

COLLECT

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of
your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered
on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his
victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

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. 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. 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. 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.

PSALM

Either **Psalm 51:1-13**

R A clean heart create in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your loving-kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my
offences.

Wash me through and through from
my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
And so you are justified when you
speak
and upright in your judgement. **R**

Indeed, I have been wicked from my
birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep
within me,
and will make me understand wisdom
secretly. **R**

Purge me from my sin and I shall be
pure;
wash me and I shall be clean indeed.
Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may
rejoice. **R**

Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy Spirit from me. **R**

Or Psalm 119:9-16

R O Lord, how I love your law.

How shall the young cleanse their way?
By keeping to your words.
With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not stray from your
commandments. **R**

I treasure your promise in my heart,
that I may not sin against you.
Blessèd are you, O Lord;
instruct me in your statutes. **R**

With my lips will I recite
all the judgements of your mouth.
I have taken greater delight in the way
of your decrees
than in all manner of riches. **R**

I will meditate on your commandments
and give attention to your ways.
My delight is in your statutes;
I will not forget your word. **R**

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

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"; as he says also in
another place, "You are a priest
for ever, according to the order of
Melchizedek." 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. Although
he was a Son, he learned obedience
through what he suffered; and having

been made perfect, he became the
source of eternal salvation for all who
obey him, having been designated
by God a high priest according to the
order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL John 12:20-33

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Among those who went up to
worship at the festival were some
Greeks. They came to Philip, who
was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and
said to him, "Sir, we wish 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. 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. Those who love their life
lose it, and those who hate their life
in this world will keep it for eternal
life. Whoever serves me must follow
me, and where I am, there will my
servant be also. Whoever serves me,
the Father will honour. 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. Father, glorify
your name." Then a voice came from
heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will
glorify it again." The crowd standing
there heard it and said that it was
thunder. Others said, "An angel has
spoken to him." Jesus answered,
"This voice has come for your sake,
not for mine. Now is the judgement
of this world; now the ruler of this
world will be driven out. And I, when
I am lifted up from the earth, will
draw all people to myself." He said
this to indicate the kind of death he
was to die.

POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our
brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of
others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for
ever.