

March 21, 2021: The 5th Sunday of Lent**First Reading****Jeremiah 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**Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15****R. (12a) Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

Have mercy on me, O God, in Your goodness;
in the greatness of Your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from Your Presence,
and Your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Give me back the joy of Your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
I will teach transgressors Your ways,
and sinners shall return to You.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.**Second Reading****Hebrews 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.

Gospel Reading**Jn 12:20-33**

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.

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**March 21, 2021: The 5th Sunday of Lent
(Scrutinies)****First Reading****Ezekiel 37:12-14**

Thus says the Lord GOD:

O My people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel.

Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O My people! I will put My Spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8**

R. (7) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive
to my voice in supplication.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,
LORD, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness,
that you may be revered.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

I trust in the LORD;
my soul trusts in his word.
More than sentinels wait for the dawn,
let Israel wait for the LORD.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

For with the LORD is kindness
and with him is plenteous redemption;
And he will redeem Israel

from all their iniquities.

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Second Reading**Romans 8:8-11**

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the One Who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the One Who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through His Spirit dwelling in you.

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Gospel Reading

John 11:1-45

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried His feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill.

So the sisters sent word to Him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this He said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when He heard that He was ill, He remained for two days in the place where He was. Then after this He said to His disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone You, and You want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day?

If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to Him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about His death, while they thought that He meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with Him."

When Jesus arrived, He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near

Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet Him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to Him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, the One Who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The Teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to Him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met Him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet and said to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how He loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the One Who opened the eyes of the blind an have done something so that this man would not have died?"

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"Father, I thank You for hearing Me. I know that You always hear Me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that You sent Me." And when He had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth.

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John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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