

Readings, Collect and Year's Mind
Sunday 6th February, 2022
Epiphany 5

In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for Mary Anderson, Hubert Bunting, Janet Fulton, Grace Sparks, William Anderson, Margaret Brownlie-Marshall, Cecil Toyne, Mary Ambrose.

We also give special prayers for Tony & Gill and family, Glynis, Masami, Peter, Joan M., Delia, Nancy, Gonzalo, Jane T., Pam B., Claire A. & family, Jenny, Colin & family, and Hadil's parents as they prepare to travel to a new life in Scotland.

The Intercessions are being led by Susie Martin

The Collect for Epiphany 5 is:

O Lord,
watch over your household with constant love:
that, supported by you alone,
we may always stand firm in your protection;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end

Amen

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 6: 1-8

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. 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. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 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!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 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.' 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!'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

1. I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
2. I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;
3. For you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
4. When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.
5. All the kings of the earth will praise you,
O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.
6. They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.
7. Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar.
8. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
9. The Lord will make good his purpose for me; O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

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The New Testament Reading is 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

(Read by Ruairidh Sharp)

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, 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. 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, and that he was buried, and 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 died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit 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 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. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading is Luke 5: 1-11

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 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. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.'

When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; 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.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Post Communion Prayer

God of truth,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life:
strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you and for each other;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymns

NEH 377 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
NEH 373 How shall I sing that majesty
NEH 495 God is working his purpose out