

Hymns and readings for Sunday Mar 17

Opening	<i>The royal banner</i>	<i>Insert</i>
Offertory	<i>It is a thing most wonderful</i>	<i>Insert</i>
Recessional	<i>Lift high the cross</i>	<i># 473</i>

Intercessions

Parish prayer requests.....

- I ask your prayers for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Ann our Bishop and for the clergy of the diocese, for our own pastor, Fr Chris,...
- I ask your prayers for the whole world for which Jesus offered himself as a saving source of our reconciliation with God: for all who strive for peace with justice in God's creation. For our civic life; for leaders in government, for all who work for the common good
- I ask your prayers for the mission of the church, and especially for the ministry of Reconciliation and especially for clergy and congregations as we anticipate the Lord's appearing
- I ask your prayers for an end to the ongoing war in Ukraine, and in every place where war is waged.
- We remember today all who have asked our prayers: Violet, David, Grace, Joan, Dale, Tom, Beth, Diana, Laura, Pam, Ben, Lou, Johanna, Dave ...for all who are distressed and discouraged because of illness,...and all those we name either silently or aloud
- Of your charity I ask your prayers for the Faithful Departed: Tim Robson

Today's Readings

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Collects

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

Book of 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.” *The Word of the Lord.*

Psalm

119:9–16

- 9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? *
By keeping to your words.
10 With my whole heart I seek you; *
let me not stray from your commandments.
11 I treasure your promise in my heart, *

that I may not sin against you.
12 Blessed are you, O Lord; *
instruct me in your statutes.
13 With my lips will I recite *
all the judgments of your mouth.
14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees *
than in all manner of riches.
15 I will meditate on your commandments *
and give attention to your ways.
16 My delight is in your statutes; *
I will not forget your word.

Second Reading

Letter to the Hebrews 9. 11-15

But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. *The Word of the Lord.*

Gospel

Matthew 20.20-28

Then came to him the mother of Zebedees children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not

what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father. And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren. But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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