



About the Readings on 6.23.24

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Sunday, June 19–25

We continue going through Mark's proclamation of Christ, hidden in the cross, in the Bible, in the bread and wine, and in the community.

Job 38:1-11

The theophany from Job is chosen to complement the narrative of Jesus stilling the storm. Jesus, the Son of God, is not merely a first-century miracle worker, but is the presence of God conquering evil from the beginning of time up until this week's storms.

The Psalm for the Day

Having heard the creation poem from Job, we respond by singing **Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32.** This communal song of thanksgiving has stanzas that describe human situations of need and a refrain of praise to God (vv. 8, 15, 21, 31). Today we sing the stanza and refrain that praises God for deliverance from a storm at sea. God continues to still the waves and bring us to safe harbor.

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

The semicontinuous reading of 2 Corinthians gives us today a passage that fits well with the first reading and the gospel. Paul's listing of difficulties recalls the chaos of nature and the storm at sea. Today is the acceptable time to accept God's salvation and thus to become servants of God for the needy of the world.

Mark 4:35-41

We are in the "other boats," and we are called to faith in God who, hidden in Christ, is the creator of earth who conquers our demons.