

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

17 March 2024

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SENTENCE

‘This is the covenant I will make with them,’ says the Lord God: ‘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.’

COLLECT

O God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope: renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READINGS

A reading from 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.

Jeremiah 31.31-34

Hear the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

We say the verses from Psalm 119 alternately:

How shall young people cleanse their way to keep themselves according to your word?

With my whole heart have I sought you; O let me not go astray from your commandments.

Your words have I hidden within my heart, that I should not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O Lord; O teach me your statutes.

With my lips have I been telling of all the judgements of your mouth.

I have taken greater delight in the way of your testimonies than in all manner of riches.

I will meditate on your commandments and contemplate your ways.

My delight shall be in your statutes and I will not forget your word.

Psalm 119.9-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

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'; 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. About this we have much to say that is hard to explain, since you have become dull in understanding. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic elements of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food; for everyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is unskilled in the word of righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, for those whose faculties have been trained by practice to distinguish good from evil.

Hebrews 5.5-14

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now 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.

John 12.20-33

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

PRAYERS

Anglican Church: All Saints' Greensborough (Julie Blinco-Smith); The Diocese of Newcastle (Bp Peter Stuart, Asst Bps Charlie Murry, Sonia Roulston, Clergy & People); Diocesan Property Committee; St Matthew's Ashburton; The Church in Wales (Abp Andrew John)

For the Parish: Give thanks for those who nurture community in our parish: Torquay Craft/Social Group, the Op Shop, those who visit parishioners, those who arrange parish meals; and pray that they may be inspired by Jesus. Give thanks for those who use their abilities and give of their time and resources in the community of which we are a part: in their jobs, as volunteers, in their families, as neighbours, as friends and to strangers.

For the sick & in need, and those who have ongoing need for strength, courage and peace of heart, mind and soul in their journey: Keiran & Paul, Deirdre B, John & Barbara B, Roger B, Lorraine D, Helen & Geoff D, John F, Nan L, Jane & Peter M, Barbara McN, Janet N, Pauline R, Jenny S, Mary & Ian S, Ray & Marion W, Boris Z and those known to us in need of our prayers.

Year's Mind

19th Ray Murphy (2023)

23rd Robert Vines (2017)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

19th Richard Kelly

21st Ali Alemi

23rd Chris Farrow