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## FATHER'S DAY

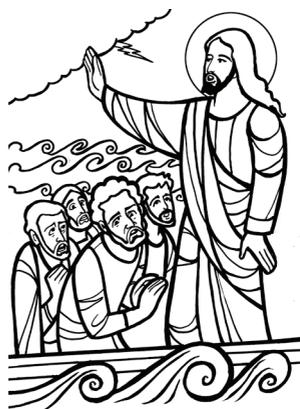
# OUR HOPE IN THE STORMS OF LIFE

Life is not smooth sailing from beginning to end. Sooner or later, something happens that disrupts its tranquility. In those trying situations, Jesus is our only hope of salvation. And we must learn to turn to him as the disciples did during the storm that threatened to sink them.

Violent “storms” do not batter only individuals, families or institutions. They attack also the Church. But in spite of all these “storms” the Church has not only managed to survive, but also to grow, thanks to the presence of Jesus in her.

Let this consoling thought accompany us as we are about to begin this Eucharistic celebration and offer it for the salvation of both individual believers and those parts of the Church that are undergoing severe tests and trials.

Today we also observe “Father’s Day.” This is a wonderful opportunity for us to express our love for all the fathers in the world, especially our own. Let us do so by offering this Eucharistic Sacrifice for them.



### INTRODUCTORY RITES



#### Entrance Antiphon

*(To be recited only when no Entrance Hymn is sung.)*

**The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.**

#### Greeting

**P** –Blessed be Jesus who saved us in the storms of life. May his grace and peace be with you all!  
**All**—**And with your spirit!**

#### Penitential Act

**P**—As we prepare to celebrate the sacred Mysteries, let us call to mind our sins and ask the Lord for pardon and strength. *(Pause)*

**P**—For the times we have placed all our trust in ma-

terial resources rather than in the grace of your help, Lord, have mercy!

**All**—**Lord, have mercy!**

**P**—For the times we have remained insensitive to the difficulties that were besetting individuals and nations, Christ, have mercy!

**All**—**Christ, have mercy!**

**P**—For the times we have been a cause of difficulty to our relatives and friends through our negative remarks and insinuations, Lord, have mercy!

**All**—**Lord, have mercy!**

**P**—May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All**—**Amen!**

#### Gloria

**All**—Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we

glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen!

#### Collect *(Opening Prayer)*

**P**—Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love.

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!

## LITURGY OF THE WORD



1st Reading *Jb 38:1.8-11*

*Job is the symbol of all good people faced with unexpected and undeserved difficulties and suffering. In their search for explanations they too, like Job, may even question God's fairness. God's answer is often not what they expect, but it always amounts to an invitation to trust in His power and mercy.*

**R** —A proclamation from the Book of Job

The Lord addressed Job out of the storm and said: "Who shut within doors the sea, when it burst forth from the womb; when I made the clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling bands? When I set limits for it and fastened the bar of its door, and said: Thus far shall you come but no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stilled!"

The Word of the Lord!

All—Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm *Pss 107*

**R** —Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting!

*R. M. Velez*



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love is e- ver- las-ting!

\* They who sailed the sea in ships, trading on the deep waters, these saw the works of the Lord and his wonders in the abyss. **R.**

\* His command raised up a storm wind which tossed its waves on high. They mounted up to heaven; they sank to the depths; their hearts melted away in their plight. **R.**

\* They cried to the Lord in their distress; from their straits he rescued them, he hushed the storm to a gentle breeze, and the billows of the sea were stilled. **R.**

\* They rejoiced that they were calmed, and he brought them to their desired haven. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his kindness and his wondrous deeds to the children of men. **R.**

2nd Reading *2 Cor 5:14-17*

*The thought that Jesus Christ had died for the salvation of all human beings filled the apostle Paul with gratitude. His logical conclusion was that we should all live for the one who died for us.*

**R** —A proclamation from the Second Letter of Paul to the Christians

Brothers and sisters:

The love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died. He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Consequently, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh; even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him so no longer. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

The Word of the Lord!

All—Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

All—Alleluia! Alleluia!

A great prophet has arisen in our midst. God has visited his people. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel *Mk 4:35-41*

*The episode of the storm quelled by Jesus is an invitation for us to trust in his saving help when we go through difficult times. His power to save is om-*

*nipotent. He is always at hand to save those who turn to him in faith.*

**P** —The Lord be with you!

All—And with your spirit!

**P** —A proclamation from the holy Gospel according to Mark

All—Glory to you, O Lord!

On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples: "Let us cross to the other side." Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was. And other boats were with him. A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion.

They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even the wind and the sea obey?"

The Gospel of the Lord!

All—Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Homily

### Profession of Faith

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

### Prayer of the Faithful

**P** –Surrounded by difficulties of all sorts, let us turn to the Lord in humble prayer for the needs of all mankind, the Church and our own. Let our response be:

**All**—**Lord, show us your saving love!**

**C** –For the universal Church, the community of Christ’s disciples: May she always seek her salvation and help in her Founder and Savior. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –For the Holy Father, the Bishops, and our parish priests: May they always show a practical compassion toward those who are experiencing grave difficulties and those who plead for help. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –For the families that are undergoing severe affective, relational, or economic crises: May they find in the Christian faith the source of reconciliation, peace, and hope. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –For all the sick, especially those who are terminally ill: May they never doubt the healing presence of Jesus and put their trust in him as their Savior and Lord. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –For all fathers: May they care for their families as God the Father cares for us, and may they be blessed with love, peace, and joy. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –For ourselves and the people dear to us: May we be protected against all dangers, be blessed in our undertakings, and be led to rely ever more on Jesus’ saving grace. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –Let us pray in silence for our personal intentions. (Pause)  
Let us pray! **R.**

**P** –Lord God, source of our hope and salvation, watch over Your people who implore Your help with faith and confidence. May we constantly experience the power of Your saving love. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

**All**—**Amen!**



### Preparation of the Gifts

**P** –Pray, brethren . . .

**All**—**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### Prayer over the Offerings

**P** –Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise and grant that, cleansed by its action, we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All**—**Amen!**

### Preface V

**P** –The Lord be with you!

**All**—**And with your spirit!**

**P** –Lift up your hearts!

**All**—**We lift them up to the Lord!**

**P** –Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**All**—**It is right and just!**

**P** –It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you laid the foundations of the world and have arranged the changing of times and seasons; you formed man in your own image and set humanity over the whole world in all its wonder, to rule in your name over all you have made and for

ever praise you in your mighty works, through Christ our Lord.

And so, with all the Angels, we praise you, as in joyful celebration, we acclaim:

**All**—**Holy, holy, holy . . .**

### Memorial Acclamation

**P** –The mystery of faith!

**All**—**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again!**



**All**—**Our Father . . .**

**P** –Deliver us, Lord . . .

**All**—**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

### Sign of Peace

#### Breaking of the Bread

**All**—**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (2x)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

### Communion

**P** –This is the Lord Jesus who saves us in the storms of life. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All**—**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

### Communion Antiphon

*(To be recited only when no Communion Hymn is sung.)*

**The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.**

### Prayer after Communion

**P** –Renewed and nourished by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son, we ask of your mercy, O Lord, that what we celebrate with constant devotion may be our sure pledge of redemption.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All**—**Amen!**

## CONCLUDING RITES



**P** –The Lord be with you.  
**All–And with your spirit!**

**P** –Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing. *(Pause)*  
May the Lord stand by you in all your trials and strengthen you with His grace.  
**All–Amen!**

**P** –May He console you in your afflictions and reward you for your perseverance in resisting evil and doing good.  
**All–Amen!**

**P** –May He make you instruments of His consolation and help in your family, your workplace, and your community.  
**All–Amen!**

**P** –May almighty God bless

you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All–Amen!**

**P** –Go in peace to face the difficulties of life with faith and courage.

**All–Thanks be to God!**



## RESCUE IN THE STORMS OF LIFE

• *Jess P. Balon*

A storm at sea can be a very frightening experience, particularly when the ship or the boat is not very big and strong. All self-confidence vanishes in front of the ravaging violence of nature. And one feels weak and impotent, totally at the mercy of a power that is much too strong to be resisted.

Such was the feeling of the disciples of Jesus the night they found themselves tossed around and on the verge of being swallowed by the raging waves in the Sea of Galilee. It was only thanks to the timely intervention of Jesus that the winds calmed down and their fragile boat was able to continue its course and take its “human cargo” to the safety of the harbor to which they were directed.

That dramatic experience was an occasion for the disciples to begin to discover that Jesus was no ordinary preacher and merciful healer. They saw that he was one who had power even over the unrestrainable forces of nature. They saw, and faith began to blossom in their hearts. Jesus’ decisive intervention was also a prophecy and a promise of the role he would play in the history of the Church, the “boat” that sails the often unfriendly ocean of time. The Church has, indeed, over the centuries, often found itself in the eye of frightening “storms” that have caused uncertainties and fears in many of its members and even of its leaders. Such was the case of the numberless persecutions the Church has suffered over the centuries, starting with the harassment to which the Jewish authorities subjected the apostles shortly after the ascension of the Lord, to the latest attempts to destroy the Church and the faith of its members carried out systematically by the Communist regimes, Nazism, and other dictatorships and godless ideologies.

The Church has constantly been victimized not only by external enemies, but also by numerous “internal enemies,” such as the many heresies that have shaken the solidity of the faith, dividing the allegiance of the believers and even pitting one faction or sect against the rest of the Church . . . . The Church has, likewise, known the storms

of moral corruption and a process of “worldization” that, in some historical circumstances, have reached even its highest leaders, transforming them into carbon copies of proud and ambitious world leaders, and making them forget or neglect their fundamental mission of preaching the Gospel and witnessing to it in one’s life.

The Church has also known many storms of unbridled “adaptations” to the contemporary trends and principles that risked transforming it into something very different from what Christ had intended it to be. On the other hand, such exaggerations were also the result of a stiling and stifling traditionalism that had made the Church irrelevant to the conditions and problems of certain societies and times.

But, in spite of all these deficiencies and storms, the amazing thing is that the Church is still alive and thriving in many ways in almost all parts of the world. This is so only because of the presence of the Lord Jesus in it. It is his presence that has enabled the fragile boat of the Church to weather so many storms and survive so many crises. Today as in the past, Jesus repeats, “Be not afraid! I am with you always.”

These reassuring words apply not only to the universal Church or particular Churches that are undergoing severe tests, but also to each of its members – to each of us. Sooner or later, our lives, too, will be upset by violent “storms” that would test our courage and our faith. Adverse situations and events may threaten to destroy in a short span of time what we have been building in long years of hard work and at the cost of big sacrifices.

Many of us may have experienced the “sinking feeling” that creeps in when so many things turn against us, our friends desert us, and our “enemies” already savor the harsh joy of our defeat. It is especially in those moments that we should remember that Jesus is only “a prayer away” and that he can bring peace and salvation into our lives, just as he did to his frightened disciples on that fateful night in the Sea of Galilee.



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