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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 20, 2021

INTROIT

Ps. 107:29-32; antiphon: Ps. 107:28

Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,* and he delivered them from | their distress.

He made the | 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.



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 Ps. 145:3, 5b, 6b

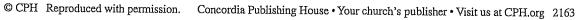
Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,* and his greatness is un- | searchable.

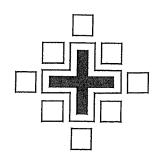
On your wondrous works, I will | meditate,* and I will declare your | greatness.

DAILY READINGS

June 20: Prov. 22:22–23:12; John 18:15–40; 21: Prov. 24:1–22; John 19:1–22; 22: Prov. 25:1–22; John 19:23–42; 23: Prov. 27:1–24; John 20:1–18; 24: Prov. 30:1–9, 18–33; John 20:19–31; 25: Prov. 31:10–31; John 21:1–25; 26: Joshua 1:1–18; Acts 8:1–25.

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Old Testament Reading: Job 38:1–11

- Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:
- ² "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
- Dress for action like a man;
 I will question you, and you make it known to me.
- Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
 Tell me, if you have understanding.
- Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

- On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone,
- when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
- 8 "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb,
- 9 when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band,
- 10 and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors,
- and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?"

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1–13

¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

"In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you."

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry,

4but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, 5beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; 6by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; 7by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; 8through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; 9as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; 10as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹²You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

Holy Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

35On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." 36And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. 38But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" 39And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" 41And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"