

22 March 2015

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Collect of the Day

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

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD,
when I will make a new covenant with the house
of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But
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. ³⁴No 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. (NRSV)

Second Reading

Hebrews 5.5-10

⁵Christ 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’;

⁶as he says also in another place,

‘You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of

Melchizedek.’

⁷In 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. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned
obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having
been made perfect, he became the source of
eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having
been designated by God a high priest according
to the order of Melchizedek. (NRSV)

Gospel

John 12.20-33

²⁰Among those who went up to worship at the
festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip,
who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to
him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ ²²Philip went and
told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and
told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has
come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very
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. ²⁵Those who love
their life lose it, and those who hate their life in
this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever
serves me must follow me, and where I am, there
will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the
Father will honour.

²⁷‘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.

²⁸‘Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came
from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it
again.’ ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and
said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel
has spoken to him.’ ³⁰Jesus answered, ‘This voice
has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is
the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this
world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted
up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’
³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was
to die. (NRSV)

Post Communion Prayer

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.