

The Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

9th February 2025

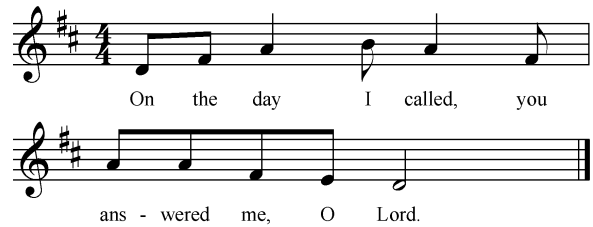
Collect

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading (Isaiah 6:1-8)

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah
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!"

Psalm (Psalm 138)



**Response: On the day I called,
you answered me, 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

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
And the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
You give me life and frustrate my foes. /R

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15:1-11)

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the
Corinthians.
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, 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 Ce'phas, 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 one
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 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. Whether then it was I or they, so we
proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Gospel Reading (Luke 5:1-11)

Hear the Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Once 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 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. 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 him.

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

For your prayers

In our Prayers: Hugh, Josh, Diane Rankin, Lloyd Whitney, Diane, Trevor, Vera, Chris Hall, Tommy Lacken, Sue, Kathy, Maria Amparo Garcia, Maria, Lenny Shaw, Pat, Vanessa, Eamon Irvine, HM King Charles, Steve, Tracey Sanderson, Fr Michael Shier, Michelle Ferguson, Maria Vaccaro, Robert Russell, Carol Martin, Nancy Campling, Philomena Sorrenti, Martin Fletcher, Jan Bone, Francis Burrows. Fr Peter Rabin, Lynn Williamson, Ms Rebecca Quansah, Dr Alfred Kwasi Kwarteng, Susan Bloom, Doug Williams.

Among the departed: Joyce Warr, Eileen McDonagh, June Francis, Jimmy Burke.

Anniversaries of Death: Jesse Cole, John McKinnon, Ronald Albert Johnson, Giles Laming, Lily Lyons, Charles Tivers, Ethel Owen, Joseph Hickes, Margaret Alderson (Ben), Eric Lionel Mascall OGS (Pr), Julie Sillitoe, Mary Lacken, Mary Robins

In the parish: We pray for Lever Street, Worcester Point and Telfer House

In the wider world: We Pray for all those with influence and authority in Syria to bring an end to the Ukraine war with a just peace, reconciliation and hope for the future.

Notices

In Church this week

Wednesday Open Church 10am-1pm
12.30pm Mass

Next Sunday Sixth Sunday of Epiphany
10.30am Sung Mass

Helpers needed after Mass!

Can you help out after Sunday Mass? There's plenty to do clearing up and putting things away once refreshments are finished. If you can please speak to Elaine or Father David.

King Square Coffee

Community Room, Blackwell House
(between President House and Rahere House)

Tuesday afternoons 1.30-3.30pm

Friday afternoons 12.30-2pm

A chance to chat with your neighbour and catch up over coffee, tea, soup and sweet treats. Everyone welcome!

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