

Reading for Weekday in Ordinary Time

June 30th 2026

First reading

Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12

‘The Lord God has spoken; who can but prophesy?’

Hear this word that the Lord has spoken against you, O people of Israel, against the whole family that I brought up out of the land of Egypt:

‘You only have I known of all the families of the earth;
therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

‘Do two walk together, unless they have agreed to meet?

Does a lion roar in the forest, when he has no prey?

Does a young lion cry out from his den, if he has taken nothing?

Does a bird fall in a snare on the earth, when there is no trap for it?

Does a snare spring up from the ground, when it has taken nothing?

Is a trumpet blown in a city, and the people are not afraid?

Does disaster come to a city, unless the Lord has done it?

‘For the Lord God does nothing without revealing his secret
to his servants the prophets.

The lion has roared; who will not fear?

The Lord God has spoken; who can but prophesy?’

‘I overthrew some of you, as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah,
and you were as a brand plucked out of the burning; yet you did not return to me,’
declares the Lord.

‘Therefore, thus I will do to you, O Israel; because I will do this to you,
prepare to meet your God, O Israel!’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 5:5-6. 7. 8. R9a

Lead me, Lord, in your justice.

You are no God who delights in evil;

no sinner is your guest.

The boastful shall not stand before your eyes.

All who do evil you despise;

all who lie you destroy.

The deceitful and those who shed blood,

the Lord detests.

Yet through the greatness of your merciful love,

I enter your house.

I bow down before your holy Temple,

in awe of you.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 130(129):5

Alleluia, alleluia.

I wait for the Lord;

I hope in his word.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 8:23-27

‘He rose and rebuked the winds and the sea and there was a great calm.’

At that time: When Jesus got into the boat, his disciples followed him. And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him, saying, ‘Save us, Lord; we are perishing.’ And he said to them, ‘Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?’ Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. And the men marvelled, saying, ‘What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?’

Short reflection on the reading for today

In face of anxiety and danger, God saves those who trust in him and those for whom others pray. The disciples in the boat are amazed at Jesus’ power over the wind and the waves. But if people persist in cruelly sinful behaviour, unwilling to give up living off others’ inhuman working conditions, then prophets like Amos are impelled by God to cry out in the name of the poor. We might say that today’s readings present us with the stick and the carrot. Amos threatens God’s vengeance on those who will not repent, even citing the classic ruin of Sodom and Gomorrah; while Matthew reminds us of the power of Christ to help in our time of need.

Our faith in providence and our trust in Jesus can help us survive storms and disturbances and not be driven to despair. Expecting their storm-tossed boat to sink at any moment, the terrified disciples wake up Jesus who was sleeping through it all. He looks at them and asks, “Where is your courage?” The gale is still blowing, but they somehow know he can save them. Then when the storm died down, they were amazed that even the winds and the sea obey him.

Whoever “wakes up” the presence of Jesus in our heart, even if in desperation, and stays with him long enough, will gain a new self-assurance from his presence, and inner peace.