

## READINGS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

February 9<sup>th</sup>—8:00 & 10:15am

**First Reading (8 & 10:15)**    *Please check that microphone is on*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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!”

The Word of the Lord.

**The Psalm (8:00 only)    *Please check that microphone is on***

Let us pray Psalm 138 together.

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you O Lord,\*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \*  
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 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.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

## **Second Lesson (8 & 10:15) *Please check that microphone is on***

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

## **The Prayers (8:00 & 10:15) *Please check that microphone is on***

*Deacon: Glorious and wondrous God, and thankfulness and confidence we lift our hopes and prayers to you in prayer as we say, "May you be manifest in us; may we bear your light to the world."*

Raise up in your church leaders whose lives are centered in the love of Christ and whose hearts yearn for justice and peace. May you be manifest in us, *may we bear your light to the world.*

Enter into the hearts of those with authority in our nation that they might work for the fellowship of all people and bring about a world where enemies are reconciled and conflict ceases. We pray for all elected and appointed officials, especially Donald, our President, Kathy, our Governor; and Malik, our Mayor. May you be manifest in us, *may we bear your light to the world.*

Instill in us awe and thankfulness for the majesty of your created world that we might be good stewards and develop sustainable practices so that nature's abundance might be available to all future generations. May you be manifest in us, *may we bear your light to the world.*

Inspire this assembly through the inbreaking of the spirit in our lives that our faiths may be bolstered and our commitment to the gospel mission renewed. We give thanks for all those who have gone before us, laying the pathway on which we walk today, remembering especially Pamela Brock and Frances S. Hardy, in whose honor and to God's glory the flowers have been given. May you be manifest in us, *may we bear your light to the world.*

Receive our prayers of gratitude. Bring healing to the sick and hurting, mend the fractured and broken, grant hope to the fearful and anxious, and grant peace and the knowledge of your love to all people. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Carolyn, Nathan, Noreen, Dick, Dawn, Scott, Bertha, Jeff, Tom, Bob, Joyce, John, Hank, Ned, Paula, Amelia, Ella, and Bill

May you be manifest in us, *may we bear your light to the world.*

Grant to all the faithful departed peace and rest in your eternal love and welcome us into the resurrection alongside all your saints. May you be manifest in us, *may we bear your light to the world.*

*After a period of silence, the presider adds a collect.*