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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Family Prayer Service

Presider: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

Let us acknowledge the times which we have not been faithful to God.

Penitential Rite A

All: I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
(striking your breast, say:)
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
(Then continue with:)
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Opening Prayer:

Presider: Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

All: Amen

A Reading from the First Book of Kings:

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. 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

Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)

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

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD—for he proclaims peace. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

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

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

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

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.

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

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans:

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

Alleluia:

see Psalm 130:5

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for his word.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew:

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." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God.

The Gospel of the Lord

Reflection/Family Discussion on the readings and Gospel:

Homi-flection for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by Fr. Joe Kim

This week, let me **begin** with reflection questions rather than provide them at the end. Take a moment and think about the following:

How do you picture God? Who is God to you? What is your relationship?

Did you do it? Let me ask some more:

How is God present in your life? How does God speak to you?

If you think about it, your answers to these questions speak to your spiritual reality. To put it another way, it is what you are used to... It is what you have come to **expect**. The scriptures today challenge us to go beyond our expectations; what we are used to. As meaningful and fruitful our spiritual reality at the moment, it pales in true reality of what God continues to manifest into each and every moment of our lives. How ironic that this place of familiarity and comfort can be what limits us to the greater blessing, the fullest experience of grace that God provides. But our Lord knows us well. He gently nudges us forward by calling us out into what we never thought possible; beyond our wildest imaginations. He calls us out on to the waters as He called Peter. How will you respond? If we “place our faith/trust” on what *we* consider to be possible; if we “step out” expecting what we are familiar with, what we expect, we will find ourselves “sinking” because of what we think we can do, what we think we deserve, what we think is possible. But if we “place our faith/trust” on *Jesus*, we find that all things are possible; we find ourselves coming to our Lord. How amazing is it, that this gift of love from our Lord is so gratuitous, that God even takes our fears, insecurities, doubts, troubles, sufferings, hurts, sins - and infuses all these with His grace to transform them to the very things that we need; the very things that brings us to our Lord. Jesus make possible, the impossible. God comes to us in the unexpected; he comes to us in ways that are beyond our wildest imaginations! How will you encounter Him today? Where will you meet Him tomorrow? Will you live your life in faith, with your hearts fixed our Him alone?

Nicene Creed:

ALL: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(bow)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

(raise from bow)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen

Presider: We bring our prayers to God, whose love for us has no end.

Intercessions:

1. That we become a parish community bound together by our faith in the certainty of God's limitless goodness: *(Pause for silent prayer)*.
All: Lord, hear us.
2. That Pope Francis, our bishops, priests, and deacons, and all who serve the church may reveal the unseen and unrealized presence of God among us: *(Pause for silent prayer)*.
All: Lord, hear us.
3. That the nations of the world may listen together to hear the Lord's voice of peace and justice: *(Pause for silent prayer)*.
All: Lord, hear us.
4. That those who make their livelihoods from essential work, may they continue to be protected by God, as they continue to serve society during this pandemic: *(Pause for silent prayer)*.
All: Lord, hear us.
5. That Christ will save and grasp those whose lives are battered by storms of illness, grief, abuse, despair, or addiction: *(Pause for silent prayer)*.
All: Lord, hear us.
6. That the Risen Christ will bring into his Father's presence the souls who have died: *(Pause for silent prayer)*.
All: Lord, hear us.

Presider: We humbly bring our intercessions to you O Lord, trusting in You to answer them on your time not on our time.

Our Father:

Presider: At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Amen

Sign of Peace:

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Presider:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All:

And with your spirit.

Presider:

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

(At this time please offer a moment of silence before the Spiritual Communion is said.)

Spiritual Communion:

All: I wish my Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility and devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, with the spirit and fervor of the saints.

Closing Prayer:

Presider: May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen