

Readings + 4th Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 12 B + June 20, 2021

Prayer of the Day

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

First Reading Job 38:1-11

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: ²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. ⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements – surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? ⁸Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb? – ⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

Psalmody Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God’s mercy endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some went down to the sea in ships, plying their trade in deep waters.

They beheld the works of the LORD, God’s wonderful works in the deep.

Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.

They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths; their souls melted away in their peril.

They staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of no avail.

Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD, and you delivered them from their distress.

You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the sea.

Then were they glad when it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.

Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people; in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Paul writes: As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours.

¹³ In return – I speak as to children – open wide your hearts also.

Holy Gospel Mark 4:35-41

Matthew, Mark, and Luke all tell this story of Jesus stilling a storm. Only Mark's is in the lectionary.

³⁵ When evening had come, Jesus said to the disciples, "Let us go across to the other side."

³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats

were with him. ³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"