

# Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

## First Reading

Jb 38:1. 8-11

A reading from the book of Job

*Here I have set the boundaries of the sea.*

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors  
when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,  
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist  
and made black clouds its swaddling bands;  
when I marked the bounds it was not to cross  
and made it fast with a bolted gate?  
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:  
here your proud waves shall break.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord,  
his love is everlasting.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships  
to trade on the mighty waters.  
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,  
the wonders he does in the deep. (R.)
2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale,  
tossing the waves of the sea  
up to heaven and back into the deep;  
their soul melted away in their distress. (R.)
3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need  
and he rescued them from their distress.  
He stilled the storm to a whisper:  
all the waves of the sea were hushed. (R.)
4. They rejoiced because of the calm  
and he led them to the haven they desired.  
Let them thank the Lord for his love,  
the wonders he does for men. (R.)

## **Second Reading**

2 Cor 5:14-17

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*All things are made new.*

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia!