

Liturgy Alive of 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

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A. With Jesus In The Storm

B. Do Not Be Afraid

Greeting

The love of Christ overwhelms us.
He died for all,
so that those who live
should no longer live for themselves
but for him who died
and was raised up for us.
May the Risen Lord be always with you. R/ And also with you.

Introduction by the Celebrant

A. With Jesus In The Storm (Option 1)

"Where are you, Lord, when we suffer?" "Why do you sleep, Lord, when your Church is in pain?" "Why is there so much evil in the world?" These are often our cries when we feel threatened by the waves of misfortune and suffering and evil. And the Lord's answer to us is a question: "Why are you so afraid? I am with you! Have faith in me, trust me." In this Eucharist we express our trust that with the Lord we can overcome all evil and trials.

B. Do Not Be Afraid (Option 2)

Many people are afraid today. Our times are very insecure in so many respects, with wars, violence, economic and moral crises. Things seem to move too fast for many. And the Church, in its leaders and members, is often upset and afraid too. God seems so far away, like a God who sleeps, a God who seems indifferent to our fears and anxieties. Where is our faith? Let us turn to him who journeys with us and wake him up, Jesus, our Lord and brother here among us.

Penitential Act

Let us ask the Lord here among us
to forgive us our lack of trust in him
and to command the waves of fear in us
to keep quiet and to leave us in peace.
(pause)
Lord Jesus, you command them to be quiet
when the waves of fear toss us about:
Lord, have mercy. **R/ Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, you rescue your Church from distress
when your people put their trust in you:

Christ, have mercy. **R/ Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, we rejoice in the calm
which you give us when we believe in you:
Lord, have mercy. **R/ Lord, have mercy.**

Forgive us our lack of faith, Lord,
and help us to put ourselves into your hands.
Lead us forward in trust
to the peace of everlasting life. **R/ Amen.**

Opening Prayer

In the storms of life let us pray
for endless trust in the Lord
(pause)
God of power and might,
when we cry out to you in the tempests of life,
reassure us that you care and that you are with us,
even when you seem absent.
Let our faith remain calm and peaceful
and deepen it in every trial.
Keep us believing that the waves obey you
and that at your command
the powers of evil cannot harm us.
Stay with us through your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord for ever. **R/ Amen.**

Scripture Readings

First Reading Introduction: God Speaks From The Heart Of The Tempest

To Job crying out to God in his suffering, God's answers: Look to my power and trust me, even if you do not understand.

Second Reading Introduction: Now All Is New

The love of Christ moves us forward, for in him we have become all new and we give up our old ways.

Gospel Introduction: Who Can This Be?

Fear shocks the weak faith of the disciples when they experience danger. We too are asked: Why are you afraid? Why is your faith so weak?

General Intercessions

God is our light and our security. Let us express our trust in him and pray for all people who journey through life. Let us say: **R/ God, in you we trust.**

• For the Church of Jesus Christ, that its faith and love may not waver in the difficulties and storms of our time, let us pray: **R/ God, in you we trust.**

• For those who doubt their faith and are afraid of facing the future, that God may give them courage, and that we may refresh their hope, let us pray: **R/ God, in you we trust.**

• For sailors and fisherfolk, that the sea may be peaceful and generous to them; for all who travel, that they may safely reach their destination, let us pray: **R/ God, in you we trust.**

• For the community of nations, that they may live in peace and harmony, let us pray: **R/ God, in you we trust.**

• For our Christian communities, that we may all grow in trusting faith in Jesus our Lord and that his love may move us to live for one another, let us pray: **R/ God, in you we trust.**

Lord our God, why should we still be afraid when we know your Son Jesus is with us? Give us his peace and let it last for ever and ever. **R/ Amen.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Father,
in these signs of bread and wine
we place ourselves into your hands
together with Jesus, your Son.
Make us ready with him
to accept everything for you
and to seek your will in all we do.
For we know you love us
and we love you
in Jesus Christ our Lord. R/ Amen.

Introduction to the Eucharistic Prayer

Jesus placed himself in the hands of the Father in life and death. With him we thank the Father for answering our trust in him.

Introduction to the Lord's Prayer

With Jesus our Lord,
let us now pray his prayer of trust
to God our Father: R/ Our Father...

Deliver Us

Deliver us Lord, from every evil,
above all from the evil of sin.
Enliven our faith
and let it bring us your peace.
Protect us from all anxiety,
and give us the courage and hope
to build up your new world,

as we prepare for the coming
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. R/ For the kingdom...

Invitation to Communion

This is Jesus the Lord
who stays with us
in the joys and trials of life.
He asks us: "Why are you afraid?"
Happy are we
that he is our food of courage. R/ Lord, I am not worthy...

Prayer after Communion

God our Father,
in this Eucharist you have let your Son
speak to us words of encouragement
that put our fears to rest,
and given us his bread of strength.
Let us now brave with faith and hope
the storms of the trials of life.
For we know that Jesus is close to us,
even if we do not see his guiding hand.
Let him stay with us always
and bring us to the safe harbor of your home,
for he is our Lord for ever and ever. R/ Amen.

Blessing

This Eucharist has been for us
a celebration of encouragement and trust.
God has assured us:
"Even in the dark days of life
there is nothing to fear,
I am with you.
Face life and its problems,
I will lead you to a safe harbor.
Trust me."
May Almighty God give you this faith
and bless you all:
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. R/ Amen.
Let us go in the peace of Christ. R/ Thanks be to God.