

# ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2022

5TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C



Thank God for all your blessings!



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

We say these words  
or sing a hymn as the  
priest approaches  
the altar.

## COLLECT

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care,  
that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace,  
they may be defended always by your protection...

We ask for God's help.  
Listen now to the  
priest as he offers  
this prayer.



## FIRST READING ISAIAH 6:1-8

Unlike any other prophet  
Isaiah hears his call from  
God in a vision while  
he is in the Temple. We  
can imagine the scene  
which Isaiah vividly  
describes as a kingly  
court. We can even feel  
Isaiah's fear that he is

not good enough and  
can identify with him.  
Then Isaiah is blessed by  
one of the angels who  
are serving God. Isaiah  
does not hesitate when  
he hears God calling for  
a messenger. "Here I am,  
send me!" he answers.

LOOK at the reader  
and LISTEN.  
Isaiah willingly answers  
God's call.

The cantor or psalmist  
sings or says the psalm.  
Listen to the verses,  
and then respond by  
using these words.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 137

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.



## SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

Our faith has come from  
the apostles, from the  
people who knew Jesus  
and the truth of his death  
and resurrection. We can  
be certain that Jesus  
rose three days after he  
was crucified because  
he appeared to Peter  
and the apostles. Not

only that, but Jesus also  
appeared to more than  
five hundred disciples,  
most of whom are still  
alive at the time Paul  
is writing. Moreover,  
despite his history, Jesus  
appeared to Paul too.  
Jesus' life and love is  
worth preaching about!

LOOK at the reader  
and LISTEN.  
Paul is sharing the  
same beliefs that  
the apostles shared  
with him.



We give a shout of  
praise to God, using  
these words taken  
from the Bible.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!



## DO YOU KNOW?

Fish crop up a lot in  
Jesus' story. Today we  
hear how Jesus helped  
Simon Peter to catch  
a huge trawl. After the  
resurrection Jesus cooks  
and eats fish with his  
disciples. A fish was an  
important sign for the  
first Christians, which is  
why this sheet is called  
ICHTHUS, the Greek word  
for fish! Find out the  
reasons by looking at the  
back of the sheet.



## THINK

When we pray "Hallowed  
be thy name" we are  
saying that God's name  
is holy and should be  
praised. God is perfect  
and deserves praise!  
In our first reading we  
hear that the seraphs,  
the angels, praise God  
crying, "Holy, holy,  
holy." When we say or  
sing "Holy, holy, holy" we  
are joining with Isaiah,  
the angels and all the  
saints praising God!



The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St Luke.

Early one morning Jesus is down by the lake of Gennesaret. The people are crowding round Jesus, straining to hear him. Jesus sees a solution when he sees a couple of boats. By sailing a little way out, Jesus can teach and everyone can hear. Then Jesus tells Simon Peter to sail further out

and put in his nets. Simon Peter has been fishing all night and caught nothing, but although he thinks it's a waste of time, he does what Jesus suggests. Simon Peter catches so many fish they fill two boats to sinking point! Meeting Jesus has changed Simon Peter's life forever.

STAND to LISTEN to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel. Before he reads the Gospel, what does the priest do to his forehead, his lips and his heart? Can you copy him?

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. This is a prayer you could say privately.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.

We listen to the prayer of praise and thanks to God.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I am thinking about the fish in our oceans and all your creatures. Help us to take care of our environment and all the resources you have given us. Lord, hear my prayer.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about any time this week when you were tired and grumpy and then think about the times when you were positive and full of energy.

Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today's special prayer thanks God for fulfilling all God's promises to us.

What can you give special thanks for today?



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.



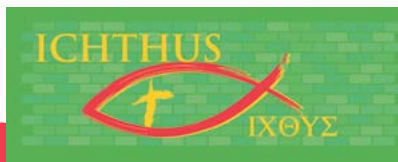
MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Lord, for turning everything upside down. Your death doesn't look powerful, but it has given me life. Thank you! Amen.



We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.



PRAY

"Put out into deep water."

Help me to remember, Jesus, that you are always with me, even if you challenge me to go further than I think is possible. Help me to trust you. Amen.



DO

Praise God by singing the "Holy, holy, holy" or another hymn really loudly today! Sing when you pray this week too.



ΙΧΘΥΣ

is the Greek word for "fish" and was used in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord:

- I (Jesus)
- X (Christos)
- Θ (Theou/God's)
- Υ (Uios/Son)
- Σ (Soter/Saviour)



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