



February 7, 2010

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray: Father, watch over your family and keep us safe in your care, for all our hope is in you. We ask this...

FIRST READING

(In this reading we have the overpowering story of God calling Isaiah. By the vision of God Isaiah is overwhelmed, cleansed in speech and sent as a prophet.)

A reading from the Book of Isaiah (6:1-8)

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim; each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then flew one of the seraphim to me, having in his hand a burning coal which he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin forgiven." And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

This is the Word of the Lord

PSALM (137)

Response: Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. R./

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. R./

All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways: "How great is the glory of the Lord!" R./

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. R./

SECOND READING

(St Paul reminds the Corinthians that the bodily resurrection of Jesus is at the very heart of the apostolic preaching and the centre of our faith.)

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (15:3-8,11)

I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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ACCLAMATION (1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68)

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant hears; you have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

(Today's gospel suggests that in our lives we must be tuned into God's revelations to be fruitful members of the Kingdom of God. God meets us 'where we are' and leads us to 'where He is'.)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke (5:1-11)

While the people pressed upon Jesus to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing. But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord