

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9a, 11–13a

A reading from the first book of Kings

Elijah went into a cave and spent the night.

The LORD said, “Elijah, go out and stand on the mountain.
I am going to pass that way.”

At once a strong and mighty wind shook the mountain
and shattered the rocks.
But the LORD was not in the wind.

An earthquake shook the ground,
but the LORD was not in the earthquake.
After the earthquake there was a fire,
but the LORD was not in the fire.

After the fire,
hardly a sound was heard.
Elijah covered his face with his robe
and went out and stood at the entrance to the cave.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 85:8abc & 9,
10–11, 12–13*

All: *Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.*

*I will listen to you, LORD God,
because you promise peace
to those who are faithful.
You are ready to rescue
everyone who worships you,
so that you will live with us
in all of your glory.*

All: *Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.*

*Love and loyalty
will come together;
goodness and peace will unite.
Loyalty will sprout
from the ground;
justice will look down
from the sky above.*

All: *Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.*

*Our LORD, you will bless us;
our land will produce
wonderful crops.
Justice will march in front,
making a path
for you to follow.*

All: *Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.*

Gospel

Matthew 14:22–33

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A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made his disciples get into a boat and start back across the lake.
But he stayed until he had sent the crowds away.
Then he went up on a mountain where he could be alone and pray.
Later that evening, he was still there.

By this time the boat was a long way from the shore.
It was going against the wind and was being tossed around
by the waves.

A little while before morning,
Jesus came walking on the water toward his disciples.
When they saw him, they thought he was a ghost.
They were terrified and started screaming.

At once Jesus said to them, “Don’t worry!
I am Jesus. Don’t be afraid.”

Peter replied, “Lord, if it is really you,
tell me to come to you on the water.”

“Come on!” Jesus said.
Peter then got out of the boat
and started walking on the water toward him.

But when Peter saw how strong the wind was,
he was afraid and started sinking.

“Lord, save me!” he shouted.

Gospel

Matthew 14:22–33

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Right away Jesus reached out his hand.
He helped Peter up and said,
“You surely don’t have much faith.
Why do you doubt?”

When Jesus and Peter got into the boat, the wind died down.
The men in the boat worshiped Jesus and said,
“You really are the Son of God!”

The Gospel of the Lord.