

CONCLUDING PRAYER

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our human nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, and in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord keep you safe in his grasp, know that you can never fall out of the everlasting arms, . **Amen**

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TODAY'S THEME: THE STORMS OF LIFE

God will carry
you through
every storm
and give
you strength
to make it.

Storms and Tempests
*Everyone knows how to be
resigned amid the joys and
happiness of prosperity,
but to be so amid storms and
tempests is peculiar to the
children of God.*

St. Francis of Sales

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, in the storms of life, bit us come to you, that we, who are aware of our weakness, may be made strong; through the power of Christ our Lord. Amen

PENITENCE *(We say sorry to God)*

Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.

We are not worthy to be called your children.

We turn to you again.

**Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself
as those who once were dead but now have life
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

ABSOLUTION *(We receive God's forgiveness)*

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PSALM PRAISE 85:8-13

I will listen to what God the LORD says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—but let them not turn to folly.

Surely his salvation is near those who fear him that his glory may dwell in our land. Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven. The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

The Ministry of the Word

1 Kings 19:9-18

There Elijah went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the 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 came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him."

Matthew 14: 22-33

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!", Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshipped him saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: Open our hearts to the riches of his grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name