

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.**

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:  
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
 Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:  
 Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
 Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:  
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
 May almighty God have mercy on us.....Amen.

**THE GLORIA**

**Glorify to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father you take away the sins of the world:**

**have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father have mercy on us; For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**



**OPENING PRAYER**

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Isaiah 6:1-8**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**  
 In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out one to another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'  
**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps.137: 1-5.7-8**

**R. Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.**

1. 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]**
2. 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]**
3. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **[R]**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **[R]**



**SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:3-8. 11. (Shorter form)**

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**  
 In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

But what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

**GOSPEL Luke 5:1-11**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.**

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little 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 deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boats to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.



**focus on sunday**

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6th February 2022

**God in Christ chooses his apostles, men whom the world would think weak, maybe unsuitable, these are the ones he wants for himself. We are all called by God even though we may feel unworthy in his sight. That in itself is a sign of God's grace: it is the way to his kingdom.**



When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

**The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

*All bow for following three lines:*

**and by the Holy Spirit who came down from heaven, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**AFTER THE CONSECRATION**

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

In many of our institutions and personal lives, there can be the sense of failure and of doom. Peter had a poor night's fishing - never such a bad catch. Money was lost, salaries had to be paid to James' and John's workers. Despite all this when Jesus asks Peter to try again, he does. He trusts in the Lord.

**SELF KNOWS THAT SELF IS NOT ENOUGH.**

Notice the word, they. Even talking to Peter the original has the plural. From the first we are loved and called together. We don't make it on our own. We follow together. We cannot be Christians on our own. We cannot go it alone. As in Brendan Kennelly's (R.I.P.) poem: Self knows that self is not enough.

This is a call and a challenge today, and a joy. Living in a world that is very impersonal at times, we need zones and places of community. Much of our communication now can be lonely - Facebook, texts and all are impersonal. We can get used to that. But it is not good, it turns us a little too cold and aloof. We try to find community online while ignoring the community of Christ's church which is always with us, especially in the shared community of our parish as we celebrate the Eucharist.

Gospel challenges the loneliness of going it alone. And the feeling of doom. God is always near, promising an abundance. We are never alone and never failures.

**DEPENDENT**

During illness we may be totally dependent and when battling addiction, we cannot make it on our own. People need the support of their communities, communities which are held together through their bonds of faith. Marriage needs the support of other couples. All ministry the same. And all life, married and single, needs friendship. We are caught together in the big net of God. He enjoys floundering around in the net with us.

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