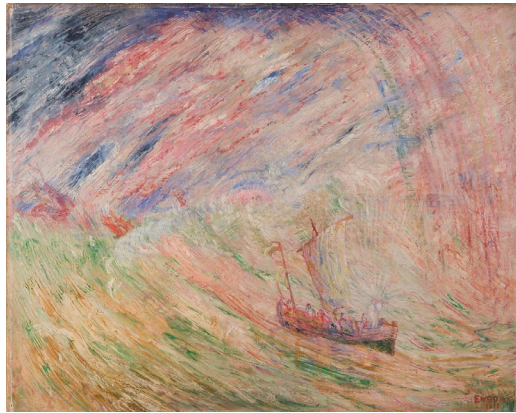


THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 20, 2021

Job 38:1, 8 – 11 † 2 Corinthians 5:14 – 17 † Mark 4:35 – 41



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Jesus calms the storm; this is a story of complete faith and trust. In Mark's gospel, the disciples came across a violent storm. The disciples were scared, worried, and frantic even with Jesus right there in the boat. I am sure we have had a similar experience... experiencing our life storms/difficulties in many forms. The scripture today is inviting us to look back at the times when we were in that boat thinking that Jesus was silent. How did we rise up from the storm knowing that Jesus was right there with us all along?

This scripture reminds me of a story that I used many years ago preparing for liturgy of the Word with children, and I think it is appropriate today as we celebrate Father's Day.

This plane in the air was experiencing turbulence, and the plane was shaking and moving up and down approaching a storm. Everyone in the plane was frightened and scared, and there was this little boy traveling alone sitting quietly, very composed like nothing was going on. The woman sitting next to him asked him, "Aren't you scared?" He answered, "No, my father's the pilot." This little boy had so much faith and trust in his father; this is the child-like faith Jesus asks from each one of us.