

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of the Lord's robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of God's glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a person of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen God, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The 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." ⁸Then 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!"

Luke 5:1-11

¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He 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. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So 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. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and 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." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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*We are a Christian
community welcoming all
as we seek to grow in faith
and serve others.*

Reflection:

In the musical language that Mozart inherited from his Baroque predecessors, the prevalence of major keys and the so-called sonata principle appeared as two striking new tropes... Their relative novelty argues that they evolved not to repress a new musical impulse but to empower it, not to stifle this pleasure in expressive contrasts but to guarantee it.

- Wye Jamison Allanbrook
Theology Today, April 2006

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Prelude

Church Bell

Introit *Show Me the Way*, O Lord by C.J. Althaus

Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome! We hear it deeply in worship, prayer, and song!

All: It is the welcome of the heart that knows God long before it begins to beat.

Leader: Welcome! Like the sunshine, it falls upon all and every one!

All: It warms us and guides us; it is the light of the voice that calls us from deeply inside our being.

Leader: Welcome! Breathe! Know you are safe here!

All: For God has given us the air to breathe and voices to speak the winds of justice and truth.

Leader: Welcome, once more!

All: And let us raise our spirits in worship and song as we embrace God and one another! Amen.

Communion of the People All are welcome!

Prayer after Communion:

In Unison...

O God, through this bread and this cup, you have made us one with you and with each other. May the unity we find at this table be a gift that we carry out into your suffering, divided world. Help us to find strength in knowing that you, the God of peace and justice, will always be with us. Amen.

Offering our Gifts and Tithes

***Hymn #592** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Offering our Joys and Concerns for Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus

***Hymn #386** *O For a World*

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

**All that are able please stand.*

Dying on the cross, Jesus saves us from death, having changed the oppressor's tool of execution into a symbol of promise and eternal life. Alive with us today, we rely on him and his guidance.

Remembering all this and more, we take from your creation, God, this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate Jesus: his dying, rising, and his eternal presence among us.

With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you, broken in some ways as this bread will be, working nonetheless in a fractured and hungry world, knowing that we are made whole in service to you. Great is the mystery of faith:

People:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader:

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your gifts of bread and fruit of the vine, that this meal may be for us a communion in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Make us one together with him and all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us in hope, and inspire us in steadfast love, so that we may serve as your faithful disciples all the days of our lives. We ask these things humbly, in the name of the one we serve.

People: Amen

Blessing of the Bread & Cup:

On the night of his arrest, Jesus took the bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, he took the cup, saying, "This is the cup of the new covenant, sealed in my blood, shed for you and for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the saving death of the risen Jesus, with us today.

***Hymn 106** *Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Wonderful One, you charge us to love.
You call us out into a world longing for your justice and peace.
The Holy Spirit blesses us with the balm to heal:
sending us to those who are hurt, disenfranchised, lonely,
unvoiced, unknown, lost -- just as the Spirit once sent Jesus.
Your presence glimmers all around us – as did the Shekinah of old,
ready to lead us, as the pillar of fire once led Moses.
But, too often we miss it all. We forget that you are with us.
We lose track of those who are troubled and hopeless.
We somehow miss ways to be your agents, when, in truth,
such is the last thing we wish to do!
Please, help us to get better at living into your calling.
Let no voice block yours, and remove the hesitation that disperses us
elsewhere, when you beckon "Come!"
Renew our willing hearts with your heart.
For we have always been yours, long before we were ever born.
Call us. We promise to better at listening. Amen.

Silent Confession

Choral Response

Declaration of Forgiveness:

We have asked for your forgiveness, Wonderful Counselor,
and we know it has been received. Amen

***Hymn #322** Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;
 Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
 Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
 Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Offering to One Another of a Sign of Peace

Announcements

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

- 1st Reading** Isaiah 6: 1 – 8
- Anthem** *Be Thou My Vision* by John Rutter
- 2nd Reading** The Gospel of Luke 5: 1 – 11
- Sermon** *The Revolution of Baptism – Continues*
- *Hymn #518** *Una Espiga / Sheaves of Summer*

Celebration of Communion - All Are Welcome at the Table!

Communion The Invitation to Jesus' Table

Leader: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

People: **They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.**

Leader: According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at the table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

People: **Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.**

Leader This is that same table.

People: **All are invited to share this feast, which God has prepared.**

Great Thanksgiving:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, Our God

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

Leader:

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give thanks and praise to the One who is with us always. It is especially joyful to celebrate our gratitude on this Sunday as we welcome all, especially our sisters and brothers from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Communities. Thank you for joining us!

We recall that through the words of the prophets, the Spirit of God promised us a Redeemer, giving us hope for the day when justice would roll down like waters in a mighty stream. We rejoice now, for in Jesus Christ that day of rushing winds and waters is upon us and carrying us on toward our mission.

In thanksgiving and anticipation we praise you, and we join our voices with the choirs of angels, the prophets, the apostles, and the saints. We gather here in this sanctuary with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name in the great mystery of your presence.

People Sing Hosanna!

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.

Leader:

You are holy, O God of Majesty, and blessed is Jesus the Christ. Born of Mary, Jesus *lives* with us. Eating with those who have found distance from God, he welcomes us all back to God's presence. As we guide children with his teachings, he teaches us, again. Visiting the sick as he did, he heals us in ways beyond the physical limitations of these bodies of ours.