

MAY 12, 2024 CALL TO WORSHIP/SCRIPTURE READINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

P: God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble, and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!

L: Day after day, we seek God's face and the assurance of God's holy love:

**P: O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us!
Be our guide and our light instead!**

L: One thing we ask of God:

**P: That we may live in God's dwelling place all the days of our life,
and never cease to behold the beauty of God's home.**

L: Beloved of God, enter this worship in thanksgiving,
for God is among and within us!

P: Thanks be to God!

FIRST LESSON (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. Seraphs 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. And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And 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!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The 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.' Then 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!'

GOSPEL LESSON (John 20: 24-29)

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Reader: The word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

END OF READINGS