

# Morning Prayer

February 6, 2022

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## Epiphany 5C

### Prelude

### Announcements

### Opening Sentence

*The Presider says*

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

### Opening Hymn

LEVAS 111

*Come thou fount of every blessing*

1. Come, Thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy  
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by thy help I'm  
3. O, to grace how great a debt - or, Dai - ly I'm con - strained to

1. grace; Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est  
2. come; And I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, Sure - ly to ar - rive at  
3. be; Let that grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - d'ring heart to

1. praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a -  
 2. home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - d'ring from the fold of  
 3. Thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel — it, Prone to leave the God I

1. bove. Praise the mount, O fix me on it. Mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 2. God. He, to save my soul from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
 3. love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it from thy courts a - bove.

## Confession of Sin

*The Presider says to the people*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of the Holy One, to set forth God's praise, to hear God's holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us keep silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the People*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
 in thought, word, and deed,  
 by what we have done,  
 and by what we have left undone.  
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Presider says*

Fear not, sisters and brothers: God, who is full of grace and abounding in steadfast love, meets us in our sin and transforms us for God's glory and the healing of God's world. In the name of the + Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven, be now at peace. **Amen.**

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Presider* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Presider and People*

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

God is the Rock of our salvation:  
**O come let us worship.**

### **Invitatory: Jubilate Psalm 100**

1 May all lands be joyful before you, O God, \*  
serve you with gladness and come before your presence with a song.

**2 For we know that you are God; \*  
you yourself have made us, and we are yours;  
we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.**

3 We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving, go into your courts with praise, \*  
give thanks to you and call upon your Name.

**4 For you are good; your mercy is everlasting, \*  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.**

### **Psalm 138**

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**<sup>2</sup>I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;  
<sup>3</sup>For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.  
<sup>4</sup>When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.  
<sup>5</sup>All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.  
<sup>6</sup>They will sing of the ways of the LORD, \*  
that great is the glory of the LORD.  
<sup>7</sup>Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.  
<sup>8</sup>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.  
<sup>9</sup>The LORD will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O LORD, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

*The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the People*

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the  
beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

## **The Lessons**

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 6:1-8

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<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!”

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

### **Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah**

*Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, \*  
you have come to your people and set them free.

**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, \*  
born of the house of your servant David.**

Through your holy prophets you promised of old  
to save us from our enemies, \*

from the hands of all who hate us,  
**To show mercy to our forebears, \*  
and to remember your holy covenant.**

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship you without fear, \*  
holy and righteous before you,  
all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

**To give God’s people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the  
beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

### **Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

<sup>1</sup>Now 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, <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 one 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 toward 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.

Reader        The Word of the Lord.  
People        **Thanks be to God.**

### Hymn

WLP 807

*Put down your nets and follow me*

“Put down your nets and fol- low me,” our Lord and Mas- ter said;  
We too are called from our con- cerns to fol- low our Lord's way.  
The phan- tom rich- es we pur- sue are nev- er ours to gain.  
“Put down your nets and fol- low me,” our Lord and Mas- ter pleads;

And so they fol- lowed will- ing- ly, not know- ing where he led.  
By trust- ing him, the heart soon learns to cast off yes- ter- day.  
They fade be- fore our eyes like dew af- ter a morn- ing rain.  
O may we fol- low faith- ful- ly, well know- ing where he leads.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are placed between the two staves of each system. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

## Third Reading

Luke 5:1-11

A Reading from Luke.

<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 signaled 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.



*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

### The Apostles' Creed

*The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the People*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Prayers**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the People*

Our Father in heaven,  
**hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

**R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

V. Look upon your congregation;

**R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

**R. And your wonders among all peoples.**

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

**R. Never forget the lives of your poor.**

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

**R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

**R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**



### *The Collect of the Day*

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### *A Collect for the Renewal of Life*

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *A Collect for Guidance*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *A Prayer for Mission*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off, and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

*Presider* My sisters and my brothers, wholeheartedly give thanks to the Lord. Trusting in our Great Creator, let us pray, "Ever-living God, inspire us with new life; inspire us with your light."

*Intercessor* Bless the people of this diocese, O Lover of Souls. Bless our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig. Bless all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams, those in formation; and our brothers and sisters worshipping at St Patrick's, Madison Heights, and St Matthew, Nizao, and St Titus, Jimani, in the Dominican Republic; those in the Church of Ireland, and for all the members of Christ's body. Call us to greater devotion and service. Fan the flame of the Holy Spirit within us, that we might be set ablaze with the fire of your love. Ever-living God, inspire us with new life; **Inspire us with your light.**

*Silence is kept.*

Make known your ways of justice and truth, Almighty God. Bring the powers of this world to their knees, and establish your kingdom of peace on the earth. Teach us truly to love one another as you love us. Ever-living God, inspire us with new life; **Inspire us with your light.**

*Silence is kept.*

Loving Creator, do not abandon the works of your hands. Sustain this planet and all its creatures. Give us creative minds and generous hearts as we live and move within your creation, which you entrust to our care. Ever-living God, inspire us with new life; **Inspire us with your light.**

*Silence is kept.*

We thank you for the communities in which we live and work and worship. Make us witnesses of your love and faithfulness, and make us grateful for all the blessings you give us [especially \_\_\_\_\_.] Ever-living God, inspire us with new life; **Inspire us with your light.**

*Silence is kept.*

O Lord, you care for the lowly. You hear our cries for mercy; you increase the strength of the weak, and wrap your arms of love around the sad. May we hold to our warm and well-fed bodies a cold and lonely world. We offer our prayers for those in need of your healing and your grace [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Ever-living God, inspire us with new life; **Inspire us with your light.**

*Silence is kept.*

Gracious God, your love endures forever, and so we pray for those who have died [especially \_\_\_\_\_], trusting them to your everlasting care. Ever-living God, inspire us with new life; **Inspire us with your light.**

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider* In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. **Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers for those celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries**

*The Presider then says*

In February, we celebrate the birthdays of Lynn, Henry, Joan, Georgie, Marion, and any others you wish to remember in prayer.

### ***Prayer for a Birthday***

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Lynn, Henry, Joan, Georgie, Marion..., as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Today we also celebrate the anniversaries of those you wish to remember in prayer.*

### ***Prayer for an Anniversary***

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world you have made, and for which your Son gave his life, and especially upon all couples. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may continue to grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. **Amen.**

*The Presider then says*

My sisters and brothers, I invite you- wherever you are- to take into your hands the gifts you offer today. Gifts of food, gifts of money, gifts of whatever form, and join me as we offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good our vows to the Most High.

Let us pray.

Loving God and merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: we come to you with thanksgiving and praise. We offer to you this day our gifts of time, talent, and possessions, knowing that all we are, and all we have, is a gift from you. **Please accept these gifts, and help us to reach out to others as you, our God, have reached out to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: **Fulfill**

now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

**Concluding Hymn**  
*I, the Lord of sea and sky*

WLP 812

*Unison*

1. I, the Lord	of sea and sky,	I have heard	my
2. I, the Lord	of snow and rain,	I have borne	my
3. I, the Lord	of wind and flame,	I will tend	the

peo - ple cry.	All who dwell	in deep - est sin	My hand will
peo - ple's pain.	I have wept	for love of them,	They turn a -
poor and lame.	I will set	a feast for them,	My hand will

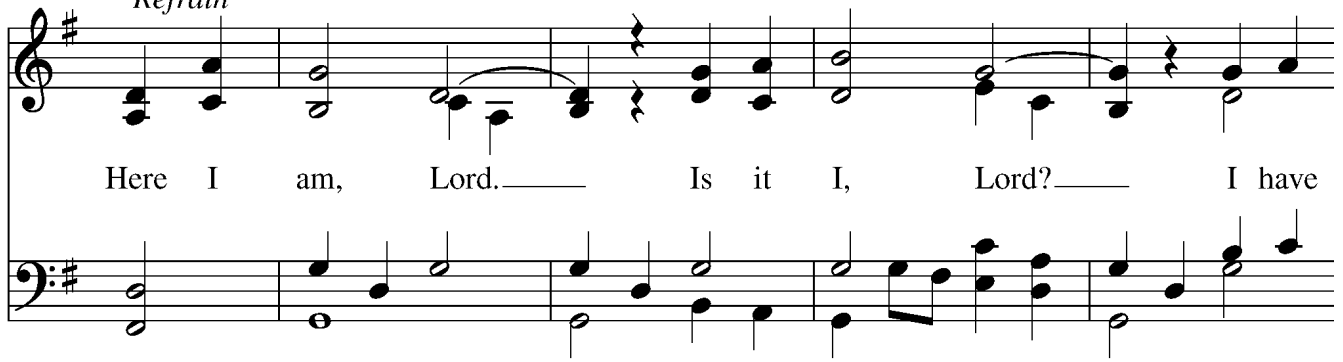
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way.  
save.

I who made the stars of night,  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my  
Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my  
Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_  
word to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_  
life to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*



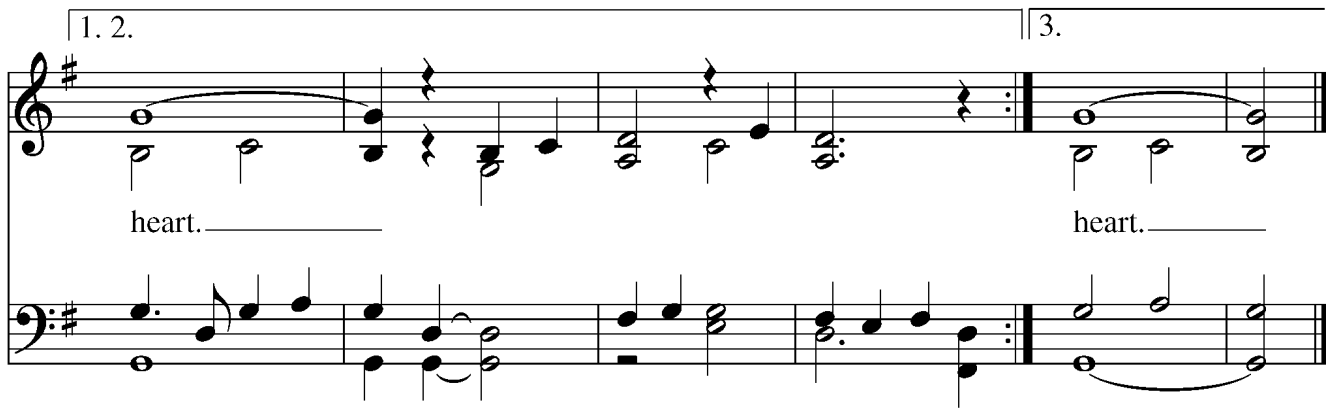
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have



heard you call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord,



if you lead me, I will hold your peo - ple in my



1. 2. heart. 3. heart.

*Presider* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

## **Postlude**

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**Due to the continuing spread** of COVID Omicron virus in our county, we will be worshipping **only on Zoom through February 6, 2022.** After that day, the Ministry Support Team will evaluate the situation to make decisions about the days to follow. According to the most recent directive from the Bishops of the state of Michigan (Jan.10, 2022), “masks are required to be worn (covering mouth and nose) for all indoor gatherings.”

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**Faith in Action** provides leadership in collecting donations of food to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They are in need of our continuing help. You may bring your donations to FIA, or to Nancy who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA,** please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*. The **next Food Drive is February 20.** Please contribute as generously as you can. Contributors are asked to take their donations to Nancy’s house rather than leave them at the church; thank you!

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## **Upcoming Commemorations**

- February 7 Cornelius the Centurion
- 8 Josephine Margaret Bakhita, Monastic & Prophetic Witness, 1947
- 10 Scholastica, Monastic, 543
- 11 Theodora, Empress, c.867; and,  
Frances Jane (Fanny) Van Alstyne Crosby: Hymnwriter, 1915
- 12 Charles Freer Andrews: Priest and "Friend of the Poor" in India, 1940

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## Epiphany 5C February 6, 2022

*Editor's Note: You will note that today's author uses a convention common in some traditions for avoiding fully writing out the name, or in this case, a common substitute for the name, of the Lord. Generally, this spelling is used by writers who do not wish to risk the name being destroyed or defaced. It can be read as you normally might.*

### Isaiah 6:1-8

Isaiah had warned the leaders of Judah of G-d's pending judgment. The people of Judah's adulterous passions broke their relationship with YHWH. Their foundation of being who had once been a G-d of faithfulness and provision had been replaced by gods of want and aversion. The result: The poor are neglected, the land is ravished, and they are just like every other nation. In an epic vision of technicolor phantasm, G-d reveals G-dself to Isaiah. Like smoke billowing from a fire, G-d's sovereignty and holiness envelop the whole earth. Overcome by G-d's holiness, Isaiah declares his unworthiness to be in the presence of the "Lord of Hosts." What happens next? This sovereign, holy, completely other G-d invites and sets apart a finite creature to proclaim the good news of salvation. In partnership with Isaiah, G-d promises to bring refining fires, and Zion would once again be a light to all nations.

- How does it make you feel that a transcendent G-d has an indissoluble connection to G-d's creation?
- In what ways might G-d be calling you to live a life set apart to serve amid your community?

### Psalms 138

In this song of thanksgiving, the worshiper recounts a time of dangerous turmoil and how G-d's faithfulness delivered them from the "fury of [his] enemies." Overcome by the reality of who G-d is, the worshiper maps out who G-d is and how G-d works in the world. This psalm invites us to see the juxtaposition of G-d's transcendent otherness and G-d's immanent indwelling with us. Yes, G-d is above all the gods. Yes, G-d's name is above all names, and G-d's words are above all words. All the kings of the earth praise our G-d. G-d is transcendent. And yet – interwoven in the exclamations of G-d's awesome otherness, the worshiper reflects on the intimate relationship with G-d: "When I called, you [that is, G-d] answered," and "Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly." Psalm 138 beautifully celebrates the unfathomable love that G-d has for G-d's people, even those who find themselves on the margins. At the end of it all, what sets G-d apart from other gods, what makes G-d worthy of praise, is that G-d is a G-d who is *for* the worshiper. G-d is a G-d who is *for* us.

- Which stanza of this psalm would reflect your testimony?
- In what ways has G-d's enduring love been present in your spiritual journey, and how do you respond to G-d in kind?

### 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

In the first fourteen chapters of the letter to the Corinthians, the apostle Paul writes a polemic against divisiveness, sexual misconduct, food sacrificed to idols, and chaotic worship. Paul identifies the root of the issue as a disregard for one's neighbor. For Paul, it is not enough to only say, "Jesus is Lord," – rather, all aspects of one's life should reflect this reality.



In chapter fifteen, Paul tackles the question of the Resurrection. In his response to the Corinthians’ skepticism, Paul leaves no room for misunderstanding. Christ died and Christ rose again – a fact supported by first, numerous eyewitnesses, including himself, and secondly, the reorientation of reality birthed through the regeneration of the Resurrection. The latter point supports the question of the “how” for the previous chapters. How can all of one’s life reflect the Gospel? The answer is through the Resurrection. Christ dismantles death and sin in the resurrection and pours out regenerative grace that reorients us to a life of kingdom values. Paul testifies to this grace in his own life by reflecting on his past as the leading persecutor of the church, and how he is now a humble apostle and faithful proclaimer of the Gospel.

- How does your testimony reflect G-d’s resurrection power in your life or your community’s life?
- In what ways do the sacraments sustain you in living out the hope of a world being regenerated by resurrection power?

**Luke 5:1-11**

One could argue that the focal point of this story is the miracle of a great catch of fish or even the calling of Simon Peter. However, there is another perspective here that is worth our attention—the crowd’s. Sometimes it is easy to forget in the thrill of this narrative that the crowd is even there. Throughout the Gospel narratives, “the crowd” or “the people” always press toward Jesus, trying to get closer, reaching out for something. In Luke 5, the crowd wants to hear the “word of G-d.” Not a word of inspiration, a pithy statement, or anecdote – no, they want to hear the *word of G-d*. They want to hear the words that created the cosmos that animated dust into life; they want to hear a word that sustains and transforms.

Jesus, sensing their longing, fulfills their need not just for today but forever. After teaching the crowd, Jesus calls Simon Peter to “[catch] people.” In this scene, we see a perfect foreshadowing of what is to come. Peter will be the rock the Church is built upon. While neither of them knew it, parish and priest met each other for the first time. In the calling of Peter and the continual calling of G-d’s people, the word of G-d would continue to be heard by those longing to be sustained and renewed.

- How has the ministry of the word impacted your faith journey?
- Do you see yourself within this narrative? Where?

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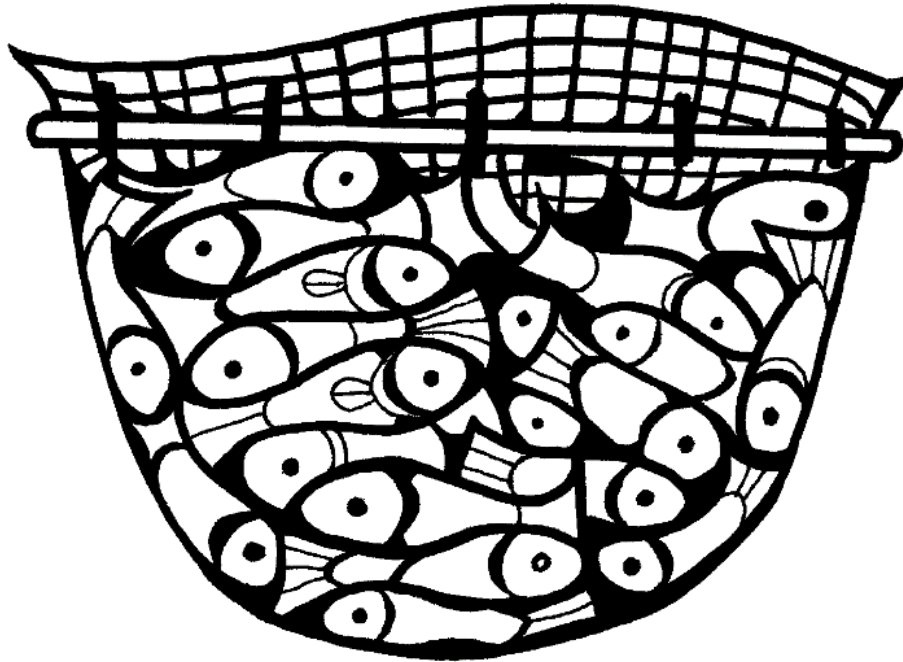
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