

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Prayers and Readings

Entrance Antiphon

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

Jer 31:31-34

The days are 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 I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, 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 place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

Response: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Second Reading

Heb 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered 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 reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Verse Before the Gospel **Jn 12:26**

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be.

Gospel

Jn 12:20-23

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like 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. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; On the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

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.

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Music

ENTRANCE SONG

Beyond the Days

Refrain: Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry
we see a light of faith renewed,
and in our longing we thirst for guidance
to walk with you day by day.

1. Forty days and nights,
you guide the steps of our journey.
May your presence be felt
in the whisper of your voice.

2. Not on bread alone
are we to walk on this journey.
Speak the words that give life
to the yearnings of our hearts.

OFFERTORY SONG

Attende Domine / Have Mercy on Us, Lord

Have mercy on us, Lord, Jesus our Savior:
Burdened with sin, we implore you!

1. O great Redeemer, King of all creation,
As we are sinners, we deserve your judgement:
Jesus, be gracious; hear our prayer of sorrow.

2. Exalted Savior, Cornerstone of heaven,
Gate of salvation, Way to life immortal:
Send forth your Spirit; heal your humbled people!

3. We beg you, Jesus, God immense in power:
Listen in kindness as we ask forgiveness:
Though sin condemns us, you are strong to save us!
may your gentleness be there.

COMMUNION SONGS

O Sacred Head, Surrounded

1. O Sacred Head, surrounded By crown of piercing thorn!
O bleeding Head, so wounded, Reviled and put to scorn!
The pow'r of death comes o'er you, The glow of life decays,
Yet angel hosts adore you, And tremble as they gaze.

2. In this, your bitter passion, Good Shepherd, think of me
With your most kind compassion, Unworthy though I be:
Beneath your cross abiding, Forever would I rest,
In your dear love confiding, And with your presence blest.

3. What language shall I borrow To thank you, dearest friend,
For this, your dying sorrow, Your mercy without end?
Lord, make me yours forever, A loyal servant true,
And let me never, never Outlive my love for you.

Only This I Want

Refrain: Only this I want: but to know the Lord,
and to bear his cross, so to wear the crown he wore.

1. All but this is loss, worthless refuse to me,
for to gain the Lord is to gain all I need.

2. I will run the race; I will fight the good fight,
so to win the prize of the kingdom of my Lord.

3. Let your heart be glad, always glad in the Lord,
so to shine like stars in the darkness of the night.

CLOSING SONG

In These Days of Lenten Journey

In these days of Lenten journey
we have seen and we have heard
the call to sow justice
in the lives of those we serve.

1. We reach out to those who are homeless,
to those who live without warmth.
In the coolness of evening we'll shelter their dreams;
we will clothe them in mercy and peace.

2. We open our eyes to the hungry,
and see the faces of Christ.
As we nourish all people who hunger for food,
may their faith in our God be renewed.



PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted His only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy,
and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.