

**PASSIONTIDE — 5th Sunday of Lent - Sunday 17th March 2024**  
**COLLECT, READINGS AND POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**THE 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup> 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. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING: Hebrews 5:5-10**

<sup>5</sup> So also 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';*  
<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, *'You are a priest  
for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'*

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

**THE GOSPEL: John 12:20-33**

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

<sup>27</sup> '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. <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 it and said that it was thunder.  
Others said, 'An angel has spoken to  
him.' <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, 'This voice has come  
for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the  
judgement of this world; now the ruler of this  
world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am  
lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to  
myself.' <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of  
death he was to die.

**THE 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.