

## **12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ON ORDINARY TIME LITURGIES**

### **First reading**

**Job 38:1,8-11**

#### **From the heart of the tempest the Lord gives Job his answer**

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors  
when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,  
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist  
and made black clouds its swaddling bands;  
when I marked the bounds it was not to cross  
and made it fast with a bolted gate?  
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:  
here your proud waves shall break.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 106(107):23-26,28-32**

*O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.*

Some sailed to the sea in ships  
to trade on the mighty waters.  
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,  
the wonders he does in the deep.

*O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.*

For he spoke; he summoned the gale,  
tossing the waves of the sea  
up to heaven and back into the deep;  
their souls melted away in their distress.

*O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.*

Then they cried to the Lord in their need  
and he rescued them from their distress.  
He stilled the storm to a whisper:  
all the waves of the sea were hushed.

*O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.*

They rejoiced because of the calm  
and he led them to the haven they desired.  
Let them thank the Lord for his love,  
for the wonders he does for men.

*O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.*

## Second reading

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

### We do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

## Gospel Acclamation

cf.Ep1:17,18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

### 'Even the wind and the sea obey him'

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

## BIDDING PRAYERS

### PRIEST

We believe in a God who created us for life. With great trust we now bring before him the pains and illnesses of the world and the needs of all his people.

### READER

We pray for the church; may we always promote the sanctity of life from the moment of conception, and protect the rites of the unborn. May we also value the gifts bought to society by those who are physically or mentally impaired. (*pause*)

Lord, hear us.....

We pray for those in authority; may they always have the greatest concern for the vulnerable in our society. *(pause)*

Lord, hear us.....

We pray for all involved in healthcare; may they always cherish the gift of life. We pray most particularly for those involved in genetic research, that they may conduct their work responsibly and ethically. *(pause)*

Lord, hear us.....

We pray for our parish community; may we become a place where everyone is welcome and valued and may our kind deeds and encouraging words bring healing to those in need. *(pause)*

Lord, hear us.....

May God grant eternal rest to all who have died, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time. *(pause)*

Lord, hear us.....

In a few moments of silence we submit our own intentions: *(pause)*

Lord, hear us.....

We seek the help of Mary as we say together; Hail Mary.....

### **PRIEST**

God of love, help us always to promote the basic rights of all, and to recognise that we are all parts of One Body, dependent upon one another, and called to share a common life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.