

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY**  
**February 6, 2022**  
**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8 (CEB)**

In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, the edges of his robe filling the temple. <sup>2</sup> Winged creatures were stationed around him. Each had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two their feet, and with two they flew about. <sup>3</sup> They shouted to each other, saying:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of heavenly forces!  
All the earth is filled with God's glory!"

<sup>4</sup> The doorframe shook at the sound of their shouting, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> I said, "Mourn for me; I'm ruined! I'm a man with unclean lips, and I live among a people with unclean lips. Yet I've seen the king, the Lord of heavenly forces!" <sup>6</sup> Then one of the winged creatures flew to me, holding a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs. <sup>7</sup> He touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips. Your guilt has departed, and your sin is removed." <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the Lord's voice saying, "Whom should I send, and who will go for us?" I said, "I'm here; send me."

## **PSALM 138 (TLB)**

<sup>1</sup> Lord, with all my heart I thank you. I will sing your praises before all other gods.

<sup>2</sup> **I face your Temple as I worship, giving thanks to you for all your loving-kindness and your faithfulness, for your promises are backed by all the honor of your name.**

<sup>3</sup> When I pray, you answer me and encourage me by giving me the strength I need.

<sup>4</sup> **Every king in all the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, for all of them shall hear your voice.**

<sup>5</sup> Yes, they shall sing about Jehovah's glorious ways, for his glory is very great.

<sup>6</sup> **Yet though he is so great, he respects the humble, but proud men must keep their distance.**

<sup>7</sup> Though I am surrounded by troubles, you will bring me safely through them. You will clench your fist against my angry enemies! Your power will save me.

<sup>8</sup> **The Lord will work out his plans for my life—for your loving-kindness, Lord, continues forever. Don't abandon me—for you made me.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (MSG)**

Paul writes, <sup>1-2</sup> Friends, let me go over the Message with you one final time—this Message that I proclaimed and that you made your own; this Message on which you took your stand and by which your life has been saved. (I’m assuming, now, that your belief was the real thing and not a passing fancy, that you’re in this for good and holding fast.) <sup>3-9</sup> The first thing I did was place before you what was placed so emphatically before me: that the Messiah died for our sins, exactly as Scripture tells it; that he was buried; that he was raised from death on the third day, again exactly as Scripture says; that he presented himself alive to Peter, then to his closest followers, and later to more than five hundred of his followers all at the same time, most of them still around (although a few have since died); that he then spent time with James and the rest of those he commissioned to represent him; and that he finally presented himself alive to *me*. It was fitting that I bring up the rear. I don’t deserve to be included in that inner circle, as you well know, having spent all those early years trying my best to stamp God’s church right out of existence. <sup>10-11</sup> But because God was so gracious, so very generous, here I am. And I’m not about to let his grace go to waste. Haven’t I worked hard trying to do more than any of the others? Even then, my work didn’t amount to all that much. It was God giving me the work to do, God giving me the energy to do it. <sup>11</sup> So then, whether you heard the message from me or those others, this is what we preach and this is what you have believed.

## **GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11 (CEB)**

One day Jesus was standing beside Lake Gennesaret when the crowd pressed in around him to hear God’s word. <sup>2</sup> Jesus saw two boats sitting by the lake. The fishermen had gone ashore and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> Jesus boarded one of the boats, the one that belonged to Simon, then asked him to row out a little distance from the shore. Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he finished speaking to the crowds, he said to Simon, “Row out farther, into the deep water, and drop your nets for a catch.” <sup>5</sup> Simon replied, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night

and caught nothing. But because you say so, I'll drop the nets."<sup>6</sup> So they dropped the nets and their catch was so huge that their nets were splitting. <sup>7</sup> They signaled for their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They filled both boats so full that they were about to sink. <sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw the catch, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I'm a sinner!" <sup>9</sup> Peter and those with him were overcome with amazement because of the number of fish they caught.

<sup>10</sup> James and John, Zebedee's sons, were Simon's partners and they were amazed too. Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on, you will be fishing for people." <sup>11</sup> As soon as they brought the boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.