



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: *1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a*

This is a reading from the first book of Kings.

When the prophet Elijah heard that someone wanted to kill him, he went to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God, and stayed in a cave. God came to Elijah and said,

“Go out and stand in front of the cave to meet me.”

Then there was a powerful, strong wind that split the mountain and broke the rocks into little pieces. But God was not in the wind.

After the wind, there was an earthquake, but God was not in the earthquake.

And after the earthquake, there was a fire, but God was not in the fire.

Then after the fire, there was a gentle breeze, like a quiet whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he covered his face with a scarf and stood at the door of the cave to meet God.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: *Psalms 40*

“Here I am, O my God; I come to do your will.”

Verses:

1. I have waited patiently; you have heard my prayer, and so I say:
2. You have shown your ways to me, to proclaim your Word, and so I say:

(Repeat Response after each Verse.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Jesus said, “Don’t be afraid! Come to me.” Alleluia!



GOSPEL: *Matthew 14:22-33*

This is a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

After Jesus had given the bread to the crowd of people, and everyone had eaten all they wanted, Jesus told the disciples to sail the boat to the other side of the lake.

Then he went up into the mountains to pray. And he stayed there alone until late into the night.

By this time, the disciples were already out in the middle of the lake, and their boat was being tossed about by a strong wind.

During the night, Jesus came walking across the water toward the boat. But when the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified, and they screamed,

“It’s a ghost!”

Jesus said,

“Don’t be afraid! It is I!”

Peter said to Jesus,

“Lord, if it’s really you, tell me to walk to you across the water.”

Jesus said,

“Come on, Peter!”

So Peter got out of the boat and started walking toward Jesus. But while he was walking on the water, he saw the waves and the wind, and he became so frightened that he started sinking into the water. And he cried out,

“Lord, save me!”

Jesus reached out, caught hold of Peter’s hand, and said,

“Peter, you have so little faith! Why didn’t you believe?”

When Jesus and Peter got into the boat, the wind stopped. The other disciples said to Jesus,

“Truly, you are the Son of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.