

**The Waves of the Sea
Eastern North Carolina**

**Ascension of the Lord, Year A
Overview**

Focus Text: Psalm 93

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the LORD!

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As I look from my living room window at the aftermath of Hurricane Floyd, I am compelled to rush to my car radio to listen to the news for further updates, if any are currently on! Tidbits of information from the streets come my way and it is shocking what I hear. Roads are flooded cutting off routes of escape from the city west toward Raleigh, east toward Kenly, and some say you can't get through Rocky Mount.

Key Fact

The economic recession hit Eastern NC workers extremely hard. As of January 2010, Eastern NC's unemployment rate percent was 11.5 compared to the national unemployment rate percent of 9.7.