

# Readings at Mass for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

## FIRST READING

ISAIAH 6.1-2A, 3-8

A reading from the Prophet, Isaiah

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the Temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings. 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 one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that 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 atoned for.' And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 138(137).1-2A, 2B-3, 4-5, 7C-8; R. V.1C

**R. In the presence of the angels**

**I praise you, O Lord.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart;  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels I praise you.  
I bow down towards your holy Temple. **R.**  
I give thanks to your name  
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.  
For you have exalted over all  
your name and your promise.  
On the day I called, you answered me;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**  
All earth's king shall thank you, O Lord,  
when they heard the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **R.**  
With your right hand you save me;  
the Lord will accomplish this for me.  
O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;  
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

## SECOND READING

I CORINTHIANS 15.1-11

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

I would remind you, *brothers and sisters*, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you - unless you believed in vain. For 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 brothers and sisters 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.

For I am the least of the Apostles, unworthy to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me was not 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. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Follow me, *says the Lord*,  
and I will make you fishers of men. **R.**

## GOSPEL

LUKE 5.1-11

*At that time:* the crowd was pressing in on 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 finished 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 large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signalled 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 and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that 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: from now on you will be catching men.' And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**