

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 18, 2018



### THE LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The time is coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. <sup>32</sup>It won't be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant with me even though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>No, this is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel

after that time, declares the LORD. I will put my Instructions within them and engrave them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup>They will no longer need to teach each other to say, "Know the LORD!" because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD; for I will forgive their wrongdoing and never again remember their sins.

### THE RESPONSE Psalm 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love! Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion!

**<sup>2</sup>Wash me completely clean of my guilt; purify me from my sin!**

<sup>3</sup>Because I know my wrongdoings, my sin is always right in front of me.

**<sup>4</sup>I've sinned against you—you alone. I've committed evil in your sight. That's why you are justified when you render your verdict, completely correct when you issue your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Yes, I was born in guilt, in sin, from the moment my mother conceived me.

**<sup>6</sup>And yes, you want truth in the most hidden places; you teach me wisdom in the most secret space.**

<sup>7</sup>Purify me with hyssop and I will be clean; wash me and I will be whiter than snow.

**<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and celebration again; let the bones you crushed rejoice once more.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins; wipe away all my guilty deeds!

**<sup>10</sup>Create a clean heart for me, God; put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me!**

<sup>11</sup>Please don't throw me out of your presence; please don't take your holy spirit away from me.

**<sup>12</sup>Return the joy of your salvation to me and sustain me with a willing spirit.**

### THE EPISTLE Hebrews 5:5-10

<sup>5</sup>In the same way Christ also didn't promote himself to become high priest. Instead, it was the one who said to him,

*You are my Son.*

*Today I have become your Father,*

<sup>6</sup>as he also says in another place,

*You are a priest forever,*

*according to the order of Melchizedek.*

<sup>7</sup>During his days on earth, Christ offered prayers and requests with

loud cries and tears as his sacrifices to the one who was able to save him from death. He was heard because of his godly devotion. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience from what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>After he had been made perfect, he became the source of salvation for everyone who obeys him. <sup>10</sup>He was appointed by God to be a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

### THE GOSPEL John 12:20-33

<sup>20</sup>Some Greeks were among those who had come up to worship at the festival. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and made a request, "Sir, we want to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip told Andrew, and Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus replied, "The time has come for the Human One to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>I assure you that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their lives will lose them, and those who hate their lives in this world will keep them forever. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me. Wherever I am, there my servant will also be. My Father will honor whoever serves me.

<sup>27</sup>"Now I am deeply troubled. What should I say? 'Father, save me from this time'? No, for this is the reason I have come to this time. <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 and said, "It's thunder." Others said, "An angel spoke to him."

<sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "This voice wasn't for my benefit but for yours. <sup>31</sup>Now is the time for judgment of this world. Now this world's ruler will be thrown out. <sup>32</sup>When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to me." (<sup>33</sup>He said this to show how he was going to die.)

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## FINISHED

A LITANY FOR THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

**He said, "It is finished." John 19:30**

- P** Jesus had said, "For this purpose I have come to this hour" (John 12:27). The time had come, and he accomplished what the Father had sent him to do. By his death he atoned for the sins of the world.

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O perfect life of love!  
All, all, is finished now,  
All that he left his throne above  
To do for us below.

- P** We do not always faithfully follow God's will and his ways.
- C** **Forgive us, Lord, and lead us to seek your purpose for us.**

- P** Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied.
- C** **By his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.** (Isaiah 53:11)
- P** Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."
- C** **They put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.**
- P** When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished."
- C** **And he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.** (John 19:28-30)
- P** For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
- C** **So that in him we might become the righteousness of God.** (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- P** Jesus, you have finished all that was necessary for our salvation.
- C** **Let your Spirit work in us each day that we might grow in faith and wisdom.**

No work is left undone  
Of all the Father willed;  
His toil, his sorrows, one by one,  
The Scriptures have fulfilled.

### Bible Readings for the Fifth Week of Lent

Sunday .....	Isaiah 53:10-12
Monday .....	2 Corinthians 5:18-21
Tuesday .....	John 3:14-21
Wednesday .....	Psalm 116
Thursday .....	John 12:27-36
Friday .....	John 19:28-30
Saturday .....	Philippians 2:12-18

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