

## Readings – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 09-02-2025

### Sentence

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and was buried, and was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and appeared to many.

1 Corinthians 15.3–4

### Collect

Most holy God,  
in whose presence angels serve in awe,  
and whose glory fills all heaven and earth:  
cleanse our unclean lips  
and transform us by your grace  
so that your word spoken through us  
may bring many to your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Isaiah 6.1-8

Our first reading is taken from Isaiah, Chapter 6, beginning at Verse 1

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple.

<sup>2</sup> Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.

<sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

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

<sup>5</sup> And 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 King, the Lord of hosts!’

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

<sup>7</sup> The 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.’

<sup>8</sup> Then 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!’

Hear the word of the Lord    **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 138

Our Psalm today comes from Psalm 138. I will read one verse, and I invite you to respond with the next verse.

<sup>1</sup> I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart:  
even before the gods will I sing your praises.

<sup>2</sup> **I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name:  
because of your faithfulness and your loving-kindness,  
for you have made your name and your word  
supreme over all things.**

<sup>3</sup> At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer:  
and put new strength within my soul.

<sup>4</sup> **All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord:  
for they have heard the words of your mouth;**

<sup>5</sup> And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord:  
that the glory of the Lord is great.

<sup>6</sup> **For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly:  
and he comprehends the proud from afar.**

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of danger, yet will you preserve my life:  
you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my  
enemies, and your right hand shall save me.

<sup>8</sup> **The Lord will complete his purpose for me:  
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;  
do not forsake the work of your own hands.**

## 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Our second reading is taken from the first letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 15, beginning at Verse 1

<sup>1</sup> Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> through 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. <sup>3</sup> For 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, <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards 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. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Hear the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

## Luke 5.1-11

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, Chapter 5, beginning at Verse 1, **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>1</sup> Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He 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. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and 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.' <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**