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5th Sunday of Epiphany

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10:00 a.m. Online Service

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional: *We Praise You O God*

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THE GREETING:

Celebrant: Lord, open our lips,

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

Celebrant: O God, make speed to save us.

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Alleluia!

Kyrie: *“Lord Have Mercy”*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (Prayer of the Day)

All: **Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

PSALM: 138

REFRAIN: **The Lord will make good his purpose for me.**

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. **R**

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. **R**

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth. **R**

They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. **R**

For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. **R**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. **R**

The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands. **R**

People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-13

A READING FROM THE BOOK 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!” And he said, “Go and say to this people:

‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.’

Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.”

Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said:

“Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF 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 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 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Holy Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

People: Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ

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.

The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

SERMON: The Rev. Canon Simon Bell (online)
The Rev. Susan Snelling (in-person)

Am I good enough for God?

Isaiah 6:1-13; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Isaiah is a prophet whose task it is to utter the words of God. To speak of what God reveals and to be a voice of God to the people. In Isaiah 6 we have this introduction to his vocation as a prophet and a description of his vision of God reigning over all things and being worshipped by heavenly beings. And while they utter ““Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory”, Isaiah calls out "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!" On one level, these are not the words you want to hear from one whose vocation or calling is to speak of and for God. But on another level, these are the very words we should hear, and we should express, that none of us is ever worth in-and-of ourselves to utter the name and words of God. Ever.

But like Jeremiah who we looked at last week, there is a physical and symbolic act that changes everything. In Jeremiah’s case, God reaches out and touches his mouth to indicate he will be given the words to utter. In Isaiah’s case, an angelic being – a seraph – touches Isaiah’s mouth with a hot coal taken from the altar and utters these words, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." It is then and only then that Isaiah hears the voice of God, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And Isaiah responds with great enthusiasm, ““Here am I; send me!" It is then that God sends him and tells what to say.

Simon is a fisherman on Lake Gennesaret who is in the family business that probably stretches back generations. He has had a hard night and early dawn out fishing and he and his brothers and business partners are cleaning their nets in preparation for the next day. Jesus is preaching on the shoreline and the crowds are pressing in, so he gets into Peter’s boat to use it as a floating pulpit.

When Jesus is done teaching, he turns to Simon and says, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon is an experienced fisherman and Jesus is not, so Peter replies to him, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they draw in their nets, they are so loaded with fish that they are in danger of sinking their boats. Peter is so overwhelmed and amazed by this experience all he can do is shout out to Jesus, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" It is then that he hears this assuring voice of Jesus, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."

It is really Paul's letter to the church in Corinth that draws it all together for us. He, in defence of his own calling or vocation to be an apostle – one who testifies to the resurrected Lord – points out how inappropriate it is for him to be an apostle. In contrast to Peter (Cephas) and the rest of the disciples, then to more than 500 followers and then to James and “all of the apostles”, Jesus only appears to him in a vision on a road to Damascus. He then describes himself as “the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God”. He then pulls it all together in that wonderful statement, “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.

The point that he is making and that he wants us to understand is that his very calling to be an apostle is solely by the grace of God. But, in addition, the very actions he lives out or the ministry that he does is solely by the grace of God as well. In other words, who he is and what he does in ministry is because of the grace of God at work in him.

As I said last week, all of us have a ministry. But that ministry is as a result of the sacrament of baptism – the outward sign of the inwards grace of God at work in and through us – and not because we are some wonderfully gifted person who has “so much to offer to the church”. As wonderful as it is that God uses our giftedness, we need to recognise that the reason it is ministry is because it is only possible through the gracious presence of God working in and through us.

Are we ever worthy of ministry? No. We could easily echo Isaiah, Peter or Paul in how profoundly unsuitable and unworthy we are. But, like Isaiah, Peter and Paul through the grace of God our inadequacy is dealt with, our fears are resolved and our status as the least is transformed. But we do need to be constantly reminded that we only continue in this vocation and calling to ministry by the ongoing work of grace in our lives. Amen.

People: Amen

(Time allowed for Silent Reflection.)

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: 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.

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

#13 INCARNATION

(In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying, “Lord, grant us peace.”)

Celebrant: By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.

People: Lord, grant us peace.

Celebrant: By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

People: Lord, grant us peace.

Celebrant: By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

People: Lord, grant us peace.

Celebrant: By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

People: Lord, grant us peace.

Celebrant: By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

People: Lord, grant us peace.

Celebrant: By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

People: Lord, grant us peace.

Celebrant: Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

People: Lord, grant us peace.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

(Silence is kept.)

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

People: 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 neighbours 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.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

THE PEACE:

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: *There is a Redeemer*

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PRAAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

All: **God of compassion and forgiveness, receive our offering this day, and make us one with him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: #3

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through who you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will, he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so, he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take and eat": this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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 for ever. Amen

BREAKING OF BREAD #6:

Celebrant: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

AGNES DEI – Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.**

THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymns:

Give Thanks
Pass It On

#21 SB
#36 SB

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

All: **Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

THE DOXOLOGY

All: **Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING:

Celebrant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

NOTICES: Daily Devotions – team of writers at Good Shepherd, St Margaret’s and Trinity – contact Norm Savill nsavill@bell.net to be included or check the parish websites.

We are going back to in-person worship this week.

Vestry – Trinity on the 13th of February @12:00 and St Margaret’s on the 28 Feb at 12:00.

Shrove Tuesday - 2nd of March
Ash Wednesday – 3rd of March

Recessional: ***Lead Us Heavenly Father***

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THE DISMISSAL:

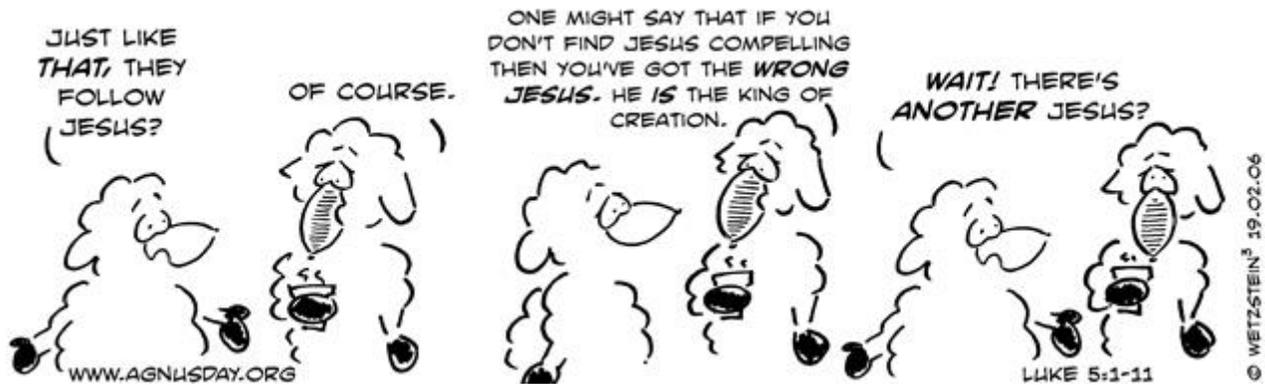
Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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Today's Online Service Recorded by:

Celebrant The Rev. Canon Simon Bell
 Audio/Visual David Paradis

Assisting Rev. Susan today:

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Susan Snelling
 1st Reading: Beth Steffler
 2nd Reading: Maggie Prentice
 Gospel: Peter Beckett
 Prayers: Margaret Paradis
 Server: Beth Steffler
 Audio/Visual: David Paradis
 Music: Gayle Haley
 Chancel Ministry: Sharon Zacchigna, Marie Lemoine
 Sidespersons: Grant Robinson, Doug Goodyer

This morning in our worship we remember in our prayers those of our family and friends who have immediate needs and concerns:

Rose Court; Kim Middaugh; The Fitzmaurice Family; Lorraine W; Cathy Cole; Vayda; Colleen; Wilma; Barb Semsch; Marco Romita & Rose; Sally; Daniel Leibovich; Steve & Jade; Donna & Ray Wilson; Bob Anderson; Nancy Perault; Jim & Barb Tomkins; Stephen Bertelsen; Ron and Karen; Braedy; Gabrielle & Dom & family; Samantha Wright; Karyn; Shane & Shelly Finnigan & Families; Rose McIntyre; Rev. Janet Mitchell; Dave & Winnie Fulcher; Phil & Kathy C.; Cole; Martin Bertelsen; Lorraine W.; Sharron Snider; Peter Hubbard; Mark Ralston; Jackson; Sally Smith; Marilyn Lloyd; Theresa & Pete; Valerie; Darlene Jessem; Doreen; Brenda Jessem; Brenda & Brian; Derek; Jaxon Croft; Sean.

The names below are people in need of ongoing prayers for various reasons so we ask you to please continue to pray for them and their continuing need of God's healing touch and grace:

Sharon Z; Cecil Nelson's Family; Adesh; Lisa Marie; Sophia L.; Joyce Antony; Bill & Cathy Gray; Pam Rees; Alvin Maynard; Dave Lawrence; Livia & Neil Purcell; Sheila Green; Carrie Snow; Sheri Scott; Carl; Mark & Erin; Wally Raymond; Christine; Audrey Moody; Lynda Raye; Garn Mennell; Lee & Jeannie Martin; Michelle Sinclair and mom; Jane & Ron Lewis; Cecilia Mowat; Marilyn Foley; Bill Snow; Deborah Hall; Owen; Jen Galicinski; Arlene; Joan Gough; Margie Mills; Eunice Merrett; Jean Wallace; Nancy Dodds; Wendy Goodyer; Do Saunders; Jefferson Jr.; June Osolin; Tanya Wade-Vargas.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

The Diocese of The Church of Ireland

In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

Bishop's Committee on Interfaith Ministry