

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Genesis 9:8-17*

**8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him:<sup>9</sup> "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you<sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that was with you--the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you--every living creature on earth.<sup>11</sup> I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup> And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come:<sup>13</sup> I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.<sup>14</sup> Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds,<sup>15</sup> I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.**

**<sup>16</sup> Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living**

creatures of every kind on the earth." <sup>17</sup> So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."

**THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

**EPISTLE**

*Ephesians 3:14–21*

**<sup>14</sup> For this reason I kneel before the Father,<sup>15</sup> from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name.<sup>16</sup> I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,<sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,<sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,<sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,<sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Mark 6:45-56*

**45 Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd.<sup>46</sup> After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray. <sup>47</sup> When evening came, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land.<sup>48</sup> He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them,<sup>49</sup> but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out,<sup>50</sup> because they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."**

**51 Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed,<sup>52</sup> for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened. <sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there.<sup>54</sup> As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus.<sup>55</sup> They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to**

**wherever they heard he was.<sup>56</sup> And wherever he went - into villages, towns or countryside - they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed.**