

East Hendred Catholic Parish



**Nineteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time (A)
9th August 2020
Antiphons,
Prayers and Readings**

TODAY'S first reading describes a revelation of fundamental importance in the development of spirituality throughout the ages. It is the mainspring of the Carmelite movement which is present with us in this area in the Friary on Boars Hill. At the end of his ministry Elijah discovers that, though he experiences wind, an earthquake, and a fire, in none of these is the Lord to be found. God does not disclose himself through the forces of nature, even though his glory is evident in creation. After wind, earthquake, and fire there is a still, small voice. It is the still, small voice that we get to in Psalm 46, when, after speaking of the power of God to intervene in the world, we have this same still, small voice. 'Be still, and know that I am God...The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.' The theme is taken up famously in the hymn 'Dear Lord and Father of mankind'. John Greenleaf Whittier, an American Quaker poet, wrote these words and they include:

**Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.**

Amidst the turmoil of our lives we hear the quiet and reassuring words of Jesus in today's Gospel coming to us over the choppy waters:

'Take heart, it is I; have no fear.'

Fr Andrew

Entrance Antiphon

Respice Domine

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Cf Ps 74:20, 19, 22, 23

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

I Kings 19:9, 11-13 (RSV)

Elijah came to a cave, and lodged there; and behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, 'What are you doing here, Eli'jah?'....¹¹ And he said, 'Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD.' And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. ¹³ And when Eli'jah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm 85 9-14 R/ 8

**R/ Let us see, O Lord, your mercy:
and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God speaks;
he speaks of peace for his people and his faithful,
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.

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

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

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5 (RSV)

I am speaking the truth in Christ, I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit, ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen by race. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the sonship, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and of their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed for ever. Amen.

Alleluia,

Alleluia, alleluia! My soul is waiting for the Lord: I count on his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33 (RSV)

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out for fear. ²⁷But immediately he spoke to them, saying, 'Take heart, it is I; have no fear.' ²⁸And Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water.' ²⁹He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; ³⁰but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, 'Lord, save me.' ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'O man of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface

III De salvatio hominis per hominem

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For we know it belongs to your boundless glory, that you came to the aid of mortal beings with your divinity and even fashioned for us a remedy out of mortality itself, that the cause of our downfall might become the means of our salvation, through Christ our Lord. Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty and rejoices in your presence for ever. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim: Holy, holy, holy &c.

Communion Antiphon

Lauda, Ierusalem

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Cf Ps 148:12,14

Prayer after Communion

May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. Through Christ our Lord.

Salve Regina

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy! Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Scripture Reading (Week 19 Year 2)

Monday	Ezekiel 1:2-5,24-28	Matthew 17:22-27
Tuesday	Ezekiel 2:8-3:4	Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday	Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22	Matthew 18:15-20
Thursday	Ezekiel 12:1-12	Matthew 18:21-19:1
Friday	Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 62	Matthew 19:3-12
Saturday	Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13, 30-32	Matthew 19:13-15

ASSUMPTION

Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

1 Corinthians 15:20-26 Luke 1:39-56

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