

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

There is the wide, immeasurable sea:  
there move living things without number, great and small.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

**Lk. 5:1-11**

✠ **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke**

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets."

When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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The Season of Creation – Year C, Week 1

# Ocean Sunday



## Sentence

"Let the sea roar and all that fills it!"

Ps. 96.11

## Prayer of the day

God of all mystery and wonder,  
your love is more vast than the ocean,  
life-giving, and unfathomable.  
You call us to swim in the wonder of your grace.  
Keep us ever mindful of your love for the ocean,  
and for all your living creatures that the ocean sustains.  
We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus,  
Who lived and ministered by the sea. **Amen**

## First reading

**Job :38:1-18**

### A reading from the book of Job

*Context: Job has suffered great loss and sadness. As he seeks to understand why it happened to him, he has protested that it can't be because of anything wrong he has done.*

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?

“Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, so that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and it is dyed like a garment. Light is withheld from the wicked, and their uplifted arm is broken. “Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 104 – A.P.B.A. page 330

<sup>1</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul:

O Lord my God, how great you are!

<sup>2</sup> Clothed with majesty and honour:  
wrapped in light as in a garment.

<sup>3</sup> You have stretched out the heavens like a tent-cloth:  
and laid the beams of your dwelling upon their waters;

<sup>4</sup> You make the clouds your chariot:  
and ride upon the wings of the wind;

<sup>5</sup> You make the winds your messengers:  
and flames of fire your ministers;

<sup>6</sup> You have set the earth on its foundations:  
so that it shall never be moved.

<sup>7</sup> The deep covered it as with a mantle:  
the waters stood above the hills.

<sup>8</sup> At your rebuke they fled:  
at the voice of your thunder they hurried away;

<sup>9</sup> They went up to the mountains,  
they went down by the valleys:  
to the place which you had appointed for them.

<sup>10</sup> You fixed a limit which they may not pass:  
they shall not return again to cover the earth.

<sup>26</sup> Lord, how various are your works:  
in wisdom you have made them all,  
and the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>27</sup> There is the wide, immeasurable sea:  
there move living things without number, great and small;

<sup>28</sup> There go the ships, to and fro:  
and there is that Leviathan  
whom you formed to sport in the deep.

## Second Reading

**Eph:1:3-10**

### A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

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