

## READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 119:9-16

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

## OPENING PRAYER

Most merciful God,  
by the death and resurrection  
of your Son Jesus Christ,  
you created humanity anew.  
May the power of his victorious cross  
transform those who turn in faith  
to him who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful God,  
you have called us to your table  
and fed us with the bread of life.  
Draw us, and all people, to the life you give;  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

*A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.*

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

It will not be like the covenant 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 our God.

But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel  
after those days,  
says our God:

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 God,"  
for they shall all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest,  
says our God;

for I will forgive their iniquity,  
and remember their sin no more.

*Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.*

***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 119:9-16

How shall the young cleanse their way?

By keeping to your words.

**With my whole heart I seek you;  
let me not stray from your commandments.**

I treasure your promise in my heart,  
that I may not sin against you.

**Blessed are you, O God;  
instruct me in your statutes.**

With my lips will I recite  
all the judgements of your mouth.

**I have taken greater delight  
in the way of your decrees  
than in all manner of riches.**

I will meditate on your commandments  
and give attention to your ways.

**My delight is in your statutes;  
I will not forget your word.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 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 it says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his mortality, 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.

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GOSPEL READING: John 12:20-33

*The Lord be with you.*

***And with thy spirit.***

*The Holy Gospel  
of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.*

***Glory be to Thee, O Lord.***

*God be with you.*

***And also with you.***

*The Good News  
of Jesus Christ  
according to John.*

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very 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. Those who love their life will lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, that where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, God will honour.

"But 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. Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice was heard, coming from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing by heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine."

"Now is the judgement of this world," he said. "Now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*The Gospel of Christ.*

***Praise be to Thee, O Christ.***

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***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***