

so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, ‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk. 8:22-25

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

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side of the lake.’ So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, ‘Master, Master, we are perishing!’ And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, ‘Where is your faith?’ They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Season of Creation – Year C, Week 3

Storm Sunday



Sentence

You make the clouds your chariots, you ride on the wings of the wind and you make the winds your messengers”

Ps. 104.3-4

Prayer of the day

God of wind and rain, of lightning and snow,
of wildfire and flood:
sometimes we are overwhelmed by the forces of nature
around us,
that seem to rail against us.
Help us to discern the truth,
and to know that you, our Creator God,
do not seek to destroy us, but invite us
to co-create with you, that the world might be a place
where all can live in harmony and safety. **Amen.**

First Reading

Job: 28:20-27

A reading from the book of Job.

Context: Today's first reading is part of a strange passage in the book of Job that scholars call the Hymn on the inaccessibility of Wisdom. The hymn begins by musing about miners overturning mountains to find gold and precious stones, but never finding Wisdom; nor can these treasures buy wisdom. Today's passage tells us Wisdom is found only with God, who alone 'understands the way to it'.

(Christians know Wisdom personified in the Word (or Logos) of God, Jesus.)

'Where then does wisdom come from?
And where is the place of understanding?
It is hidden from the eyes of all living,
and concealed from the birds of the air.
Abaddon and Death say,
"We have heard a rumour of it with our ears."
'God understands the way to it,
and he knows its place.
For he looks to the ends of the earth,
and sees everything under the heavens.
When he gave to the wind its weight,
and apportioned out the waters by measure;
when he made a decree for the rain,
and a way for the thunderbolt;
then he saw it and declared it;
he established it, and searched it out.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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- ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendour.
- ³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.

- ⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- ⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁹ The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'
- ¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.
- ¹¹ May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Second Reading:

1 Cor. 1:21-31

A reading from Paul's first Letter to the Corinthians

Context: The Church in Corinth was founded by Paul. It seems that after he moved on to preach elsewhere, divisions arose amongst the Corinthian Christians; factions focused variously on personal connections, and special knowledge or wisdom as their emphases. Paul writes that none of these is important; only belief in 'the message about the Cross'.

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are,