



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9 2025

THEOPHANIES

Today's readings recount three theophanies, or particular manifestations of God's presence. The prophet Isaiah is caught up in a dramatic scene of heavenly worship, with a royal throne, burning embers, and seraphim singing, "Holy, holy, holy." Isaiah is overwhelmed. In the responsorial psalm, the assembly adds its own worship to that of the seraphim: "In the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises, Lord" (Psalm 138:1).

Paul reminds the Corinthians of his own experience of a post-Resurrection appearance of the Lord, making him an apostle, but one "born abnormally" (1 Corinthians 15:8), since he had no acquaintance with the earthly Jesus. The first of those who did know the earthly Jesus were surprised by fishing advice from the teacher who had commandeered Simon's boat, resulting in an extraordinary catch. Although less colorful than those of Isaiah or Paul, this theophany was just as overwhelming.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The song of the angels, "Holy, Holy, Holy," resounds from our lips at every Mass. There was a widespread belief in the first religions of the world that God stirred creation into being by a word, a song, a musical note. Music and a sense of God's presence have always been inseparable. In the liturgy, your voice is invited into this song as the priest names the reasons for our praise. "Heaven and earth are full of your glory," and we are not passive onlookers, but participants in this glory. Catholic prayer no longer assigns this angelic hymn to a choir, but gives it to you to sing. Even if your voice is thought to be suitable only for a well insulated shower stall, you are called into this song.

We are born to sing—just listen to a baby testing the full range of newly discovered vocal abilities. Soon we get shushed and hushed into quiet, and given lots of messages that our voices are unwanted, and that we need to raise our hands in order to be heard. All of that is overturned in liturgy, the place where God waits to hear us come alive in the song of all creation. In heaven, everyone's in the choir; why not start practicing now?

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth.— *Psalm 138:1*

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the LORD of hosts. Isaiah responds, "Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Psalms — In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

Gospel — Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

Readings for the week

Monday: Genesis 1:1-19; Ps 104; G Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday: Genesis 1:20-2:4a; Ps 8:4-5,6-7,8-9; G Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday: Genesis 2:4b-9,15-17; Ps 104:1-2a,27-28,29
G Mark 7:14-23

Thursday: Genesis 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2,3,4-5; G Mark 7:24-30

Friday: Genesis 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2,5,6-7; G Mark 7:31-37

Saturday: Genesis 3:9-24; Ps 90; G Mark 8:1-10

Sunday: Jeremiah 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-2,3,4&6; G Luke 6:17,20-26

Knights of Columbus and Catholic men of St Andrew and St Regina Informational Meeting and Potluck Dinner, Saturday February 15th after 4:30 Mass. Flyer on bulletin board in Narthex.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

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Wednesday Lector

FEB 5TH PEGGY

FEB 12TH CHERI

FEB 19th BEVERLY

FEB 26TH PEGGY

TESTED LIKE GOLD God wishes to test you like gold in the furnace. The dross is consumed by the fire, but the pure gold remains and its value increases.