

## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

### ISAIAH 6; 1-8

Our readings today are all accounts of how God called various people to various tasks.

First is the very well known passage in which Isaiah recounts his calling to be a prophet. He has a vision. In it he sees the glory of God. Faced with this glory he realises his own insignificance and sinfulness. He is symbolically forgiven, and hears God calling for someone to serve Him.

A reading from Isaiah.

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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!’

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD