

4th Sunday before Lent Epiphany Five

God of the 2nd chances

Hymns

- 59 Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
50 Be still for the presence of the Lord
1261 Brother sister let me serve you
67 Breath on me breath of God-
266 I can not tell

Collect

Lord of the hosts in heaven,
Our salvation and strength
Without you we are lost,
Guard us from all that harms or hurts
And raise us when we fall.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Psalms 138

- 138.1** I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
■ **before the gods will I sing praise to you.**
- 2** I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;
■ **for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**
- 3** In the day that I called to you, you answered me;
■ **you put new strength in my soul.**
- 4** All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
■ **for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

- 5** They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
■ **that great is the glory of the Lord.**
- 6** Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;
■ **as for the proud, he regards them from afar**
- 7** Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you will preserve me;
■ **you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand will save me.**
- 8** The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;
■ **your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures forever;
forsake not the work of your hands.**

New Testament Reading I Corinthians 15:1-11

The Resurrection of Christ

- 15.1** Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, **2** through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.
- 3** For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, **4** and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, **5** and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.
- 6** Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. **7** Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. **8** Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. **9** For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. **10** But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been

in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.
11 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Gospel Luke 5:1-11

The Gospel of Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

5 Once while Jesus[a] was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, **2** he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. **3** He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. **4** When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' **5** Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' **6** When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. **7** So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. **8** But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' **9** For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; **10** and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' **11** When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

This Week at Cross and Stable

Community Larder

Every Tuesday from 11- 12:30

Chatterbox

Every Wednesday 10:30 am to 12:30pm.
All Welcome - tea - coffee - cakes - meet & chat.

Zoom Prayers & Bible Study

Friday 2pm Zoom Prayers.
ID 826 0298 0531 Password 316316

Stantonbury Churches Newsletter

Available by email or ask for a hard copy.
Copy on inside Notice Board.

Family Breakfast Club Every 4th Sunday

10 Breakfast- 10:30 Activity - 11
Worship

C&S Management Committee

The people who run the building!
Tuesday 11th 7pm on Zoom. Details:
Meeting ID: 831 6489 6383
Passcode: 755950 later

C&S Charities Directors Committee

The people who run the building!
Wednesday 18th 7pm on Zoom. Details
later

Quiz Corner

This Week's Question

Recall some other names of lake of Gennesaret mentioned in today's gospel.

Last Sunday's answer

A Biblical scroll and a modern book have blocks of text of a similar size and line lengths of about 50 characters. The human eye reads such sizes most easily. Human sight has changes little in 2000 years..

Zebedee

Imagine the look as Zebidee gazed,
The shock of betrayal and his feelings of rage.
The sons have abandoned the family trace,
The fallout could linger in shame and disgrace.
And the servants essential to business afloat
Afford he to pay them, mid ill fame so wrought.
And the heirs to the business upon which he hoped
Have turned their backs and for mission eloped.

The cost of discipleship we oft glamorise,
Suggesting 'twas worth it to gain such a prize.
We tend to ignore the disruption ensued,
Undermining the power of a family ruined.
Two sons to abandon a home enterprise
Dismantles the hope for a future to rise.
And a family unit with sonship deprived
Faces social exclusion and much hope denied.

The sons also face a future unknown,
They've severed the links with the loved ones they've known.
And there's no turning back when you opt out like that,
You're seen as a traitor, a callous upstart.
The call for disciples no glory nor power,
Yet some took the option new hope to empower.
The radical turn God's new reign on earth,
With the hand to the plough, they must never regret.

But a thought we must spare for Zebedee's plight,
His future uncertain,
Let's hope he survived the big price he paid!

Zoom Link to 11 am Sunday 9th February

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85922248518?pwd=Vm4vd00wancwVk52cCtqNm5tMWRZdz09>

Meeting ID: 859 2224 8518. Passcode: 830413

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TODAY

4th Sunday before Lent
Baptist Communion
Led by Sam & Phil

THIS SUNDAY

Isaiah 6.1-8 [9-13]
Psalm 138
1 Corinth 15.1-11
Luke 5.1-11

NEXT SUNDAY:

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinth 15.12-20
Luke 6:17-26

NEXT SUNDAY

3rd Sunday before Lent
Holy Communion
Led by Sam

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