

## Readings for 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021 – LENT 5

### **A reading from Jeremiah chapter 31 beginning at verse 31. [31.31-34]**

31 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.

<sup>32</sup>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.

<sup>33</sup>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.

<sup>34</sup>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.

**Hear the word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm 119 beginning at verse 9. [119.9-16]**

9. How shall the young keep their path pure:  
unless they hold to your word?

**10. I have sought you with my whole heart:  
let me not stray from your commandments.**

11. I have treasured your words in my heart:  
that I might not sin against you.

**12. Blessed are you, Lord God:  
O teach me your statutes.**

13. With my lips I have been telling:  
all the judgements of your mouth;

**14. And I find more joy in the way of your commands:  
than in all manner of riches.**

15. I will meditate on your precepts:  
and give heed to your ways;

**16. For my delight is wholly in your statutes:  
and I will not forget your word.**

**Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:**

**as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen**

**A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews chapter 5  
beginning at verse 5. [5.5-14]**

5 So also 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';

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,  
'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

7 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.

<sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;

<sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,

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

11 About this we have much to say that is hard to explain, since you have become dull in understanding.

<sup>12</sup>For though by this time you ought to be teachers,  
you need someone to teach you again the basic elements of the oracles of God.

You need milk, not solid food;

<sup>13</sup>for everyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is unskilled in the word of righteousness.

<sup>14</sup>But solid food is for the mature,  
for those whose faculties have been trained by practice to distinguish good from evil.

**Hear the word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John chapter 12 beginning at verse 20. [12.20-33]**

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

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

<sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.'

<sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

<sup>24</sup>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.

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

<sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also.

Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

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.

<sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.'

Then a voice came from heaven,

'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

<sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder.

Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.'

<sup>30</sup>Jesus answered,

'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

<sup>31</sup>Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

<sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.'

<sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

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