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The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
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### **Prayer of the Day**

Most holy God,  
in whose presence angels serve in awe,  
and whose glory fills all heaven and earth:  
cleanse our unclean lips  
and transform us by your grace  
so that your word spoken through us  
may bring many to your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **A reading from the prophet Isaiah, *Chapter 6 beginning at Verse 1***

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!”

[NRSV Isaiah 6:1-8]

*Hear the word of the Lord*

*thanks be to God*

### **Psalm 138**

- <sup>1</sup> I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart:  
**even before the gods will I sing your praises.**
- <sup>2</sup> I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks  
to your name:  
**because of your faithfulness and your loving-  
kindness, for you have made your name and your  
word supreme over all things.**
- <sup>3</sup> At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer:  
**and put new strength within my soul.**
- <sup>4</sup> All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord:  
**for they have heard the words of your mouth;**
- <sup>5</sup> And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord:  
**that the glory of the Lord is great.**
- <sup>6</sup> For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly:  
**and he comprehends the proud from afar.**
- <sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of danger, yet will you preserve  
my life:

**you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my enemies, and your right hand shall save me.**

<sup>8</sup> The Lord will complete his purpose for me:  
**your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;  
do not forsake the work of your own hands.**

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians,  
*Chapter 15 beginning at Verse 1***

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, 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.

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, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward 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. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

[NRSV 1 Corinthians 15:1-11]

Hear the word of the Lord,

***thanks be to God.***

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**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke,**  
*Chapter 5 beginning at Verse 1*

***Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 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. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; 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." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

[NRSV Luke 5:1-11]

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

***praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

Offertory: Tis 659

Post Communion: Tis 536

Final: Tis 530

## **A Prayer for the Parish of Port Lincoln**

Father help us to be a Church that is a welcoming, caring, and meaningful community.

A community which enjoys the celebration of the sacraments and has a passion to proclaim the Gospel of Christ.

A community which reaches out to others, sharing the love of God with them. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **Prayer of the Week**

Father of all, who gave your only-begotten Son to take upon himself the form of a servant and to be obedient even to death on a cross: give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

## **Prayer for the Appointment of a Parish Priest**

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling.

Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake.

**Amen**

**For those with an ongoing need:**

Darren & Rachel, Arthur & Joyce R, Joyce H, Brian L, Brooke, Ryan, Donna, Kelly, Jan, Helen and Kimberly, Danielle.

**Remembering those who have joined God in the eternal life:**

Kerri Harris

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**From “A Worship and Prayer Book for MU Australia”  
© 2009:**

O God, our rest and our redeemer, in the course of this busy life give us times of refreshment and peace, to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, so that we may live in harmony with you and your creation; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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**The Link** - Submissions for the link accepted until 12:00 Wednesday.

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**This Week's Events**

**Wednesday: 12-30 pm** - Prayers for the Community

**Thursday: 10.30 am** - MU Office and APBA Thanksgiving

**Friday: 9 am to 3 pm** - Op Shop open in the Parish Hall.

**Friday: 4pm to 5pm** - Meditation in the Church

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**OP SHOP IN PARISH HALL – Friday 9am to 3pm**

Fresh fruit and vegetables are welcome early in the day. Clean shopping bags, clean clothes, and household utensils, knick-knacks etc welcome. For safety, please do not bring in electrical items. Offers to help in the shop on the roster, and to set out and put away, are always welcome.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**17<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**9am St Thomas Port Lincoln  
11am St Matthew Poonindie**

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Give thanks to God that Natalie has been able to return to work as an occupational therapist. Pray that our family can make some suitable adjustments to its routine. Pray that Nat can have good opportunities to share her faith and love in this new role.

**Profile** The Watsons moved to Darwin in late 2017 after serving with BCA in Kununurra for 13 years. Their primary role, ministry with Aboriginal people, continues with Jim working at Nungalinya Bible College as Property Manager and seeking to pastorally support Aboriginal men.

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**The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany [OS 5]**

**– Sunday 10 February 2019**

- Isaiah 6.1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138;  
1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11

Sometimes, when we are confronted with the raw power of God's majesty and are aware of his presence, our own feelings of inadequacy and sin can get in the way of our closeness to him. Sin is most definitely the one impediment for being close to God, but we ought always to remember that there isn't a moment in this life where God will deny someone who turns to him. Peter in today's Gospel represents all of us



in our sin, begging that God goes away from him because with the awareness of God comes the awareness of our own human frailty and sin. We know very well how God used and changed St Peter's human frailty to recreate him into a glorious man of God and example to all God's people. We ought to have the faith to turn away from our sins and face God that he might do the same with us! Pray that we might unveil our hearts to God further and allow him to move and change us more deeply.

- Pray that through our human frailty we might be able to understand our shared plight with others before God.
- Give thanks for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, remembering especially today Archbishop Allan Migi, his staff, clergy and people

*Text:* The Reverend Will Johnston  
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## **Notices:**

### **Annual Vestry Meetings:**

**Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup>** St. Matthias Wangary following 11am service. Chair – Michael Hillier

**Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup>** St Matthew Poonindie following 11am service. Chair - Gael Johannsen

**Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup>** St Thomas Port Lincoln following 9am service. Meeting in Parish Centre. Chair – Michael Hillier

**Please remember to sign the Vestry Roll.**

The Reverend Michael Hillier will be in the Parish on the following Sundays and some weekdays in between:

- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March
- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> April

- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> May
- Sundays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup> June

### **Important Notice**

We are currently updating the Parish Roll as it is very out of date. To assist in the process could anyone who has changed circumstances over the last 5 years including changing address, adding an email address or phone numbers including mobile numbers please contact the Parish Office on 8683 0036 and leave a message. Alternatively, visit the office during office hours however if Lynne is not there please leave a clear message on the desk with your name, your spouse's name with your changes and the details will be updated. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

**Lost:** A Port Power bag was left in the Parish Centre at Martin Bleby's farewell. If anyone has an idea regarding its whereabouts please contact the Parish Centre on 8683 0036.

### **World Day of Prayer**

St Thomas is hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 1-30pm. More information regarding the Day of Prayer and the service will follow.