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June 23, 2024

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Today's Readings

Sunday, June 23, 2024
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Prayer of the Day

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Job 38:1-11

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

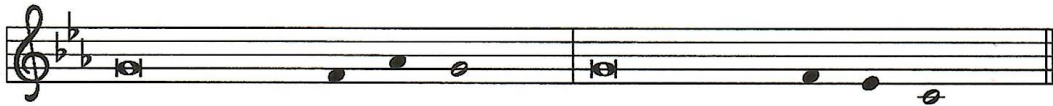
⁸"Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb?²—
⁹when I made the clouds its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, "Thus far shall you come,
and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped?"

Psalm

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; tone 9



Give thanks to the LORD,
for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the

¹LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them
from the hand of the foe,

³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west,
from the north
and from the south.

²³Some went down to the sea in ships,
plying their trade in deep waters.

²⁴They beheld the works of the LORD,
God's wonderful works in the deep.

²⁵Then God spoke,
and a stormy wind arose,
which tossed high
the waves of the sea.

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens
and descended to the depths;
their souls melted away
in their peril.

²⁷They staggered and reeled
like drunkards,
and all their skill was of no avail.

²⁸Then in their trouble
they cried to the LORD,
and you delivered them
from their distress.

continued

Psalm, continued

²⁹You stilled the storm ¹ to a whisper
and silenced the waves ¹ of the sea.

³⁰Then were they glad
when ¹ it grew calm,
when you guided them
to the harbor ¹ they desired.

³¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD,
for your ¹ steadfast love
and your wonderful works
¹ for all people.

³²Let them exalt you
in the assembly ¹ of the people;
in the council of the elders,
let them sing ¹ hallelujah!

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have
listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have
helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful

speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said

to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

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