

Today's Readings
Sunday 17th March
Palm Sunday

THE COLLECT

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the
mysteries of his passion,
that we may know
eternal peace through
the shedding of our
Saviour's blood, Jesus
Christ our Lord.

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. ³² 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. ³³ 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. ³⁴ 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.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5.5-10

So also 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'; ⁶ as
he says also in another
place,
'You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of
Melchizedek.' ⁷ 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.

⁸ Although he was a Son,
he learned obedience
through what he suffered;
⁹ and having been made
perfect, he became the
source of eternal
salvation for all who obey
him, ¹⁰ having been
designated by God a high
priest according to the
order of Melchizedek.

THE GOSPEL

John 12.20-33

Now among those who
went up to worship at the
festival were some
Greeks. ²¹ They came to
Philip, who was from
Bethsaida in Galilee, and
said to him, 'Sir, we wish
to see Jesus.' ²² Philip
went and told Andrew;
then Andrew and Philip
went and told Jesus.

²³ Jesus answered them,
'The hour has come for
the Son of Man to be
glorified. ²⁴ 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.

²⁵ Those who love their
life lose it, and those who
hate their life in this world
will keep it for eternal
life. ²⁶ Whoever serves
me must follow me, and
where I am, there will my
servant be also. Whoever
serves me, the Father will
honour. ²⁷ '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. ²⁸ Father, glorify
your name.' Then a voice
came from heaven, 'I
have glorified it, and I will
glorify it again.' ²⁹ The
crowd standing there
heard it and said that it
was thunder. Others said,

'An angel has spoken to
him.' ³⁰ Jesus answered,
'This voice has come for
your sake, not for mine.
³¹ Now is the judgement
of this world; now the
ruler of this world will be
driven out. ³² And I, when
I am lifted up from the
earth, will draw all people
to myself.' ³³ He said this
to indicate the kind of
death he was to die.

**POST COMMUNION
PRAYER**

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us that
what we do for the least
of our brothers and
sisters we do also for
you:
give us the will to be the
servant of others as you
were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and
died for us,
but are alive and reign,
now and for ever.