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**A PRAYER FOR THOSE FACING TOUGH DECISIONS** *by Katy Shevel.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *by John Philip Newell in Praying with the Earth*

Clear our hearts, O God, that we may see you.  
Clear our hearts, O God, that we may truly see ourselves.  
Clear our hearts, O God, that we may know  
the sacredness of this moment,  
and in every moment seek you, serve you,  
strengthen you as the Living Presence in every presence  
**Clear our hearts, O God, that we may see.**

**HYMN:** O How I Love Jesus **170**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** *FotW*

**God of steadfast love and faithfulness,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit, help us  
to hear your word with understanding,  
that in our speech and actions,  
we may exalt your name above all things;  
in Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE:** **Isaiah 6:1-8  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE** *FotW*

**O God, though we walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve and deliver us.  
Though our lips are not clean  
and our hearts are not pure, you call us.  
Forgive us, we pray, when we wander  
away from you, lost and at risk.  
Forgive us when our lives do not reflect your glory  
and the purposes you intend.  
Help us to comprehend your ways in the world.  
We long to feel your grace and glory,  
for in you, Emmanuel,  
we can be healed and set free;**

**{ silent prayers }**

In the temple, Isaiah heard these words:  
"Your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out."  
God's grace toward us has not been in vain!  
This is the good news we have received:

**In Jesus Christ, we are freed and forgiven!  
Thanks be to God! Amen**

**CHOIR:** Take My Life and Let It Be **399**

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**HYMN:** Great Is Thy Faithfulness **140**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**INTERCESSIONS  
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## BRINGING OUR GIFTS

With joy and gratitude for all we have been given,  
in token of our lives, we offer our tithes and gifts to God.

## DOXOLOGY

### PRAYER

FotW

**Holy One, we give you thanks  
for your generosity to us.  
Bless these gifts and multiply them,  
for the sake of those in need around us;  
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**HYMN:**                    Stand Up and Bless the Lord                    **662**

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**                    *Ps 138, & Lk 5*                    *FotW*

Don't be afraid to put out into the deep water;  
We have partners in other boats beside us,  
and Christ has gone before us.  
Go deep, and let down your nets!

**We are not alone!  
We expect God's abundant provision.**

Now may we be filled with the love of God  
and sing praises with our whole hearts,  
giving thanks for the call of Christ in our lives  
and the community of the Holy Spirit,  
the fulfillment of the purpose for which we were created.

**Amen**

**POSTLUDE**                    Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound                    378

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## **Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures**

*As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary*

**Year C – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany– February 9, 2025**

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### **Scriptures**

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

### **Questions for Reflection:**

Sometimes we are afraid to tell others about our experiences of the holy and about God's call in our lives, because we don't want to annoy or oppress others. There is a difference between witnessing through indoctrination and witnessing through acts of compassion.

How do you witness to others about your faith?

The disciples had already fished all night without catching anything; what quality or characteristic in Peter might have helped him "give it another try" when Jesus invited him to cast his net again?

What quality or characteristic within you helps you to keep trying, to start again, after disappointment or even failure?

### **Morning Prayer: Isa. 6:3, 8; Ps. 138:3**

God, I give you thanks this morning

as I watch the beauty of the newborn light,

listen to the first stirrings of a new day in nature,

and ponder the miracle of my own breathing

and your presence in it all.

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Increase my strength of soul today.

And whenever I see a need,

help me to respond, "Send me!" Amen.

### **Evening Prayer: Luke 5:8, 10**

Thank you, God, for the gift of this day.

Like the fisher folk who became disciples,

I have put in a day of work.

As evening comes, it is time to rest.

If, as I review my day, I am tempted to say,

"I am not worthy of your presence, God,"

reassure me with the calming words of Jesus,

"Do not be afraid, come be with me." Amen.

*What NEW thing would you like to see  
the church try to do in the coming months?*