

[70] FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

FIRST READING

Here am I! Send me.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

6:1-2a, 3-8

In the year that King Uzziah died,
I had a vision of the Lord.
He was on his throne high above,
and his robe filled the temple.
Flaming creatures with six wings each were flying over him
and shouted to each other,

“Holy, holy, holy, Lord All-Powerful!
The earth is filled with your glory.”

As they shouted, the door of the temple shook,
and the temple was filled with smoke.
Then I cried out, “I’m doomed!
Everything I say is sinful,
and everyone around me is sinful too.
Yet I have seen the King, the Lord All-Powerful.”

One of the flaming creatures flew over to me
with a burning coal that it had taken from the altar
with a pair of metal tongs.
It touched my lips with the hot coal and said,
“This has touched your lips.
Your sins are forgiven,
and you are no longer guilty.”

After this, I heard the Lord ask,
“Is there anyone I can send?
Will someone go for us?”

I replied, “Here I am! Send me.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

138:1acd-2a, 4-5

R. (1c) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

With all my heart
and in the presence of angels
I sing your praises.
I worship at your holy temple.

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

All kings on this earth
have heard your promises, Lord,
and they will praise you.
You are so famous
that they will sing about
the things you have done.

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

SECOND READING

We preached and this is what you believed.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

15:3-8, 11

Brothers and sisters:

I told you the most important part of the message, and you believed it.

That part is:

Christ died for our sins, as the Scriptures say.

He was buried.

and three days later he was raised to life, as the Scriptures say.

Christ appeared to Peter, then to the twelve.

After this, he appeared to more than five hundred other followers.

Most of them are still alive.

but some have died.

He also appeared to James, and then to all of the apostles.

Finally, he appeared to me,

even though I am like someone who was born at the wrong time.

But it doesn't matter if I preached or if they preached.

All of you believed the message just the same.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

Matthew 4:19

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

They left everything and followed Jesus.

† A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing on the shore of Lake Gennesaret, teaching the people as they crowded around him to hear God's message.

Near the shore he saw two boats
left there by some fishermen who had gone to wash their nets.

Jesus got into the boat that belonged to Simon
and asked him to row it out a little way from the shore.

Then Jesus sat down in the boat to teach the crowd.

When Jesus had finished speaking, he told Simon,
“Row the boat out into the deep water
and let your nets down to catch some fish.”

"Master," Simon answered,
"we have worked hard all night long and have not caught a thing.
But if you tell me to, I will let the nets down."

They did it and caught so many fish that their nets began ripping apart. Then they signaled for their partner in the other boat to come and help them.

The men came,
and together they filled the two boats so full
that they both began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw this happen,

he kneeled down in front of Jesus and said,
“Lord, don’t come near me!
I am a sinner.”

Peter and everyone with him
were completely surprised at all the fish they had caught.
His partners James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were surprised too.

Jesus told Simon, “Don’t be afraid!
From now on you will bring in people instead of fish.”
The men pulled their boats up on the shore.
Then they left everything and went with Jesus.

The gospel of the Lord.



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Prayer:

Dear Jesus,
Come make your home in my heart.

Readings:

Isaiah 6:1-2a 3-8, Psalms 138:1acd-2a, 4-5, 1Corinthians 15:3-8, 11, Luke 5: 1-11

Reflection/Discussion:

How would you like to go fishing with Jesus?
How would you like to have Jesus as your best friend?
What does it mean to follow Jesus?
Would you follow Jesus if He asked you to follow Him?
Do you think you are a follower of Jesus?
As a follower of Jesus want are some of the things you do for Him.

In today's Gospel we see Jesus getting into a boat to teach the people and then asking Peter to lower the nets so that they could catch fish. Peter had already spent all that day fishing in the hot sun and had not caught a single fish and was very tired, if it had been you instead of Peter would you have lowered the nets just because Jesus asked you to?

Peter was a fisherman and when the boats were about to sink from all the fish that were in the nets he had to call for help, could you have just leave everything that you owned to follow Jesus? Peter left his boats all those fish and everything he owned just because Jesus asked him to, could you do also do that?

Jesus told Peter that he was going to bring in people in the future and not fish, what do you think Jesus meant by that? If Jesus asked you to follow Him, do you think you would need go some place other than where you live or do something different to be a follower of Him, if so why and if not why?

Activity:

1. Talk to your teacher, your parents and friends and see what they think it means to be a follower of Jesus.
2. Think of ways you can follow Jesus in your life, in school and at home.
3. With a pencil and paper make a drawing of Jesus in the boat teaching to the crowd of people.
4. Make a drawing of Peter following Jesus.

