

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

LENT 5 (YEAR B)

## COLLECT

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Jer 31.31–34*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*from Ps 51*



**R.** Have mercy on us, Lord, for we have sinned. (*All repeat*)



Have mercy on me, O God, in | your great love.

In your compassion blot out | my offences.  
Wash me thoroughly | from my guilt,  
and cleanse me | from my sin. **R.**

To you I con-|fess my faults,  
for they ever stare me | in the face.  
Against you it is that | I have sinned,  
and done evil | in your sight. **R.**

Make me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir-|it within me.  
Cast me not out | of your sight,  
nor take your holy | Spirit from me. **R.**

Uphold me | with your might,  
and strengthen me with | perseverance.  
Open my | lips, O Lord,  
and my mouth shall de-|clare your praise. **R.**

## SECOND READING

*Heb 5.5–10*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, ‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you’; as he says also in another place, ‘You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.’ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:  
because by your holy cross you have redeemed  
the world.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

## GOSPEL READING

Jn 12.20–33

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honour him.

“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hear our prayers, almighty God, and grant to us your servants, whom you have enlightened with the faith of Christ, that the grace of this sacrifice may purify our hearts; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**