

Sunday between 7 and 13 August

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading - 1 Kings 19.9a, 11-13a

A reading from the first book of Kings.

Elijah arrived

at the mountain of God;
and entered a cave, where he spent the night.

Then the word of the Lord

came to Elijah,
saying, 'Go out,
and stand on the mountain,
for the Lord is about to pass by.'

And there came a great wind, so strong
that it was breaking rocks, from the mountains,
into pieces;
but the Lord was not
in the wind.

And after the wind,
there was an earthquake;
but the Lord was not
in the earthquake.

And after the earthquake, a fire;
but the Lord was not
in the fire.

And after the fire,
a still, small voice,
like a breath, or a whisper.

When Elijah heard it,
he wrapped his cloak around his face,
and went out,
and stood at the entrance of the cave;
and then came the voice of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Second Reading - Romans 8.31-39

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

We can trust that God, who gave
his Son for us, will surely give us
all that we could ever need, and more.

And knowing that God is with us,
we know
that nothing
can stand against us.

No charge can be brought
against God's chosen,
for it is God who declares us free.

No one can condemn,
for it is Christ Jesus who intercedes for us
at the right hand of God.

And nothing can separate us
from the love of Christ -
not hardship, or distress,
or persecution, or famine,
or destitution, or danger, or the sword.

It says in the Psalm,
'For your sake,
we are being killed all day long,
like sheep
to be slaughtered.'

Yet in all these things, we overcome
through the one who loves us.

And so I am convinced
that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers,
nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
can separate us
from the love of God
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel - Matthew 14.22-33

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

Jesus sent the disciples on ahead of him,
back across the lake,
by boat.

As darkness fell,
he dismissed the crowds,
and went up the mountain,
by himself, to pray.

The disciples, in the boat, were now
far
from land.

And the boat
was being battered
by the waves,
for the wind
was against them.

In the darkness before dawn,
Jesus came walking towards them
on the lake.

When the disciples saw him,
they were terrified,
and cried out in fear.

But Jesus said to them, 'I am with you.
Do not be afraid.'

Peter said, 'Lord, if it is you,
tell me
to come to you
on the water.'

Jesus said, 'Come.'
Peter stepped
out of the boat,
on to the water,
to walk towards Jesus.

But suddenly aware
of the strength of the storm,
Peter became frightened,
and began to sink.

Peter cried out, 'Lord, save me!'
Jesus reached out his hand,
and caught hold of Peter,
saying, 'Why so little faith?'

As Jesus and Peter
climbed into the boat,
the wind dropped.

And the disciples worshipped Jesus,
saying, 'Truly you are
the Son of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.