

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Yr C)

Reading 1

Citation: Isaiah, Chap. 6, Verses 1-2a, 3-8
Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8

Isaiah has a vision/dream in which he finds himself in one of the worst places he could be! He sees God with his own eyes! (and is still alive!). But, as his dream continues he is saved from death by Heavenly intervention. This is enough to convince himself that he is being called by God to undertake the task of a prophet. Put yourself in Isaiah's shoes. Feel the dread: then the exhilaration of being saved; then the conviction that you will do whatever God asks and you step forward asserting so.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

In the year King Uzziah died,	(matter-of-factly)
I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne,	{ awe!
with the train of his garment filling the temple.	{ “
Seraphim were stationed above.	(matter-of-factly)
They cried one to the other,	(raise volume)
"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts!	(praising)
All the earth is filled with his glory!"	
At the sound of that cry,	(matter-of-factly)
the frame of the door shook	(excited)
and the house was <u>filled</u> with smoke.	(alarmed)
Then I said,	
"Woe is me,	(drag out “Woe” a bit)
I am <u>doomed</u> !	(tragic! almost guilty)
For I am a man of unclean lips,	“ “
living among a people of unclean lips;	“ “
yet	
my eyes have seen the King,	(hopeful; unbelievable!)
the LORD of hosts!"	“ “
Then one of the seraphim flew to me,	(matter-of-factly)
holding an ember that he had taken with tongs from the altar.	
He touched my mouth with it,	(surprise!)
and said,	
"See, now that this has touched your lips,	(almost softly)
your wickedness is removed,	(a bit firmer, but softly)
your sin purged."	(absolution!)
Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,	(some surprise)
"Whom shall I send?	(what does God sound like?)
Who will go for us?"	

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"Here I am," I said;
"send me!"

(convinced, determined)
“ “

The word of the Lord.

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Reading 2
LONGER FORM

Citation: 1 Corinthians, Chap. 15, Verses 1-11
1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Paul is urging his tiny community at Corinth not get caught up arguing about whose "message" is proper – the Apostles' or Paul's. They are the same message of "good news" – salvation through Jesus. Other Jews from Jerusalem apparently had come saying only the Apostle's message was proper (Corinth was a crossroads seaport and town in those days). Be Paul; argue for your credibility; be convincing!

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

I am reminding you,
brothers and sisters,
of the gospel I preached to you,
which you indeed received
and in which you also stand.

(firm, teaching voice)
(almost parenthetical)

(reminding them of their obligation)

Through it
you are also being saved,
if you hold fast to the word I preached to you,
unless you believed in vain.

(almost parenthetical)
(parenthetical expression)

For I handed on 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;
that he appeared to Cephas,
then to the Twelve.
After that,
He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once,
most of whom are still living,
though some have fallen asleep.

(insisting)
(short pause)
(convinced)
(parenthetical expression) (short pause)
(insisting)
(more insisting)
(parenthetical expression) (short pause)
(still insisting)
(short pause)

After that
he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once,
most of whom are still living,
though some have fallen asleep.

(excited)
(parenthetical expression ?)
(parenthetical expression)

After that
he appeared to James,
then to all the apostles.

(almost matter-of-fact)
“ “ (short pause)

Last of all,
as to one born abnormally,
he appeared to me.
For I am the least of the apostles,

(very short pause)
(almost parenthetical)
(softer voice)
(soft voice)

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not fit to be called an apostle,
because I persecuted the church of God.

(a little harder voice)
(humble, apologetic)

But by the grace of God
I am what I am,
and his grace to me has not been ineffective.

(confident, rising voice)
“ “
(very confident) (short pause)

Indeed,
I have toiled harder than all of them;
not I, however,
but the grace of God that is with me.

(not self-serving; he's accurate)
(almost shaking your head)
(convinced)

Therefore,
whether it be I or they,
so we preach
and so you believed.

(very short pause)
(short pause)
(Pause!)

The word of the Lord.

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SHORTER FORM

Citation: 1 Corinthians, Chap. 15, Verses 3-8, 11
1 Corinthians 15: 3-8, 11

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

Brothers and sisters,

(get Assembly's attention!)

I handed on to you as of first importance

(insisting)

what I also received:

(short pause)

that Christ died for our sins

(convinced)

in accordance with the Scriptures;

(parenthetical expression) (short pause)

that he was buried;

(insisting)

that he was raised on the third day

(more insisting)

in accordance with the Scriptures;

(parenthetical expression) (short pause)

that he appeared to Cephas,

(still insisting)

then to the Twelve.

(short pause)

After that,

he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once,

(excited)

most of whom are still living,

(parenthetical expression ?)

though some have fallen asleep.

(parenthetical expression)

After that

he appeared to James,

(almost matter-of-fact)

then to all the apostles.

“ “ (Short pause)

Last of all,

(very short pause)

as to one abnormally born,

(almost parenthetical)

he appeared to me.

(softer voice)

Therefore,

whether it be I or they,

(very short pause)

so we preach

(short pause)

and so you believed.

(Pause!)

The word of the Lord.

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GOSPEL

Citation: Luke, Chap. 5, Verses 1-11
Luke 5: 1-11

We all have experienced working very hard at something without success. Be Peter who, almost against his better judgment, casts his net as Jesus asked him to. How would your feelings change as you talk with Jesus, cast your net, experience what seemed miraculous, and realize who Jesus may be! Proclaim this passage with that change of feeling evident in your posture as well as expression.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, (story)
he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. (very short pause)

He saw two boats there alongside the lake;
the fishermen had disembarked (almost parenthetical)
and were washing their nets.

Getting into one of the boats, (parenthetical)
the one belonging to Simon,
he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore.
Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. (short pause)

After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon,
"Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch."
Simon said in reply, (gentle but commanding)
"Master, (sad)
we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, " "
but (change tone)
at your command I will lower the nets." (almost obedience)

When they had done this,
they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. (build excitement in voice)
They signaled to their partners (hurried pace)
in the other boat "
to come to help them. "

They came and filled both boats
so that the boats were in danger of sinking. (Oh, Lordy! Fear!)

When Simon Peter saw this,
he fell at the knees of Jesus and said,
"Depart from me, Lord, ("I'm not worth this!")
for I am a sinful man." "

For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him (Amazement to end of sentence)
and all those with him,

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and likewise James and John,
the sons of Zebedee,
who were partners of Simon.

Jesus said to Simon,
"Do not be afraid;
from now on you will be catching men."

(gentle tone)
(gentle)
(firm) (short pause)

When they brought their boats to the shore,
they left everything
and followed him.

(voice goes down)

The Gospel of the Lord.