



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

**FIRST READING 31:31-34 Page 579**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

**The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Issarel and I will forgive their iniquity.**

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, “Learn to know the Lord!” No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

✠ **The word of the Lord.** ✠



**Responsorial Psalm**

**Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 5:7-9 page 580

**He learnt to obey and became for all the source of etenal salvation.**

★ During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, so the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation. ★

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**Gospel Acclamation**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

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**GOSPEL**

**Page 581 12:20-30**

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.**

★ Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, “Sir, we should like to see Jesus”. Philip went to tell Andrew. And Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: “Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!”

A voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, “It was an angel speaking to him.” Jesus answered “It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all to myself.”★

◆ **The Gospel of the Lord.** ◆



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

◆ **Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.** ◆

