Today's Readings

FIRST READING: Job 38:1-11

A reading from Job.

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man,

I will guestion you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements — surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

8"Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb? —

⁹when I made the clouds its garment,

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?

PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the [|] LORD is good,

for God's mercy en- | dures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the | LORD proclaim

that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe,

³gathering them in | from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.

²³Some went down to the | sea in ships,

plying their trade $^{\mid}$ in deep waters. R

²⁴They beheld the works | of the LORD,

God's wonderful works in the deep.

²⁵Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;

their souls melted away in their peril.

²⁷They staggered and [|] reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of [|] no avail.

²⁸Then in their trouble they cried ¹ to the LORD, and you delivered them from ¹ their distress.

²⁹You stilled the storm to a whisper

and silenced the waves | of the sea. R

Then were they glad when [|] it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor [|] they desired.

³¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your ¹ steadfast love and your wonderful works ¹ for all people.

³²Let them exalt you in the assembly [|] of the people; in the council of the elders, let them sing [|] hallelujah! **R**

GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."

³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"