

First Scripture Reading

John 12:20-33

from the Common English Bible

²⁰Some Greeks were among those who had come up to worship at the festival. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and made a request: “Sir, we want to see Jesus.” ²²Philip told Andrew, and Andrew and Philip told Jesus. ²³Jesus replied, “The time has come for the Human One to be glorified. ²⁴I assure you that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their lives will lose them, and those who hate their lives in this world will keep them forever. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me. Wherever I am, there my servant will also be. My Father will honor whoever serves me. ²⁷“Now *I am deeply troubled*. What should I say? ‘Father, save me from this time’? No, for this is the reason I have come to this time. ²⁸Father, glorify your name!” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard and said, “It’s thunder.” Others said, “An angel spoke to him.” ³⁰Jesus replied, “This voice wasn’t for my benefit but for yours. ³¹Now is the time for judgment of this world. Now this world’s ruler will be thrown out. ³²When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to me.” (³³ He said this to show how he was going to die.)

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Reading

51:1-12

from the Common English Bible

¹Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love!

Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion!

²Wash me completely clean of my guilt; purify me from my sin!

³Because I know my wrongdoings, my sin is always right in front of me.

⁴I’ve sinned against you - you alone. I’ve committed evil in your sight. That’s why you are justified when you render your verdict, completely correct when you issue your judgment.

⁵Yes, I was born in guilt, in sin, from the moment my mother conceived me.

⁶And yes, you want truth in the most hidden places; you teach me wisdom in the most secret space.

⁷Purify me with hyssop and I will be clean; wash me and I will be whiter than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and celebration again; let the bones you crushed rejoice once more.

⁹Hide your face from my sins; wipe away all my guilty deeds!

¹⁰Create a clean heart for me, God; put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me!

¹¹Please don’t throw me out of your presence; please don’t take your holy spirit away from me.

¹²Return the joy of your salvation to me and sustain me with a willing spirit.

Second Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

from the Common English Bible

³¹The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. ³²It won't be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant with me even though I was their husband, declares the Lord. ³³No, this is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my Instructions within them and engrave them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴They will no longer need to teach each other to say, "Know the Lord!" because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord; for I will forgive their wrongdoing and never again remember their sins.