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5th Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome to everyone gathered here today.

Today's Readings

Isaiah 6:1-13; Psalm 138;

1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Alberton - O'Leary, PEI

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador

~ Bishop Samuel Rose

Council of the North

Diocese of Quebec – Bishop Bruce Myers

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. John's, Ellerslie

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

February 16 – 6th Sunday after Epiphany (green)

Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1;

1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

Readers: Grafton C, Jim E; Doreen C, Jean R; Martyn C, Barb C

Prayers of the People: Sandra H, Amy M, Savannah M

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Stephen's HE

11 am – St. Mark's HE

11 am – St. Thomas' MP

ANNUAL MEETINGS

- St. Elizabeth's - Sunday, February 9, 2 pm at the Rectory

- St. Mark's - Monday, February 10, 7 pm (alt. Mon., Feb. 17)

- Parish - Tuesday, February 18, 7 pm at St. Thomas' Church
(alt. Thurs., Feb. 20)

St. Thomas' will be hosting a **Valentine Party** on Monday, February 10, 10:00 a.m. in the Church Hall. You are asked to please bring a valentine card for us to sign for shut-ins in our churches. All parishioners & friends welcome!

Kensington & Area Christian Council will meet on Monday, February 24, 7:00 p.m. at Kensington Presbyterian Church.

Again this year, Sheila Harrington is collecting for the **Heart and Stroke Foundation** during the month of February. Cash or cheque is accepted, and also online (contact Sheila for more information about giving online). All donations of \$20.00 or more will receive a receipt for income tax purposes. Thank you in advance.

Free Senior's Lunches are being served at Kensington Presbyterian Church on February 22 and March 8, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. RSVP to 902-836-3477. Offered by the Kensington Seniors' Lunch Program. All are welcome!

Canadian Bible Society is still accepting **used stamps**. Please bring your stamps to church, as they will be mailed at the end of February.

COLLECT (pg. 353)

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 forever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (pg. 354)

God of compassion and forgiveness,
receive our offering this day,
and make us one with him who is our peace,
Jesus Christ our Saviour.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (pg. 354)

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.



A READING FROM ISAIAH 6:1-13

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. 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. And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

“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.”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

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!”

He said, “Go and tell this people:

“‘Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.’

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.”

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,
until the LORD has sent everyone far away and the land is utterly forsaken.

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.”

A READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve 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 to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 5:1-11

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water’s edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.