

Then the LORD said to him,
“Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD;
the LORD will be passing by.”
A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains
and crushing rocks before the LORD—
but the LORD was not in the wind.
After the wind there was an earthquake—
but the LORD was not in the earthquake.
After the earthquake there was fire—
but the LORD was not in the fire.
After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound.
When he heard this,
Elijah hid his face in his cloak
and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 9:1-5

Brothers and sisters:

I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie;
my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness
that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart.
For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ
for the sake of my own people,
my kindred according to the flesh.

They are Israelites;
theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants,
the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises;
theirs the patriarchs, and from them,
according to the flesh, is the Christ,
who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
14:22-33*

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get
into a boat

and precede him to the other side,
while he dismissed the crowds.

After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray.
When it was evening he was there alone.

Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore,
was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was
against it.

During the fourth watch of the night,
he came toward them walking on the sea.

When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified.
“It is a ghost,” they said, and they cried out in fear.

At once Jesus spoke to them, “Take courage, it is I; do not
be afraid.”

Peter said to him in reply,

“Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”

He said, “Come.”