The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

¹³They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.

¹⁴In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap,
¹⁵showing that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Mark 4:26-34

²⁶He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.

²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it;

³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.