The Word of God



Fifth Sunday in Lent — *March 14, 2027*

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look favorably upon your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world, and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize your love. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

31{Thus says the LORD,} "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will
make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32not like the
covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to
bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their
husband, declares the LORD. 33For this is the covenant that I will make with the house
of Israel after those days, declares 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. 34And
no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the
LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the
LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Psalm 119:9-16

9How shall a young man | cleanse his way?*
By keeping | to your words.
10With my whole | heart I seek you;*
let me not stray from | your commandments.
11I treasure your promise | in my heart,*
that I may not | sin against you.
12Blessed are | you, O LORD;*
instruct me | in your statutes.
13With my lips will | I recite*
all the judgments | of your mouth.
14I have taken greater delight in the way of | your decrees*
than in all man- | ner of riches.
15I will meditate on | your commandments*
and give attention | to your ways.
16My delight is | in your statutes;*
I will not for- | get your word.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

1For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men
in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2He can deal gently with the
ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. 3Because of this he
is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people.
4And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron
was. 5So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed
by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; 6as he says
also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." 7In
the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and
tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his
reverence. 8Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.
9And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey
him, 10being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel: Mark 10:[32-34] 35-45

32[{The disciples} were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking
ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And
taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, 33saying,
"See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the
chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him
over to the Gentiles. 34And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill
him. And after three days he will rise."] 35And James and John, the sons of Zebedee,
came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we
ask of you." 36And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" 37And
they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your
glory." 38Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able
to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am
baptized?" 39And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup
that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will
be baptized, 40but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for
those for whom it has been prepared." 41And when the ten heard it, they began to be
indignant at James and John. 42And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You
know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and
their great ones exercise authority over them. 43But it shall not be so among you. But
whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 44and whoever would be
first among you must be slave of all. 45For even the Son of Man came not to be served
but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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