

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)** Isaiah's call to be a prophet (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of His robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above Him were seraphim, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup>And they were calling to one another: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory.' <sup>4</sup>At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>'Woe to me!' I cried. 'I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.' <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>With it he touched my mouth and said, 'See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.' <sup>8</sup>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!' <sup>9</sup>He said, 'Go and tell this people: "Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving." <sup>10</sup>Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.' <sup>11</sup>Then I said, 'For how long, Lord?' And He answered: 'Until the cities lie ruined and without inhabitant, until the houses are left deserted and the fields ruined and ravaged, <sup>12</sup>until the LORD has sent everyone far away and the land is utterly forsaken. <sup>13</sup>And though a tenth remains in the land, it will again be laid waste. But as the terebinth and oak leave stumps when they are cut down, so the holy seed will be the stump in the land.'

**PSALM: Psalm 138** (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise; <sup>2</sup>I bow down towards 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. <sup>3</sup>On the day I called, You answered me, You increased my strength of soul. <sup>4</sup>All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O LORD, for they have heard the words of Your mouth. <sup>5</sup>They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>For though the LORD is high, He regards the lowly; but the haughty He perceives from far away. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>The LORD will fulfil His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures for ever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11** The resurrection of Christ (*ERV*)

<sup>1</sup> Now, brothers and sisters, I want you to remember the Good News I told you. You received that Good News message, and you continue to base your life on it. <sup>2</sup> That Good News, the message you heard from me, is God's way to save you. But you must continue believing it. If you don't, you believed for nothing. <sup>3</sup> I gave you the message that I received. I told you the most important truths: that Christ died for our sins, as the Scriptures say; <sup>4</sup> that He was buried and was raised to life on the third day, as the Scriptures say; <sup>5</sup> and that He appeared to Peter and then to the twelve apostles. <sup>6</sup> After that Christ appeared to more than 500 other believers at the same time. Most of them are still living today, but some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then He appeared to James and later to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, He appeared to me. I was different, like a baby born before the normal time. <sup>9</sup> All the other apostles are greater than I am. I say this because I persecuted the church of God. That is why I am not even good enough to be called an apostle. <sup>10</sup> But, because of God's grace, that is what I am. And His grace that He gave me was not wasted. I worked harder than all the other apostles. (But I was not really the one working. It was God's grace that was with me.) <sup>11</sup> So then it is not important if I told you God's message or if it was the other apostles who told you—we all tell people the same message, and this is what you believed.

**GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11** Jesus calls the first disciples (*NRSV*)

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