


Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22–33

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."  
<sup>28</sup>And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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Introit

Psalm 34:4–8; antiphon: v. 1



I will bless the LORD at | all times;\*  
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.  
**I sought the LORD, and he | answered me\*  
and delivered me from | all my fears.**  
Those who look to him are | radiant,\*  
and their faces shall never | be ashamed.  
**This poor man cried, and the LORD | heard him\*  
and saved him out of all his | troubles.**  
The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear him,\*  
and de- | livers them.  
**Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!\***  
**Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!**  
**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.**  
I will bless the LORD at | all times;\*  
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.  
Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**G Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Job 38:4–18

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.



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<sup>4</sup>[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.  
<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?  
<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone,  
<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together  
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?  
<sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb,  
<sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
<sup>10</sup>and prescribed limits for it  
and set bars and doors,  
<sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?  
<sup>12</sup>“Have you commanded the morning since your days began,  
and caused the dawn to know its place,  
<sup>13</sup>that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,  
and the wicked be shaken out of it?  
<sup>14</sup>It is changed like clay under the seal,  
and its features stand out like a garment.  
<sup>15</sup>From the wicked their light is withheld,  
and their uplifted arm is broken.  
<sup>16</sup>“Have you entered into the springs of the sea,  
or walked in the recesses of the deep?  
<sup>17</sup>Have the gates of death been revealed to you,  
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?  
<sup>18</sup>Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?  
Declare, if you know all this.”

- ☐ This is the Word of the Lord.
- ☒ Thanks be to God.



Fear the LORD, | you his saints,\*  
for those who fear him lack | nothing!  
**Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,\***  
**but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.**

Epistle

Romans 10:5–17

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”  
<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” <sup>16</sup>But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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- ☒ Thanks be to God.

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