



DO YOU NOT YET HAVE *Faith?*

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My seat was abruptly plunging, then moving up again, as if I were riding angry waves. However, I was not on a boat. I was in an airplane, a propeller airplane—a bigger version of the fighter planes I have often seen in World War II movies. One of my terrifying experiences was on that plane as it faced the strong storm head-on and shook the passengers, plunging down and flying up again. I called on to God to spare me from such torture. It was a terrifying ordeal. Eventually, the plane

passed the storm and, then, there was calm as I saw the sun outside the window. I arrived at the airport of Iloilo from Manila, safe but unsound. That was one phobic ride that I would never want to go through ever again.

Many of us have moments when our lives are put in danger, and we cry out in despair for God to save us. A strong typhoon where the roofs of our houses are savagely being torn apart, a violent storm while traveling on a ferry, a bout with cancer, and, perhaps, a near-death experience. We

can, at least, identify with the cry for help from the disciples, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” Our lives are at stake, Lord. Why are you sleeping?

No matter how deep is our belief that the Lord is an all-powerful God, a ‘God who controls the winds and the seas,’ when tragedies come, we still falter and doubt. We gasp in stifling agony and ask: are you really a loving God? Why is it that my family is buried underground by the landslide? At times, being mystified by despair, we can just respond with an embrace and wordless weeping.

The pain we experience can be so real and lasting, while our encounter with God seems to be receding farther away. We can find no reconciliation between a loving God and a painful tragedy. We eventually forget that Jesus did not come to stop every storm from coming but loved us dearly despite the storms and tortures of the cross. When the Lord seems to be ‘asleep’ in our time of crisis, do we have faith enough to understand and keep on loving?

“Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?”

PASTORAL CATECHESIS FOR THE YEAR OF *MISSIO AD GENTES*

Sharing the Mission of Evangelization

Fr. James H. Kroeger, MM

During this year dedicated to mission, we are challenged to actively be engaged in the Church’s own essential mission that was also the very mission of Christ Jesus himself. When Pope Benedict XVI announced the “Year of Faith” (2012-2013), he affirmed that mission and faith are intimately linked together.

Pope Benedict asserted that all the baptized are called to walk the path of evangelization, the very “Way is Christ” and “to make known the beauty of the Gospel that gives life.” In addition, “on this Way, one never walks alone but always

in company,” experiencing the “communion and brotherhood that is offered to all those we meet, to share with them our experience of Christ and his Church.” Truly, our “testimony combined with proclamation can open the hearts of those who are seeking the truth, so that they are able to arrive at the meaning of their own life.”

The Pope asserted that the Year of Faith (every year is to be a year of faith) will be a “moment of grace and commitment for an ever fuller conversion to God, to strengthen our faith in Him, and to proclaim Him with joy to the people of our time.” We implore God to grant us his abundant grace so that during 2021 we will experience anew our missionary vocation as baptized disciples of Jesus.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps28 (27):8–9

(Recited when there is no opening song.)

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

(The sign of the cross is made here.)

P — The Lord be with you.
All — And with your spirit.

Introduction

(These [or similar words] may be used to address the assembly.)

P — Dear brethren: “Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?” Greatly awed, the disciples ask this question after seeing Jesus calm a storm. Jesus, in fact, displays the same power that God affirms when he speaks to Job “out of the storm.” God’s Word today invites us to renew and deepen our faith and trust as we face the storms of life. Let us be aware that Jesus is with and in us. Assured of his calming presence amidst the storm, may our presence too be a consolation to each other.

Penitential Act

P — Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. *(Pause)*

P — You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

All — Lord, have mercy.

P — You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

All — Christ, have mercy.

P — You are seated at the right hand of the Father: 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

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, 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

P — Let us pray. *(Pause)*

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, God, for ever and ever.

All — Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD



First Reading (Jb 38:1, 8–11) *(Sit)*

God is the creator and master of the universe. His control of the forces of nature is a manifestation of his loving kindness for the human family.

A reading 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!

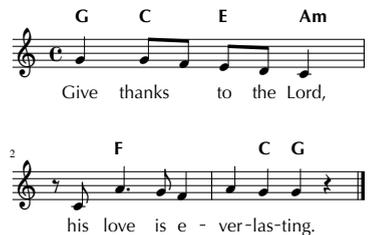
— The word of the Lord.

All — Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 107)

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

E. C. Marfori



1. 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)**

2. 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)**

3. 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)**

4. 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)**

Second Reading (2 Cor 5:14–17)

Christ’s love is shown by his self-offering for our salvation. New life in Christ, says Paul, means we live no longer for ourselves but for Christ who died for us.

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

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.

Alleluia (Lk 7:16) (*Stand*)

All — Alleluia, alleluia. A great prophet has risen in our midst, God has visited his people. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel (Mk 4:35–41)

P — A reading 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 wind and sea obey?”

— The Gospel of the Lord.

All — Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily (*Sit*)

Profession of Faith (*Stand*)

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, (at the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow) 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 — Let us pray to God our Father that with his power we may weather the storms of life. Let our response be:

R — Lord, save your people.

C — For the Church, the boat of Peter: that it may not lose heart when the storms of persecution and dissension threaten to sink it, we pray: (**R**)

C — For our government and civil leaders: that they may spare no effort to bring peace to places where rebellion and armed conflict are destroying lives and homes, we pray: (**R**)

C — That political and civil leaders may desist from going after instant popularity and political windfalls but pursue what is truly beneficial for the people, we pray: (**R**)

C — For families beset by continual fighting and for homes threatened by the surging waves of unemployment and poverty: that they may find in Jesus the will to weather these storms, we pray: (**R**)

C — For our beloved departed: that the Lord may lead them safely home to heaven and fulfill their faith and hope, we pray: (**R**)

C — Let us pray for the urgent concerns of our community and our personal intentions (*pause*). We pray: (**R**)

P — Father, amid the various storms of life, let us again hear the voice of your Son: “Quiet! Be still!” May we find peace in our hearts and in one another.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All — Amen.



Presentation of the Gifts
(*Stand*)

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 III of the Sundays in Ordinary Time

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 we know it belongs to your boundless glory, that you came to the aid of mortal beings with your divinity and even fashioned for us a remedy out of mortality itself, that the cause of our downfall might become the means of our salvation, through Christ our Lord.

Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty and rejoices in your presence for ever.

May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim:

All — Holy, Holy, Holy... (Kneel)

Acclamation (Stand)

All — We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

All — Our Father...

P — Deliver us, Lord...

All — For the kingdom, the



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Invitation to Peace

Invitation to Communion
(Kneel)

P — Behold the Lamb of God, behold him 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

Ps 145 (144): 15

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

Prayer after Communion
(Stand)

P — Let us pray. (Pause)

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.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P — The Lord be with you.
All — And with your spirit.

Solemn Blessing

P — Bow down for the blessing.
(Pause)

Bestow pardon and peace, O Lord, we pray, upon your faithful, that they may be cleansed from every offense and serve you with untroubled hearts.

Through Christ our Lord.

All — Amen.

P — And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, (†) and the Holy Spirit come upon you and remain with you for ever.

All — Amen.

Dismissal

P — The Mass is ended. Go in the peace of the Lord.

All — Thanks be to God.

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