

[110] **NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** **A**

FIRST READING

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

A reading from the first book of Kings

19:9a, 11-13a

Elijah went into a cave and spent the night.
The Lord said, "Elijah, go out and stand on the mountain.
I am going to pass that way."

At once a strong and mighty wind shook the mountain
and shattered the rocks.
But the Lord was not in the wind.

An earthquake shook the ground,
but the Lord was not in the earthquake.
After the earthquake there was a fire,
but the Lord was not in the fire.

After the fire,
hardly a sound was heard.
Elijah covered his face with his robe
and went out and stood at the entrance to the cave.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

85:8abc and 9, 10-11, 12-13

R. (8) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will listen to you, Lord God,
because you promise peace
to those who are faithful.
You are ready to rescue
everyone who worships you,
so that you will live with us
in all of your glory.

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Love and loyalty

will come together;
goodness and peace will unite.
Loyalty will sprout
from the ground;
justice will look down
from the sky above.

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Our Lord, you will bless us;
our land will produce
wonderful crops.
Justice will march in front,
making a path
for you to follow.

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

ALLELUIA

See Psalm 130:5

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Command me to come to you over the water.

† A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made his disciples get into a boat and start back across the lake.

But he stayed until he had sent the crowds away.

Then he went up on a mountain where he could be alone and pray.

Later that evening, he was still there.

By this time the boat was a long way from the shore.

It was going against the wind and was being tossed around by the waves.

A little while before morning,

Jesus came walking on the water toward his disciples.

When they saw him, they thought he was a ghost.

They were terrified and started screaming.

At once Jesus said to them, "Don't worry!
I am Jesus. Don't be afraid."

Peter replied, "Lord, if it is really you,
tell me to come to you on the water."

"Come on!" Jesus said.
Peter then got out of the boat
and started walking on the water toward him.

But when Peter saw how strong the wind was,
he was afraid and started sinking.

"Lord, save me!" he shouted.

Right away Jesus reached out his hand.
He helped Peter up and said,
"You surely don't have much faith.
Why do you doubt?"

When Jesus and Peter got into the boat, the wind died down.
The men in the boat worshipped Jesus and said,
"You really are the Son of God!"

The gospel of the Lord.

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Opening Prayer:

Dear God:

Thank you for loving me and for always being near me. I know that no matter what happens in my life I never have to be afraid because you are always with me, and I will never be alone. Please help me to show other people how much I love you by the way I live my life.

Readings:

Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Psalm 85:8abc and 9, 10-11, 12-13

Alleluia Psalm 130:5

Matthew 14:22-33

Reflection:

Where does God live?

Have you ever thought about it? Where does God live, does God live only in heaven and if so where is heaven? Have you ever felt so happy that you knew the God must be so close to you that you could almost reach out and touch Him?

That is as it should be because every person feels God's presence differently. This is because God made each of us different so each person can have his or her own special relationship with Him. God is alive in all things not only living things but in all things because God created all things. God is in the fire and the earthquake, and the wind, God is in the sunrise and the sunset but mostly God is in you.

Discussion:

1. Think about this past week, were there times or places that you could feel God was near you and feel His love for you?
2. Knowing that God is always with you and loves you, how does he show this love to you?
3. If you were in a storm and Jesus was with you would you be afraid and why?
4. Why do you think the wind calmed down when Jesus got in the boat?
5. Do you think any person you know can walk on water or calm the wind, if not why not?

Activity:

1. Look around where ever you are and take a pencil and paper and write down or make a drawing of the things you see that you feel God lives in.
2. With a pencil make a drawing of a boat in a storm and Jesus walking to it on the water.
3. With a pencil and paper make a drawing showing God's love for you.