



24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2020

God Calls Isaiah

God cleansed Isaiah with the simple act of touching his lips with a hot coal so Isaiah would be purified enough to act as God's prophet. When we get out of our own way, we can do amazing things in God's name.

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Announcements

Call to Worship

God calls!
We think: Who? Me?
God calls!
We wonder: Really?
God calls!
And we come to answer,
to respond, to worship

Gathering Music

That Will Be Joyful

- Sprong

Let your light shine before others.

Confession & Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

God of the covenant,

You have never failed in your promises to us, but we often fail to be your faithful people. We waste our time and resources on things which do not give life. We doubt our abilities and hide our light away from the world. We flee from your call when it doesn't appeal to us. Forgive us and call us back to your sustaining love.

God hears us when we repent and is quick to pardon our failures. Hear the words of your forgiveness and believe that you have been restored by your creator's great mercy and compassion. Rejoice! **Amen.**

Opening Song

You Are Holy

Red ELW 525

**You are holy, you are whole.
You are always ever more
than we ever understand.
You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near.
Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raised from dead.**

**You are holy,
you are wholeness,
you are present.
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna in the highest!
Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to our God!**

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, You can make us clean in an instant. Grant us courage to leave the mistakes of our past behind, and to answer your call with willingness, by the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

Isaiah had a vivid and supernatural vision of God, where Seraphs hovered around the throne of God singing God's praises. In a simple act of touching Isaiah's lips with a hot coal, God purified him for the work of a prophet.

Invitation to the Word

Father Grant

Father grant, that what we sing with our lips,
We may believe in our hearts.
And what we believe in our hearts,
We may show forth in our lives.
Through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

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. ²Seraphs 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. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And 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!" ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The 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." ⁸Then 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!"

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Reflection

How has God called you? When have you said yes to God?

What empowered you to do so? How has God sustained you in ministry and vocation?

Special Music

Spring Comes Early

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

Red ELW 752

Sung before prayers

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

As Isaiah did, we often doubt our ability to do what you are calling us to do. Cleanse us in your spirit's fire and ignite our will to follow wherever you may lead us.

Righteous God, **Hear our prayer.**

Empower all those who feel helpless to change their situation. Show them the strength that dwells within them, open new options before them, and send helpers along their way.

Righteous God, **Hear our prayer.**

As the earth yields the fruits of her harvest, remind us who provides us with resources, and task us with fair distribution that enables all to have enough and prevents unnecessary waste.

Righteous God, **Hear our prayer.**

You heal our ills and bring us to wholeness again; we only need to ask. Send your loving Spirit's presence to all your children in need, especially those whose names we share before you...

Righteous God, **Hear our prayer.**

We remember your prophets through the ages, those who are named and those who haven't been recognized by history. Give us their fire for proclamation and spreading your good news.

Righteous God, **Hear our prayer.**

Other petitions may be offered.

You hear your children's prayers and respond in ways which serve our highest good. Gather us in your arms and keep us in the love of Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

Offering of Gifts

Generous and abundant God,

You faithfully, graciously and abundantly provide for all life, including our own. From your abundance, we joyfully offer our financial, talent and time gifts, that you first gave us, and we pray you bless your kingdom, our neighbors, both near and around the globe. In your faithful name, we pray. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Sharing God's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Blessing

The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accord with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song *O Happy Day, When We Shall Stand* Red ELW 441 vv. 1,2,4

Oh, happy day when we shall stand
amid the heav'nly throng;
and sing with hosts from ev'ry land
the new celestial song,
the new celestial song.

Oh, blessed day when Christ shall come
and show himself as Lord,
and thousands meet in their new home
which Jesus has prepared,
which Jesus has prepared.

O Lord, your grace is ev'rything;
your love has made us free
to stand among the saints and sing
the glory that we see,
the glory that we see.

Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

- arr. Mark Hayes



Participants

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