

about to die. The humanity of Jesus is evident in His sleeping in the boat. Jesus' divinity is indicated by His authority over the wind and the waves. The disciples didn't realize even after the great act Who was in their midst. Jesus shows His power over the forces of nature. It is the Divine work showing through His human frame. The disciples were with Him and had seen other miracles, yet they were afraid. Jesus calmed the storm, calmed their fears and proved He was the One Who fulfilled the prophecy of the Messiah, so we should follow Him for our salvation.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

⑨ O Lord of all power and grace, we bless You for Your eyes are on the righteous and Your ears are open to their cry. Hear the prayer of Your people as we come to You now in thankfulness for the mercies which You pour down on us anew each day.

We thank You for Your gifts of might, providence and the daily manifold miracle of supplying the needs of all creatures, great and small. You open Your hand and give us what we need, in season and out of season. Make us mindful, O Lord, that You are the source of our daily bread, even as You provide us with life, breath and being.

Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we will produce the fruits of righteousness. May He endow us with unwavering faith, so that we are always ready to do Your will. Multiply grace, peace and all spiritual knowledge in Your Church. Raise up a ministry that will seek souls for salvation, willing to forsake all selfish concerns and follow Your Son wherever He leads. Give unity of heart and spirit to Your people, O God. Grant that they may inherit Your blessing and not come under Your judgment. Let them manifest the Spirit of Christ in all things. Defend and preserve Your servants wherever they may be suffering for Your name's sake, and replenish them in faith, strength and courage by the grace of Your Son.

Hear, O Lord, when we cry unto You for the afflicted. Grant them help in body and soul, and save them for Your mercy's sake. Lead all the sick and suffering in body, mind and spirit to pray always with faith and perseverance. As we are but pilgrims in this world, guide and uphold us, and bring us all in due time to our heavenly home.

Hear us as we bring to You our private petitions. (**Time of silent prayer.**)

Receive now these petitions in the name of the Prince of Life, the One Who has taught us to obey, even Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

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PROPER SEVEN

Chant Tone



Introit

Then they cried to the Lord in their
—trouble,*
and He delivered them from | their
distress.
He made | storm be still,*
and the waves of the | sea were hushed.
Then they were glad that the waters
were —quiet,*
and He brought them to their
desired —haven.
Let them thank the Lord for His
| steadfast love,*
for His wondrous works to the
chil | dren of men!

Let them extol Him in the congregation
of the —people,*
and praise Him in the assembly of
the —elders.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy —Spirit;
as it was in the be —ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. —Amen.

Then they cried to the Lord in their
—trouble,*
and He delivered them from | their
distress.

(Antiphon, Psalm 107:28;
Psalm 107:29-32)

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

Gradual

Great is the Lord, and greatly | to be praised,*
and His greatness is un | searchable.
on Your wondrous works, I will | meditate.*
and I will declare Your —greatness.

(Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b)

ENTRANCE PRAYER: We give thanks to You, O Lord, for You are good and Your steadfast Love endures forever. Before You called us into existence, You fashioned this beautiful world for our habitation. In Your wisdom You prescribed limits to the oceans and seas. Your clouds carry water to a thirsty land. Send us Your Holy Spirit that we may live no longer for ourselves but for Him who died for us. To that end, open our eyes to the needs of others, and help us to meet those needs in a manner that is most pleasing to You. Grant our requests in the name of Your Son, who showed He had the power and authority to cause all to obey Him, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (So be it, Lord.)

IN 1775 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CONVINCED THOMAS PAINE TO COME TO AMERICA. Franklin recognized that the independence movement needed someone who could express the philosophy of independence to people who still might feel ties to the mother country. The Englishman Paine together with the diplomatic skill of Franklin and the military skill of Washington (and all the others) made for an unbeatable combination. Those who serve in our military today have continued us in that cause of freedom. God has come to live in us. He has come enlisting the power of the Holy Spirit and in the Theology of Jesus Christ to make an unbeatable combination against sin in the world. God the Father, working in the power of the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus defeated sin, threw off the power of Satan and has established us as a new people a federation known as Christians. We are a people who cross boundaries and borders for Heaven is our Fatherland.

THEME OF THE DAY:

Faith Not Fear

INTROIT—(Antiphon: Psalm 107:28;) Psalm 107:29-32

These verses from Psalm 107 were added to our worship series, because they are so clearly a prophecy of our Gospel Lesson for today. The stilling of the storm became just another of the proofs that Jesus is in fact the Messiah, the Son of God, God with divine power and authority.

COLLECT

This prayer, though written for the 2006 revision, echoes the historic Collect for this day. We are simply asking God to overcome the sin of the world (Satan and our heart) that we are able so worship Him.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Job 38:1-11

The friends of Job presented the theory that God maintains a form of divine retribution. This is the idea that the righteous will prosper and the unrighteous are brought to shame. They maintained that Job was suffering because of his sin. God's response was very different. He made no attempt to explain His actions. God simply stated His knowledge and His justice. God would give over His Only Begotten Son to suffering and shame. Jesus did nothing to deserve punishment and death. The reason was not simply a display of the power of God but in how His knowledge, justice and Love are formed into salvation for the world.

GRADUAL—Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

This is the last Sunday we will use this cutting from Psalm 145. Titled: "David's Psalm of Praise." (The last 5 Psalms are all hymns of praise.) David concentrated on the Greatness of God and the cosmos and all that is in it, as the proof of the greatness of the kingdom of God. David determined that this is the reason for which we are to offer our praise.

EPISTLE LESSON—2 Corinthians 6:1-13

The committee that put together our most recent series of Propers, added readings that would, "fill in," between the existing series. They decided in general, to use the former readings and add parts and pieces when they could. This Sunday they added the first historical use of chapter six of 2 Corinthians. Paul defended his knowledge and authority to proclaim the Gospel to the Corinthians. This reading has been paired to the Introit and the Gospel Lesson to explain the power of Jesus for your flesh, the power of Jesus to keep you in the truth.

GOSPEL LESSON—Mark 4:35-41

The stilling of the storm from the Gospel of Mark is a very stern rebuke of the lack of faith on the part of the disciples. The storm was described as a furious squall. The disciples were portrayed as fearing that they were