



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Year B

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD,
when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

³²It 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 married to them, says the LORD.

³³But 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.

³⁴No 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.

Word of God, word of life. *or* The word of the Lord.

PSALMODY: Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

A reading from Hebrews.

⁵Christ 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”;

⁶as God says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In 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.

⁸Although he was a Son,

he learned obedience through what he suffered,

⁹and having been made perfect,

he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,

¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest
according to the order of Melchizedek.

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GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

The holy gospel according to John.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.

²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee,
and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”

²²Philip went and told Andrew,
then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

²³Jesus answered them,
“The hour has come for the Son-of-Man to be glorified.

²⁴Very truly, I tell you,
unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,
it remains just a single grain,
but if it dies it bears much fruit.

²⁵Those who love their life lose it,
and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me,
and where I am, there will my servant be also.
Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled.
And what should I say: ‘Father, save me from this hour’?
No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

²⁸Father, glorify your name.”
Then a voice came from heaven,
“I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder.
Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”

³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

³¹Now is the judgment of this world;
now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth,
will draw all people to myself.”

³³Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The gospel of the Lord.