

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 42: 1-2

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation
that is faithless. From the deceitful
and cunning rescue me, for you, O
God, are my strength.

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the
Lord who speaks – when I will
make a new covenant with the
House of Israel and the House of
Judah, but not a covenant like the
one I made with their ancestors on
the day I took them by the hand to
bring them out of the land of Egypt.
They broke that covenant of mine,
so I had to show them who was
master. It is the Lord who speaks.
No, this is the covenant I will make
with the House of Israel when those
days arrive – it is the Lord who
speaks. Deep within them I will
plant my Law, writing it on their
hearts. Then I will be their God and
they shall be my people. There will
be no further need for neighbour to
try to teach neighbour, or brother to
say to brother, ‘Learn to know the
Lord!’ No, they will all know me,
the least no less than the greatest –
it is the Lord who speaks – since I
will forgive their iniquity and never
call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-15

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your
kindness. In your compassion blot
out my offence. O wash me more
and more from my guilt and cleanse
me from my sin. **R**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your
presence, nor deprive me of your
holy spirit. **R**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your
ways and sinners may return to you.
R

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ
offered up prayer and entreaty,
aloud and in silent tears, to the one
who had the power to save him out
of death, and he submitted so
humbly that his prayer was heard.
Although he was Son, he learnt to
obey through suffering; but having
been made perfect, he became for
all who obey him the source of
eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

John 12:26

**Glory and praise to you, Lord
Jesus Christ!**

If you serve me, follow me, says the
Lord; and where I am, my servant
will also be.

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Gospel

John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to
worship at the festival were some
Greeks. These approached Philip,
who came from Bethsaida in
Galilee, and put this request to him,
‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’
Philip went to tell Andrew, and
Andrew and Philip together went to
tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.
I tell you, most solemnly, unless a
wheat grain falls on the ground and
dies, it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.
Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this
world will keep it for the eternal
life.

If a man serves me, he must follow
me, wherever I am, my servant will
be there too. If anyone serves me,
my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I
have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have
glorified it, and I will glorify it
again.’ People standing by, who

heard this, said it was a clap of
thunder; others said, ‘It was an
angel speaking to him.’ Jesus
answered, ‘It was not for my sake
that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on
this world; now the prince of this
world is to be overthrown.
And when I am lifted up from the
earth, I shall draw all men to
myself.’

By these words he indicated the
kind of death he would die.

Communion Antiphon

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a
grain of wheat
falls to the ground and dies, it
remains a single grain.
But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT – YEAR B

Monday 18th of March

***Saint Patrick, Bishop- Solemnity**
Jeremiah 1:4-9, Ps 116(117), Acts
13:46-49, Luke 10:1-12,17-20

Tuesday 19th of March

***Saint Joseph, husband of the
Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity**
2 Samuel 7:4-5,12-14,16, Ps
88(89):2-5,27,29, Romans 4:13,16-
18,22, Matthew 1:16,18-21,24

Wednesday 20th of March

Daniel 3:14-20,24-25,28, Daniel
3:52-56, John 8:31-42

Thursday 21st of March

Genesis 17:3-9, Ps 104(105):4-9,
John 8:51-59

Friday 22nd of March

Jeremiah 20:10-13, Ps 17(18):2-7,
John 10:31-42

Saturday 23rd of March

Ezekiel 37:21-28, Jeremiah 31:10-
13, John 11:45-56

Sunday 24th of March

***Palm Sunday**

***Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16**
Isaiah 50:4-7, Ps 21(22):8-9,17-
20,23-24, Philippians 2:6-11,
***The Passion of Our Lord according
to Mark - Mark 14:1-15:47**