

First Reading

Isaiah 55.12–end

For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills
before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall
clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up
the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up
the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a
memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall
not be cut off.

Gospel

Matthew 8.23–27

And when he got into the boat, his
disciples followed him. A gale arose
on the lake, so great that the boat
was being swamped by the waves;
but he was asleep. And they went
and woke him up, saying, 'Lord,
save us! We are perishing!' And he
said to them, 'Why are you afraid,
you of little faith?' Then he got up
and rebuked the winds and the
sea; and there was a dead calm.
They were amazed, saying, 'What
sort of man is this, that even the
winds and the sea obey him?'

Second Reading

Colossians 1.15–20

He is the image of the invisible
God, the firstborn of all creation;
for in him all things in heaven and
on earth were created, things
visible and invisible, whether
thrones or dominions or rulers or
powers—all things have been
created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things, and
in him all things hold together. He
is the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning, the firstborn
from the dead, so that he might
come to have first place in
everything. For in him all the
fullness of God was pleased to
dwell, and through him God was
pleased to reconcile to himself all
things, whether on earth or in
heaven, by making peace through
the blood of his cross.