

## Scripture for November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### A reading from the Hebrew Bible, commonly referred to as the Old Testament

#### 1st Samuel 2: verses 2-5 and 7-8

‘There is no Holy One like the LORD,  
no one besides you;  
there is no Rock like our God.

Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.

The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble gird on strength.

Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.

The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
God brings low, he also exalts.

God raises up the poor from the dust;  
God lifts the needy from the ash heap,  
to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honour.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD’s,  
and on them he has set the world.

### **The Gospel reading, Mark 13: 1-8**

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'