

GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

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 honor. 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 judgment 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.

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COLLECT

Traditional

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Contemporary

ALMIGHTY GOD, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

“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."

Refrain

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Psalm 51:1-13 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 Have mercy on me,
O God, according to
your loving-kindness; * in
your great compassion
blot out my offenses. | me understand wisdom
secretly. |
| 2 Wash me through
and through from my
wickedness * and cleanse
me from my sin. | 8 Purge me from my
sin, and I shall be
pure; * wash me, and I
shall be clean indeed. |
| 3 For I know my trans-
gressions, * and my sin is
ever before me. | 9 Make me hear of joy and
gladness, * that the body
you have broken may
rejoice. |
| 4 Against you only have I
sinned * and done what is
evil in your sight. | 10 Hide your face from my
sins * and blot out all my
iniquities. |
| 5 And so you are justified
when you speak * and
upright in your
judgment. | 11 Create in me a clean
heart, O God, * and
renew a right spirit
within me. |
| 6 Indeed, I have been
wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my
mother's womb. | 12 Cast me not away from
your presence * and take
not your holy Spirit from
me. |
| 7 For behold, you look
for truth deep within
me, * and will make | 13 Give me the joy of your
saving help again * and
sustain me with your
bountiful Spirit. |

Refrain

Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord.

or Psalm 119:9-16 from the Book of Common Prayer

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

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

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 forever, 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.