

CALL TO PRAYER

Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment, and listen attentively to this week's passage.



THE WORD OF GOD

Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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



FAITH SHARING

Questions of the Week

Choose one

1. Was there ever a time that you felt so frightened and alone that you failed to remember that Jesus was with you?
2. How would you react if you were tossed on the seas and Jesus appeared to you and told you not to be afraid?
3. Have you ever wondered why Jesus had not answered your prayers? Only to learn later He truly had answered your prayers, just not in the response you had expected? How did this strengthen your faith?
4. Have you ever questioned your faith? What event restored it?
5. How do we comfort others and help them take courage and not be afraid?

Thanks to the Outreach Commission for these questions.

CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty and ever-living God, your Spirit made us your children, confident to call you Father. Increase your Spirit within us and bring us to our promised inheritance. We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

GOSPEL WORD SEARCH

D I A R F A I Z E K
 M Z L F V Z M I G Y
 Q U M F V D M U A S
 L F F C Y M E L R U
 C O M M A N D N U S
 E R O T P B I Y O E
 D G N I K L A W C J
 Y O A Z B S T P L L
 H V U M Z K E Y O C
 K C Y B O P L F F E
 G H O S T H Y H G F
 O F F S H O R E R W
 S E L P I C S I D N
 H M J F H T G T P I
 G L A C O H W O R A
 W O T T T N I S E T
 K A S E T B N S C N
 W Y N P O H D E E U
 A E J A E F E D D O
 D T T B B L D W E M

AFRAID	IMMEDIATELY
BOAT	JESUS
COMMAND	MATTHEW
COURAGE	MOUNTAIN
DISCIPLES	OFFSHORE
DOUBT	PRECEDE
FRIGHTENED	TOSSED
GHOST	WALKING
GOSPEL	WATCH
HOMAGE	WIND

GOSPEL GLOSSARY

To precede means to come or to happen before something else.

Homage is an act of honor and respect.