

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



February 10, 2019

THE LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)

¹In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, the edges of his robe filling the temple. ²Winged creatures were stationed around him. Each had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two their feet, and with two they flew about. ³They shouted to each other, saying:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of heavenly forces!

All the earth is filled with God's glory!"

⁴The doorframe shook at the sound of their shouting, and the house was filled with smoke.

⁵I said, "Mourn for me; I'm ruined! I'm a man with unclean lips, and I live among a people with unclean lips. Yet I've seen the king, the Lord of heavenly forces!"

⁶Then one of the winged creatures flew to me, holding a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs. ⁷He touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched

your lips. Your guilt has departed, and your sin is removed."

⁸Then I heard the Lord's voice saying, "Whom should I send, and who will go for us?"

I said, "I'm here; send me."

⁹God said, "Go and say to this people:

Listen intently, but don't understand; look carefully, but don't comprehend.

¹⁰Make the minds of this people dull. Make their ears deaf and their eyes blind, so they can't see with their eyes or hear with their ears, or understand with their minds, and turn, and be healed."

¹¹I said, "How long, Lord?"

And God said, "Until cities lie ruined with no one living in them, until there are houses without people and the land is left devastated."

¹²The LORD will send the people far away, and the land will be completely abandoned. ¹³Even if one-tenth remain there, they will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, which when it is cut down leaves a stump. Its stump is a holy seed.

THE RESPONSE: Psalm 138

¹I give thanks to you with all my heart, LORD. I sing your praise before all other gods.

²I bow toward your holy temple and thank your name for your loyal love and faithfulness

because you have made your name and word greater than everything else.

³On the day I cried out, you answered me. You encouraged me with inner strength.

⁴Let all the earth's rulers give thanks to you, LORD, when they hear what you say.

⁵Let them sing about the LORD's ways because the LORD's glory is so great!

⁶Even though the LORD is high, he can still see the lowly, but God keeps his distance from the arrogant.

⁷Whenever I am in deep trouble, you make me live again; you send your power against my enemies' wrath; you save me with your strong hand.

⁸The LORD will do all this for my sake.

Your faithful love lasts forever, LORD! Don't let go of what your hands have made.

THE EPISTLE:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Brothers and sisters, I want to call your attention to the good news that I preached to you, which you also received and in which you stand. ²You are being saved through it if you hold on to the message I preached to you, unless somehow you believed it for nothing. ³I passed on to you as most important what I also received: Christ died for our sins in line with the scriptures, ⁴he was buried, and he rose on the third day in line with the scriptures. ⁵He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve, ⁶and then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers

and sisters at once—most of them are still alive to this day, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me, as if I were born at the wrong time. ⁹I'm the least important of the apostles. I don't deserve to be called an apostle, because I harassed God's church. ¹⁰I am what I am by God's grace, and God's grace hasn't been for nothing. In fact, I have worked harder than all the others—that is, it wasn't me but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹So then, whether you heard the message from me or them, this is what we preach and this is what you have believed.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11

¹One day Jesus was standing beside Lake Gennesaret when the crowd pressed in around him

to hear God's word. ²Jesus saw two boats sitting by the lake. The fishermen had gone ashore and were washing their nets. ³Jesus

boarded one of the boats, the one that belonged to Simon, then asked him to row out a little distance from the shore. Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he finished speaking to the crowds, he said to Simon, "Row out farther, into the deep water, and drop your nets for a catch."

⁵Simon replied, "Master, we've worked hard all night and caught nothing. But because you say so, I'll drop the nets."

⁶So they dropped the nets and their catch was so huge that their nets were splitting. ⁷They signaled for their partners in the other boat

to come and help them. They filled both boats so full that they were about to sink. ⁸When Simon Peter saw the catch, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I'm a sinner!" ⁹Peter and those with him were overcome with amazement because of the number of fish they caught. ¹⁰James and John, Zebedee's sons, were Simon's partners and they were amazed too.

Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on, you will be fishing for people." ¹¹As soon as they brought the boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.