

**Sunday 28 December 2025**  
*Saint John the Evangelist (Year A)*

**First Reading - *Isaiah 6.1-8***

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

It was in the year that King Uzziah died

that I saw the Lord,  
sitting on a high throne,  
in robes  
that filled the temple.

Angels, around the Lord,  
called out to one another,  
saying: 'Holy, holy, holy  
is the Lord almighty;  
the whole earth is filled  
with the glory of the Lord.'

Their voices shook the very foundations  
of the temple,  
and the temple was filled with smoke.

I said: 'I am ruined!

For I am a man of unclean lips,  
and I live amongst a people  
of unclean lips;  
yet my eyes have seen the King,  
the Lord almighty!'

Then one of the angels flew to me,  
and touched my lips  
with a burning coal  
that had been taken from the altar,  
saying, 'Now that this has touched your lips,  
your guilt is removed,  
and you are forgiven.'

Then I heard  
the voice of the Lord,  
saying, 'Is there anyone I can send?'

And I said, 'Here I am;  
send me.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Second Reading - *1 John 1.6-9***

A reading from the first letter of John.

We cannot say

that we have fellowship with God  
if we are walking in darkness.

But if we walk in the light,  
we have fellowship with God,  
and with one another.

And the sacrifice of Jesus  
cleanses us  
from all our transgressions.

If we say

that we have  
done no wrong,  
we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is far from us.

But if we confess,  
God is faithful and just,  
and will forgive us,  
and cleanse us  
from all unrighteousness.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Gospel - *John 15.1-17***

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father  
is the keeper of the vineyard.

He removes every branch in me  
that bears no fruit.

Every branch that does bear fruit,  
he cleans, and prunes, to bear more fruit.

You have been cleansed  
by the words that I have spoken to you.

Now remain in me,  
as I remain in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit  
unless it remains in the vine,  
neither can you bear fruit, unless you remain in me.

I am the vine,  
you are the branches.

Those who remain in me, and I in them,  
will bear much fruit.

Apart from me, you can do nothing -  
like a cut and withered branch.

But if you remain in me,  
and my words remain in you,  
whatever you ask,  
it will be done for you.

There is glory for my Father in this:  
that you bear much fruit  
as my disciples.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you;  
now remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments,  
you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father's commandments,  
and remain in his love.

All this I say  
so that you may be  
my delight;  
and your own joy  
may be complete.

This is my commandment:  
that you love one another, as I have loved you.

And there is no greater love than this:  
that you lay down your life  
for your friends.

You are my friends, if you keep my commandments.  
I do not call you servants

any longer, because the servant does not know  
what the master is doing;

but I have called you friends, because  
I have made known to you  
everything that I have heard from my Father.

You did not choose me, but I chose you,  
and I appointed you to go and bear fruit,  
fruit that will last,  
and the Father will give you  
whatever you ask in my name.

All of this, I say to you  
to direct you  
to love one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.