



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4–10 (if before Transfiguration)

LECTIONARY 5

Year A

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,

to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments;

they want God on their side.

³“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day

and oppress all your workers.

⁴You fast only to quarrel and to fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose,

a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,

and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,

a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the straps of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry

and bring the homeless poor into your house; ▶

when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and God will say, “Here I am.”

[^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.]

Word of God, word of life. *or* The word of the Lord.

PSALMODY: Psalm 112:1-9 [10]

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

A reading from First Corinthians.

¹When I came to you, my dear family,
I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you
with superior speech or wisdom.

²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ,
and him crucified.

³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ►

⁴My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom
but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power,
⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom
but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom,
though it is not a wisdom of this age
or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed.
⁷But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery,
which God decreed before the ages for our glory
⁸and which none of the rulers of this age understood,
for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

⁹But, as it is written,
 “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
 nor the human heart conceived,
 what God has prepared for those who love God”—
¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit;
for the Spirit searches everything,
even the depths of God.
¹¹For what human knows what is truly human
except the human spirit that is within?
So also no one comprehends what is truly God's
except the Spirit of God.

¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world
but the Spirit that is from God,
so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

[¹³And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom
but taught by the Spirit,
interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit,
for they are foolishness to them,
and they are unable to understand them
because they are spiritually discerned.

¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things,
and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

¹⁶“For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct the Lord?”
But we have the mind of Christ.]

Word of God, word of life. or The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

「Jesus said:」

¹³“You are the salt of the earth,
but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored?
It is no longer good for anything
but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world.
A city built on a hill cannot be hid.
¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket;
rather, they put it on the lampstand,
and it gives light to all in the house.
¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets;
I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.
¹⁸For truly I tell you,
until heaven and earth pass away,
not one letter, not one stroke of a letter,
will pass from the law until all is accomplished.
¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments
and teaches others to do the same
will be called least in the dominion of heaven,
but whoever does them and teaches them
will be called great in the dominion of heaven.

²⁰“For I tell you,
unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees,
you will never enter the dominion of heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord.