



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4–10 (if before Transfiguration)

LECTIONARY 5

Year C

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

A reading from Isaiah.

¹In the year that King Uzziah died,
I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty,
and the hem of the Lord's robe filled the temple.

²Seraphs were in attendance above the Lord;
each had six wings:

with two they covered their faces,
and with two they covered their feet,
and with two they flew.

³And one called to another and said,
“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of the glory of the LORD.”

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called,
and the house filled with smoke.

⁵And I said, “Woe is me!
I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips,
and I live among a people of unclean lips,
yet my eyes have seen the Sovereign, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me,
holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.

⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said,
“Now that this has touched your lips,
your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.”

⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”
And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

[⁹And the Lord said, “Go and say to this people:

‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand.’

¹⁰Make the mind of this people dull,
and stop their ears,
and shut their eyes, ▶

so that they may not look with their eyes
and listen with their ears
and comprehend with their minds
and turn and be healed.”

¹¹Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And the Lord said:

“Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;

¹²until the LORD sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

¹³Even if a tenth part remain in it,
it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled.”

(The holy seed is its stump.)]

Word of God, word of life. *or* The word of the Lord.

PSALMODY: Psalm 138

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from First Corinthians.

¹Now I want you to understand, my dear family,
the good news that I proclaimed to you,
which you in turn received, in which also you stand,
²through which also you are being saved,
if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—
unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received:
that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures
⁴and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day
in accordance with the scriptures
⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.
⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred believers at one time,
most of whom are still alive, though some have died.
⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.
⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, Christ appeared also to me.
⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle,
because I persecuted the church of God.
¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am,
and God's grace toward me has not been in vain.
On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them,
though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me.
¹¹Whether then it was I or they,
so we proclaim and so you believed.

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GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11

The holy gospel according to Luke.

¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God,
²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake;
those who were fishing had gotten out of them and were washing their nets.
³Jesus got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore.
Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

⁴When Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon,
“Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”
⁵Simon answered,
“Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.”
⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst.
⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.
⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying,
“Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!”
⁹For Simon and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken,
¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.
Then Jesus said to Simon,
“Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.”
¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

The gospel of the Lord.