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The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 9th, 2025
10:00 am
All Welcome.

Collect

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.**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Tannis deBrouwer

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. *Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138 Refrain: The Lord will make good his purpose for me.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; **R**

For you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me. **R**

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord. **R**

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe, you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

The Lord will make good his purpose for me; O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands. **R**

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Liese Jim

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.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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Gospel Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CP 714

The Gospel

Reverend Marsh

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O 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 signalled 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. *Luke 5:1-11*

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

Sermon

Reverend John Marsh

Apostles 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**

Prayers & Intercessions

Pam Hiensch

Confession & 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,

All

**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. **Amen**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Offertory hymn Amazing Grace

CP 352

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

All

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Gracious God, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

All

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

All

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

All

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread
To share in the body of Christ.

All **We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Communion Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

CP 505

Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts

CP 70

Prayer after Communion

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.**

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.**

Blessing

Sending Hymn

To God Be the Glory

CP 371

Mark Your Calendars

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| Annual Financial Meeting Pre-Vestry | February 16 th , 2025 - 11:15 am |
| Memorial Service for Betty Freeman | February 22 nd , 2025 - 1:00 pm |
| Annual Vestry Meeting | February 23 rd , 2025 - 11:15 am |

From your Church Library to answer your questions about the Anglican Church.

Bays, Patricia. **This Anglican Church of ours.** (283 BAY) Journey with the author, whether you wish to explore or are already travelling an Anglican path.

Please speak to Deacon Kathy after worship if you wish to borrow this book.

Prayers for the People

February 9th, 2025

For the World: For peace in the world, especially in the Middle East between Israel and Gaza, Ukraine and Russia, North and South Korea.

For the Church:

In the Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Australia.

In the Anglican Church of Canada: Acting Primate, Archbishop Anne Germond, The Rt. Rev. John Watton, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Central Newfoundland.

National Indigenous Archbishop, Chris Harper.

For the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, our Partner in Communion:

In the Diocese of New Westminster: Archbishop John Stephens, · St. Titus, Oakridge -The Revd Marion Wong, All Saints, Burnaby - The Revd Justin Cheng, The Revd Leah Skuro, The Deanery of Point Grey.

For our Companion Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines, Bishop Benny and our partner parish of Holy Innocents, Bebe.

For St. Alban's: Fr. Bill, Deacon Kathy and John, our supply priest in this time of transition. For the Wardens and Synod delegates on the Search Committee for a new priest. For the Altar Guild and the Choir. For our Outreach volunteers and those whom they serve. For the *360 Ministry (Chinese Language Ministry). For members and visitors, present and on-line.

For the sick and needy: June S., Anne D., Sue R, Abby N, Sandra T, David P

+For those who have died in the peace of Christ. May light perpetual shine upon them and may they rest in peace.

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Ministering Through the Liturgy

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| <i>Celebrant & Preacher:</i> | Reverend John Marsh |
| <i>Music:</i> | Benjamin Sigerson & Choir |
| <i>Bulletin:</i> | Jennifer Kirk |
| <i>Readers:</i> | Tannis deBrouwer, Liese Jim, Rev John Marsh |
| <i>Intercessions:</i> | Pam Hiensch |
| <i>Eucharistic Minister:</i> | Liese Jim |
| <i>Greeter:</i> | Gail Montague |
| <i>Altar Guild:</i> | Stephanie Christie |
| <i>Flowers:</i> | Sue Robertson, Gillian Cellura, Pam Hiensch |
| <i>Flowers:</i> | The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God from the Hettiarachchi family with thanks to God for His goodness and in memory of Heather's parents and brothers-in-law. |

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