

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(YEAR A)**

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of the Kings
(19:9,11-13)

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8)

**R. Let us see, O Lord your mercy
and give us your saving help.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
(9:1-5)

What I want to say is no pretence, I say it in union
with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union
with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want
to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental
anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned

and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers
of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted
as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants;
the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and
the promises were made to them. They are
descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh
and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever
blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Lk 19:38)

R Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the
Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

R Alleluia!

Or: (Ps 129:5)

R Alleluia, alleluia!

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.

R Alleluia!

GOSPEL

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on
ahead to the other side while he would send the
crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went
up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening
came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far
out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for
there was a headwind. In the fourth watch of the
night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and
when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they
were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in
fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying,
'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who
answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come
to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then
Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards
Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force
of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord!
Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and
held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you
doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind
dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before
him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.