

[1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a] 19 Sun OT - A

*Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling / calling for you and for me ...*

God speaks in the silence.

We have just heard in the text of Kings, how the Lord came to Elijah. Elijah, who after slaying the 450 false prophets of Ba'al fled for his life to the wilderness. Elijah, who after falling asleep under the broom tree, was fed by an angel and walked 40 days to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God.

We find Elijah in a cave where he waited for the Lord. Elijah has already done much for the Lord; and in this faithfulness lies a deeper call. There is one more thing.

The Lord was not in the strong wind, nor was he in the earthquake, nor was he in the fire. But rather he was in a tiny whispering sound.

“Why are you here, Elijah?”

That question, asked of Elijah, can just as well be asked of us.

Why are you here?

Elijah had already been faithful to the Lord. But amidst all of the noise and action of life, he went off into the wilderness to listen for the voice of God.

And where he found it was in a tiny whispering sound.

We too have been faithful to the Lord. And in this time – this blessed time ... we seek his voice in silence. Away from the noise and the action of our daily lives.

Because what we will hear in that tiny whispering sound is the voice of God.

*Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling / Calling for you and for me ...*

God calls us, not because he is incomplete ... not because he is missing something – but rather because we are incomplete ... we are missing something..

That ‘something’ ... that emptiness in ourselves, that which we have been seeking is God. And so, like Elijah, we have gone into a desert ... and we wait.

God calls us to wholeness, wholeness in Jesus Christ.

And he is here ... just as if we were in first century Galilee or Jerusalem ... Jesus Christ is here in the monstrance ... in the Blessed Sacrament. Body, Blood, Soul, Divinity ... calling us to himself ... calling us to holiness ... calling us to wholeness.

*Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling / Calling, O children, come home.*