

NINETEENTH SUNDAY

ORDINARY Season of the Year A

First Reading † 1 Kings 19:9.11-13a

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

A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him saying,

‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’

He replied,

‘I am full of jealous zeal for the Lord Sabaoth, because the Israelites have abandoned your covenant, have torn down your altars and put your prophets to the sword.

I am the only one left, and now they want to kill me.’

Then he was told,

‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.’

For at that moment the Lord was passing by. A mighty wind split the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind.

And after the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake.

And after the earthquake came fire. But the Lord was not in the fire.

And after the fire there was a light sound of silence.

And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial † Psalm 84:9-14

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

I will listen to what the Lord God has to say;
he speaks of peace for his faithful people,
and those who turn their hearts to him.
His salvation is near for those who fear him,
and his glory will dwell in our land.

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

Merciful love and faithfulness have met;
righteousness and peace have kissed.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth,
and righteousness look down from heaven.

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

Yes, the Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.
Righteousness will march before him,
and guide his steps on the way.

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

Second Reading † Romans 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I am speaking in Christ, not lying; my conscience confirms it to me in the Holy Spirit. There is great sorrow and unremitting agony in my heart: I could pray that I myself might be accursed and cut off from Christ, for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my kindred according to the flesh.

They are Israelites; to them belong adoption, the glory and the covenants, the giving of the Law, the worship and the promises. To them belong the fathers and from them, according to the flesh, came Christ who is above all, God be blessed for ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation † Psalm 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel † Matthew 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

And at once Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he sent the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills on his own to pray.

When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now some furlongs from land, was hard pressed by rough waves, for there was a head-wind. Not long before dawn he came towards them, walking on the sea, and when the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified.

‘It is a phantom,’ they said, and cried out in fear.

But at once Jesus called out to them, saying,

‘Courage! It’s me! Don’t be afraid.’

Then Peter answered, saying,

‘Lord, if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.’

Jesus said, ‘Come!’

Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but noticing the wind, he took fright and as he began to sink cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. He said to him,

‘You have so little faith; why did you doubt?’

And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat worshipped him and said,

‘Truly, you are Son of God.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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