

Kindness

and truth shall meet;

justice and peace shall kiss.

Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

Psalm 85:11-12



August 9, 2020
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FREE TO CHOOSE

Our readings today drench us in God’s kindness. The Old Testament reading, Paul’s letter, and the Gospel demonstrate God’s creative and personalized outreach to us. In each case, we see a different reaction to God’s gestures. Elijah drinks in his consolation, recognizing God in gentle silence and going out to meet God. The Israelites, according to Saint Paul, though encountering God in a variety of ways through the centuries, ultimately reject the Messiah whom God sends to them. Peter thinks he recognizes the Lord coming to him on the water, but demands proof and grows frightened. At all times and in all places, God longs for us to believe and goes to great lengths to strengthen our faith. Ultimately, God never compels belief, but leaves us free to choose. Today’s scriptures challenge us to consider our own response to God’s constant work in our lives.

EMBRACING DIVERSITY

Today’s readings console and challenge us, reminding us just how hard God works for us so we might have faith. God’s labors are infinitely diverse, too, always tailored to fit our particular situations, personalities, and needs. In Elijah’s case, he is hiding in a cave on the very same mountain where Moses once encountered God in the burning bush. Hunted by the pagan Queen Jezebel, Elijah is running for his life. While Moses experienced God in fire on this mountain, Elijah requires a gentler touch. God comes to him not in awesome displays of power, but in a “tiny whispering sound.” God provides exactly the tranquility Elijah needs before sending him off on a new mission.

God’s creative care for us does not always lead to faith, however. In a strikingly tender passage, Saint Paul shares his heartbreak that God’s chosen people could reject Jesus, even after all God has done to prepare them for the Messiah. God has accompanied the chosen people through adoption, miracles, covenants, commandments, prophets, and kings. Despite ages of dedicated and inventive caregiving, God’s people do not unite in worship of the true Messiah. The proper response to this lack of faith is sorrow, and Saint Paul pours out the “constant anguish” in his heart.

In yet another astonishingly creative gesture, God visits people in need of faith by defying the laws of nature. Matthew’s Gospel describes Jesus actually walking on water to comfort his disciples during a storm at sea. After their terror subsides and the winds grow calm, faith floods the disciples’ hearts. They worship Jesus, proclaiming, “Truly, you are the Son of God.”

TO THE LIMIT

Sometimes God’s creative overtures are almost too much to handle. In a daring effort to trust, Peter challenges Jesus to share miraculous power with him. Jesus obliges, and Peter walks on water. Peter enjoys his miracle until his natural limitations spoil his faith. Just imagine what barriers we can shatter if only we believe.

TODAY’S READINGS

1 Kings 19:9a, 11–13a
Psalm 85:9–14
Romans 9:1–5
Matthew 14:22–33

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Msgr. Terry

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TODAY'S READINGS

Reading 1

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a

At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the Lord will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD—but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake—but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire—but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Reading 2

Rom 9:1-5

Brothers and sisters: I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Gospel

Mt 14:22-33

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of August 10 - 16, 2020

Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Nagasaki Memorial Day

Monday: St. Lawrence

2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: St. Clare

Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday:

St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday:

Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus

Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday:

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63]; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Sunday:

Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28



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Mark Sanchez
Glenn Hoskins
Sean Fenady
Arlene Tan
Carmen Gomez
Meilani Rodriguez
Marlyn T. Rodriguez
Hyuk Jin Kwon
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Aida Tomines
Stacey Seablade Hoskins
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Wednesday, August 12th
Manuel Venturina †
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Thursday, August 13th
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Amparo Gregorio †
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Friday, August 14th
Beth Mitra
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Mayin Manzano
Adele Voorhees
Melissa Ramirez
Kim Ocol
Mimi Arcega
Ishmael Manzano
Onor Vergel De Dios †
Rodolfo Vicencio Jr. †
Saturday, August 15th
Magdalena Chung †
Ishmael Manzano
Ernst Mitra
Cho Soon In †

In Memoriam

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